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PSc 431 (3 cr)
Politics of Global Migration
Spring 2006

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Course Description

The proactive and reactive migration of peoples within countries and across national boundaries constitutes one of the fundamental challenges of transnational relations and domestic politics in the 21st Century. In preparation for these challenges, this course explores recent and contemporary population movements from a multidisciplinary perspective. Geographical coverage primarily will include Asia, North and Central America, Africa, and Europe. Attention will be devoted to policy issues surrounding economic and political migration; i.e., the relationship between state policy as a factor promoting or inhibiting migration, immigration, emigration, adaptation, repatriation, and transmigration as well as the impact of population movements on public-policy making, health and development, and values in receiving and sending countries.

Course Objectives

Students should develop awareness of global migration patterns, pressures, processes, and implications; understanding of how population movements are related to the emergence of a world mobility system that involves intensified competition for skills and an expanding flow of people across national boundaries in ways that challenge the geopolitical framework of nation states; familiarity with the arguments and issues behind current debates and conflicts over migration policies and policies that impact migration; and enhanced individual and group analytical and problem-solving skills.

Course Conduct

Class sessions will be conducted in seminar format, with emphasis on student presentations, questions, contributions, and involvement based upon the assigned reading about the topic under discussion.

Course Requirements and Assessment

3-page film review (due 17 March): 20%

Debates (2): 20%

"New Americans" essay (due 21 April): 10%

Individual research project (due 1 May): 30%

Class participation, including in-class presentation of research project: 20%

Late papers will be penalized by one + or – grade (e.g., from B+ to B) and by an additional + or – for each scheduled class that passes without submission. For credit/no-credit grading, students must attain an overall grade of D- to receive a "CR." Reported final grades will reflect pluses and minuses. See the *Catalog's* policy on incompletes, disability accommodations, and plagiarism. The instructor will deny late-drop petitions (after the 31st day of instruction).

Required Reading

Course Pacs available at UC Bookstore. Also e-reserve readings (password = psc43101)

Course Outline and Reading Assignments

- 23 Jan **I. Introduction**
- 25-27 Jan **II. International Population Movements: An Overview**
- *N. Wade, "Genes Tell New Story on the Spread of Man" (1999) e-res
 - *"New Weight for View Africa Was Human Cradle" (2000) e-res
 - *Angier, "Man vs. Woman: In History's Travel Olympics, There's No Contest" e-res
 - *Crossette, "Against a Trend, U.S. Population Will Bloom" ('01) e-res
 - *P. Koehn, "Introduction to Contemporary Cross-National Population Movements" (1991) pp.1-9, 15-19
- 30 Jan-3 Feb **III. Migration Theory**
- *M. Weiner, "On International Migration and International Relations"
 - *P. Koehn, "Framework for Analysis," (1991) pp. 38, 45-48.
 - *N. Schiller, *et al.*, "Transnationalism: A New Analytic Framework for Understanding Migration" (1999)
 - *R. Baubock, "Towards a Political Theory of Migrant Transnationalism" (2003)
- IV. Economic Migration**
- 6-8 Feb. **A. Rural-urban issues**
- Lucia* video – 90 min.
- 10 Feb **B. Rural-urban migration in China**
- *E. Rosenthal, "Rural Flouting of One-child Policy" (2000) e-res
 - *"Migrant Labor: At the Fulcrum of Social Change" (1997)
 - *L. Wong, "China's Urban Migrants – The Public Policy Challenge" (1994)
 - *"Relaxed," "Cleanup," "Hunt," E. Rosenthal, "100 Million Restless Chinese" (1999) e-res
 - *D. Solinger, "China's Floating Population" (1999), pp. 220-221, 232-239 e-res
 - *Kahn, "China to Drop Urbanite-Peasant Legal Differences" ('05) e-res
 - *E. Rosenthal, "Harsh Chinese Reality Feeds a Black Market in Women" (2001) e-res
- 13 Feb *Shanghai* video – 52 min. (VT11801)

- 15 Feb C. Rural-urban-rural migration
 *C. von Reichert and J. Sylvester, "Motives for Migration: A Study of Montana Newcomers" (1998)
- 17 Feb D. *Environmental "refugees"*
 *A. Suhrke, "Environmental Degradation and Population Flows" ('93)
- 22 Feb E. South-North movement
Desouren video – 54 min. (VT05830)
 * D. Sharp, "Haitian Refugees ... Drown" (1999) e-res
 * T. Gregoire, "The Revival of Civil Society" (2000)
- 24 Feb F. *Professional/skill migration*
 *J. Meyer, "The Brain Drain" (2001)
 *T. Oommen, "India: 'Brain Drain' or the Migration of Talent?"
 *A. Myerson, "With Techies Logged on Abroad" (1998) e-res
 *Waldman, "Indians Go Home, but Don't Leave US Behind"('04)e-res
 *L. Alvarez, "Congress Backs Big Increase in Visas for Skilled Workers" (2000) e-res
- 27 Feb-1 March G. *Gender and family issues: trafficking, marriage, transnational parenting and elderly care, adoption*
 **Sisters and Daughters Betrayed* (video in library, VT09831)
 *J. Varoli, "American Lion Seeks Russian Lioness" (2000) e-res
 *Lam, et al., "Sustaining Families Transnationally" (2002)
- 3-6 March H. *Porous boundaries; undocumented migrants; state policy & attempts to control inflow*
 * U.N., *Concise Report*, pp. 33-37
 *Smith, "Spain's African Enclaves are Migrants' Portals to Europe" (2005) e-res
 *US Looks to Tighten Borders with Mexico, Canada" (2001) e-res
 "Vast US-Canada Border Suddenly Poses a Problem" (2001) e-res
 *M. Ogito, "Change in Laws Sets Off Big Wave of Deportations" (1998) e-res
 *Porter & Malkin, "Mexicans at Home Abroad" (2005) e-res
 *Hull, "Illegal Immigration" (2005) e-res
 *G. Lahav, "Rise of Nonstate Actors in Migration Regulation in the

United States and Europe" (2000)

*Vitello, "As Illegal Workers Hit Suburbs, Politicians Scramble to Respond" e-res

*Swarns, "Bill on Illegal-immigrant Aid Draws Fire" (2005) e-res

8-10 March I. *Globalization and Global cities*

*S. Sassen, "Global Cities and Survival Circuits" (2006)

*B. Raynor, "Serfs of the Service Economy" (1999) e-res

*S. Greenhouse, "US to expand Labor Rights to Cover Illegal Immigrants" (1999) e-res

*S. Greenhouse, "Labor, in Switch, Urges Amnesty for All Illegal Immigrants" (2000) and "Fired Illegal Loses Appeal" (2002) e-res

*Solis & Londono, "Off the Books, Underpaid" (2004)

*Greenhouse, "Union Claims Texas Victory with Janitors" ('05) e-res

*C. Hedges, "Condemned by Past Crimes: Deportation Law Descends Sternly" (2000) e-res

* E. Schmitt, "To Fill in Gaps, Shrinking Cities Seek a New Wave of Foreigners" (2001) e-res

**Bread & Roses* video – 110 min (VT12253)

**Ties that Bind: Immigration Stories [Mexico]* video in library VT11288 (56 min., 1996)

V. **Political Migration**

13 March A. *Root causes*

*A. Suhrke, "Uncertain Globalization: Refugee Movements in the Second Half of the Twentieth Century," pp. 217-234

*K. Maynard, "Identity Conflicts" (1999), pp. 34-39

13 March B. Internal displacement and colonization by population resettlement

*Cohen and Deng, *Masses in Flight* (1998), Chapter 2, pp. 15-72

*K. Maynard, "Communities in Conflict" (1999), pp. 117-122

*Weiss and Pasic, "Dealing with the Displacement and Suffering Caused by Yugoslavia's Wars" (1998) e-res

* Kifner, "How Serb Forces Purged One Million Albanians" ('99)e-res

* Gall, "Gypsies and Others Said to Draw Kosovar Fury" ('99) e-res

*"Railroad of Hope" (2003)

15 March C. Official refugees, asylum seekers, nonreturnees, and diasporas

*G. Loescher, *Beyond Charity*, pp. 75-77, 86-92.

*Amnesty International, *Refugees*, pp. 26-27, 51, 111-117 ('97)

*Kerri Faughnan, "Kelele Refugee Camp" (1995)

- *de Montclos and Kagwanja, "Refugee Camps or Cities?" (2000)
- *Raper, "Changing Roles of NGOs in Refugee Assistance" (2003)

17 March **Bread & Roses Video Review Due**

17-20 March D. *"Durable solutions"*

1. *Local integration; third-country resettlement*

- *R. Zetter, "Incorporation and Exclusion: The Life Cycle of Malawi's Refugee-Assistance Program"
- *E. Hall, "Vocational Training for Women Refugees in Africa"
- *B. Whitaker, "Changing Opportunities: Refugees and Host Communities in Western Tanzania," No. 11 (June 1999) www.unhcr.org [click on Research/Eval; Eval & Policy Analysis Unit; new issues in refugee research]
- *P. Ngai and P. Koehn, "Organizational Communication in Refugee-camp Situations," No. 71 (Dec 2002) www.unhcr.org [click on Research/Eval; Eval & Policy Analysis Unit; new issues in refugee research]

2. *Repatriation*

- *J. Rogge, "Repatriation of Refugees" (1994) **e-res**
- *P. Koehn, "Repatriation of African Exiles: The Decision to Return," pp. 347-351.
- *C. Phuong, "Freely to Return: Reversing Ethnic Cleansing in Bosnia-Herzegovina" (2000)
- *"The Wheel that Never Squeaks" (2001)
- *Parfit & Chislom, "Muslim Woman Strived for Unity in War-torn Bosnia" (2002) **e-res**
- *Wong, "Kurds are Flocking to Kirkuk" (2005) **e-res**

22, 24 March E. *State policy and attempts to regulate political migration*

- *G. Loescher, "Asylum Crises in the Industrialized World," pp. 93-114, 118-128.
- *Rousseau, et al., "Complexity of Determining Refugeehood" (2002)
- *L. Getter, "Asylum in the 'Land of the Free'" (2001)
- *R. Smothers, "Secret Evidence Standing in Way of New Life for Some Immigrants" (1998); "Use of Secret Evidence is Ruled Illegal by U.S. Judge" (1999); "Congress Reviewing Use of Evidence Kept Secret" (2000) [all **e-res**]
- *A. Chardy, "'Special Circumstances' Can Keep INS Detainees in Custody" (2001) **e-res**; Savage, "Court Refuses to Hear Case on Detainees" (2004) **e-res**

VI. Migrant Rights, Treatment, Responses

3 April

A. Rights & treatment

- *Ojito, "Report Says Immigrants are Jailed with Convicts" ('98) e-res
- *K. Musalo, "Epilogue" in *Do They Hear You When You Cry?* by Fauzia Kassindja (1998)
- *Bernstein & Santora, "Asylum Seekers Treated Poorly" (2005) e-res
- *M. Wilch, "Detect, Detain, Deter, Deport" (2000)
- *E. Nieves, "Calif Calls Off Effort to Carry Out Immigrant Measure" (1999) e-res

5-7 April

B. Multicultural challenges in receiving places

- The New Americans* (2004 video, parts 1-3, VT12530)
- *Roberts, "More Africans Enter US than in Days of Slavery" ('05) e-res
- *Crossette, "Testing Limits of Tolerance as Cultures Mix" ('99) e-res
- *S. Okin, "Is Multiculturalism Bad for Women?" (1999)
- *A. Al-Hibri, "Is Western Patriarchal Feminism Good for Third World/Minority Women?" (1999)
- *B. Parekh, "A Varied Moral Order" (1999)
- *R. Shweder, "What about Female Genital Mutilation?" (2000)
- *Lacey, "Genital Cutting Shows Signs of Losing Favor in Africa" (2004) e-res
- *Shweder, et al., "Engaging Cultural Differences: The Multicultural Challenge in Liberal Democracies" (2002)

10 April

Individual Project Meetings

C. Economic, social, and political adaptation

12 April

- *M. Suarez-Orozco, "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Assimilation but Were Afraid to Ask" (2000), pp. 10-24.
- **"Culture Eroding Ethics" (1996) e-res

1. Enclaves

- *C.K. Bun and O.J. Hui, "The Many Faces of Immigrant Entrepreneurship," pp. 523-529.
- *G. Grenier and L. Perez, "Refugees to Immigrants: The Rise of the Cuban American Community in Miami" (1999) e-res

14 April

2. Bicultural and transnational competence

- **When East Meets East* (video available in library, 2000) VT10843
- **Domino: Interracial People and the Search for Identity* (44-min video available in library, 1995) VT11380
- *P. Koehn, "Economic Adjustment and Social Adaptation" (1991)
- *E. Schmitt, "For 7 Million People in Census, One Race Category

Isn't Enough" (2001) e-res

*Koehn and Rosenau, "Dimensions of Transnational Competence" (2002)

*A. Takanaka, "Transnational Community and Its Ethnic Consequences: Return Migration and the Transformation of Ethnicity of Japanese Peruvians" (2000) e-res

17 April

3. *Transnational Identification and Citizenship*

*Hu Ping, "On Exile" (2005)

*P. Levitt, "Migrants Participate across Borders" (2000)

*Guarnzo, "Emergence of a Transnational Social Formation & Mirage of Return Migration among Dominican Transmigrants" ('97) e-res

*C. MacKinnon, "Can Fatherhood Be Optional?" (2001) e-res

*Aleinkoff and Klusmeyer, *Citizen Policies for an Age of Migration* (2002), pp. 36-39

19, 21 April

D. *Migrant contributions*

1. *Development in receiving/sending countries?*

*Castles, "The Impacts of Emigration on Countries of Origin" (2000)

*Matume, "Workers' Remittances: A Boon to Development" (2005)

*Global Commission on International Migration, "Migration & Development: Realizing the Potential of Human Mobility" (2005)

2. *Transnational understanding & relations; foreign policy*

*P. Koehn, "Chinese Americans and U.S.-China Relations in the 21st Century" (2000) e-res

*X. Yin & P. Koehn, "Immigrant Transnationals and U.S. Foreign Policy" (forthcoming) e-res

*P. Koehn, "Fitting a Vital Linkage Piece into the Multidimensional Emissions-reductions Puzzle: Nongovernmental Pathways to Consumption Changes in the PRC and the USA" (forthcoming) (electronic version available on request)

3. *Strength in diversity?*

*Wolfe and Klausen, "Other People" (2000)

21 April

New Americans essay due

24 April

E. *Global migration and migrant health*

SARS: The True Story (BBC DVD available at library, 2004; DVD 00823)

*P. Koehn, "Global Migration and Global Health" (forthcoming) e-res

*"For Many Immigrants, Health Care Underground" (2000)

*P. Koehn, "Medical Encounters in Finnish Reception Centres" (2005)

26, 28 April VII. **The Search for Innovative and Effective (Policy) Approaches**

A. *Constructing fences or opening borders?*

- *J. Carens, "Aliens and Citizens: The Case for Open Borders" e-res
- *Burke, "Now Is Time to Keep US from Tearing at Seam" ('00)e-res

B. *Burden sharing*

C. *International rapid-reaction force*

- *L. Rosenblatt & L. Thompson, "The Door of Opportunity: Creating a Permanent Peacekeeping Force" (2002)
- *S. Ogata, "Peace, Security, and Humanitarian Action" (2000) e-res

D. *Community healing & peacebuilding*

- *Slackman, "But Bygones Can't Be Bygones if the Pain is Raw" (2005) e-res

E. *Reforming UNHCR*

- *A. Helton, "Achieving Comprehensive and Proactive Refugee Policy" (2002), pp. 275-282.

F. *Global Refugee Corps (GRC)*

- *P. Koehn, "Proposal for an International Refugee Corps" ('94)

1 May **Individual research projects due**

1-3 May & 12 May (10:10-12:10) *Individual research-project presentations*

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