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## PSC 431.01: Politics of Global Migration

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PSc 431 (3 cr)  
*Politics of Global Migration*  
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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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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](http://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 21<sup>st</sup> 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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