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PSc 431 (3 cr)
Politics of Global Migration
Spring 2004

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Course Description

The proactive and reactive migration of peoples within countries and across national boundaries will constitute 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, 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 19 March): 20%
Debates (2): 20%
Individual research project: 30%
In-class presentation of research project: 10%
Class participation: 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. Those enrolled on a pass/no pass basis must receive at least a C- overall to earn a P grade.

Required Reading

Course Packs available at UC Bookstore

Course Outline and Reading Assignments

- 26 Jan **I. Introduction**
- 28-30 Jan **II. International Population Movements: An Overview**
- *N. Wade, "Genes Tell New Story on the Spread of Man" (1999);
 "New Weight for View Africa Was Human Cradle" (2000)
 *Angier, "Man vs. Woman: In History's Travel Olympics, There's No Contest"
 *B. Crossette, "Against a Trend, U.S. Population Will Bloom" (2001)
 *P. Koehn, "Introduction to Contemporary Cross-National Population Movements" pp.1-9, 15-19
 *T. Homer-Dixon, "Patna" [Free-floating terrorist Networks] (2000)
- 2-6 Feb **III. Migration Theory**
- *P. Koehn, "Framework for Analysis," pp. 38, 45-48.
 *M. Weiner, "On International Migration and International Relations"
 *N. Schiller, *et al.*, "Transnationalism: A New Analytic Framework for Understanding Migration" (1999)
- IV. Economic Migration**
- 9-11 Feb. **A. Rural-urban issues**
- Lucia* video – 90 min.
- 13 Feb **B. Rural-urban migration in China**
- *E. Rosenthal, "Rural Flouting of One-child Policy" (2000)
 *"Migrant Labor: At the Fulcrum of Social Change" (1997)
 *L. Wong, "China's Urban Migrants – The Public Policy Challenge" (1994)
 *Becquelin, "Enforcing the Rural-urban Divide" (2002)
 *"Relaxed," "Cleanup," "Hunt;" E. Rosenthal, "100 Million Restless Chinese" (1999)
 *D. Solinger, "China's Floating Population" (1999), pp. 220-221, 232-239
 *E. Rosenthal, "Harsh Chinese Reality Feeds a Black Market in Women" (2001)
- 18 Feb *Shanghai* video – 52 min. (VT11801)
- 20 Feb **C. Rural-urban-rural migration**
- *C. von Reichert and J. Sylvester, "Motives for Migration: A Study of Montana Newcomers" (1998)

- 20 Feb D. *Environmental "refugees"*
- *A. Suhrke, "Environmental Degradation and Population Flows" ('94)
- 23-25 Feb E. South-North movement
- Desoune* video – 54 min. (VT05830)
- *D. Gonzalez, "Town Struggles to Keep from Being Washed Away" (1999); D. Sharp, "Haitian Refugees ... Drown" (1999); M. Dobbs, "Push to Free Markets Has Local Costs" (2000); and T. Gregoire, "The Revival of Civil Society" (2000)
- 27 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)
 *L. Alvarez, "Congress Backs Big Increase in Visas for Skilled Workers" (2000)
- 1-3 March G. *Gender and family issues: trafficking, marriage, transnational parenting, adoption*
- **Sisters and Daughters Betrayed* (video in library, VT09831)
 *Lam, et al., "Sustaining Families Transnationally" (2002)
 *J. Varoli, "American Lion Seeks Russian Lioness" (2000)
- 5-8 March H. *Porous boundaries; undocumented migrants; state policy & attempts to control inflow*
- * U.N., *Concise Report*, pp. 33-37
 *M. Miller, "Illegal Migration," pp. 537-540.
 *US Looks to Tighten Borders with Mexico, Canada" (2001) and
 "Vast US-Canada Border Suddenly Poses a Problem" (2001)
- 10-12 March I. *Globalization and Global cities*
- *S. Sassen, *The Global City* (1991), pp. 22-34.
 *B. Raynor, "Serfs of the Service Economy" (1999)
 *S. Sassen-Koob, "Notes on the Incorporation of Third-World Women into Wage Labor Through Immigration and Off-Shore Production" pp. 143-161
 *M. Ogito, "Change in Laws Sets Off Big Wave of Deportations" (1998)

- *S. Greenhouse, "Labor, in Switch, Urges Amnesty for All Illegal Immigrants" (2000) and "Fired Illegal Loses Appeal" (2002)
- *C. Hedges, "Condemned by Past Crimes: Deportation Law Descends Sternly" (2000)
- *S. Greenhouse, "US to expand Labor Rights to Cover Illegal Immigrants" (1999)
- *T. Weiner, "Mexico Seeks Lower Fees on Funds Sent from US" ('01)
- *E. Schmitt, "To Fill in Gaps, Shrinking Cities Seek a New Wave of Foreigners" (2001)
- ***Bread & Roses** video – 110 min (VT12253)
- **Ties that Bind: Immigration Stories* [Mexico] video in library VT11288 (56 min., 1996)

V. Political Migration

- 15 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
- 15 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)
 - *Gall, "Gypsies and Others Said to Draw Kosovar Fury" ('99)
- 17 March C. Official refugees, asylum seekers, nonreturnees, and diasporas
- *G. Loescher, *Beyond Charity*, pp. 75-92.
 - *Amnesty International, *Refugees*, pp. 26-27, 51, 53, 111-116 ('97)
 - *J. Kifner, "How Serb Forces Purged One Million Albanians" (1999); DePalma, "Kosovo Family's Journey from Torment to Torment" ('99)
 - *Kerri Faughnan, "Kelele Refugee Camp" (1995)
 - *de Montclos and Kagwanja, "Refugee Camps or Cities?" (2000)
 - *R. Cohen, "Diasporas, the Nation-State, and Globalisation" (1997)
- 19 March **Bread & Roses Video Review Due**
- 19, 22 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)
- *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)
- *Parfit & Chislom, "Muslim Woman Strived for Unity in War-torn Bosnia" (2002)
- *"The Wheel that Never Squeaks" (2001)

24, 26 March E. *State policy and attempts to regulate political migration*

- *G. Loescher, "Asylum Crises in the Industrialized World," in BC, pp. 93-128.
- *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)
- *A. Chardy, "'Special Circumstances' Can Keep INS Detainees in Custody" (2001); Savage, "Court Refuses to Hear Case on Detainees" (2004)
- *G. Lahav, "Rise of Nonstate Actors in Migration Regulation in the United States and Europe" (2000)

VI. **Migrant Rights, Treatment, Responses**

5-7 April A. *Rights, treatment, & multicultural challenges in receiving places*

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

- *B. Crossette, "Testing the Limits of Tolerance as Cultures Mix" ('99)
- *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)
- *Shweder, et al., "Engaging Cultural Differences: The Multicultural Challenge in Liberal Democracies" (2002)

9,12 April B. *Global migration and migrant health*

- **"People Who Move: New Reproductive Health Focus" (1996), pp. 1-2, 20-21
- **"For Many Immigrants, Health Care Underground" (2000)
- *P. Koehn, "Global Politics and Multinational Health-care Encounters: Assessing the Role of Transnational Competence" (forthcoming in ECOHEALTH; electronic version available on request)

C. *Economic, social, and political adaptation*

14 April

- *M. Suarez-Orozco, "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Assimilation but Were Afraid to Ask" (2000), pp. 10-24.
- **Korean Americans* (video) VT10841 (50 min)

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)

16, 19 April

2. *Bicultural and transnational competence*

- **When East Meets East* (video, 2000) VT10843 (53 min)
- **Domino: Interracial People and the Search for Identity* (44-min video available in library, 1995) VT11380
- *P. Koehn, "Economic Adjustment and Social Adaptation"
- *E. Schmitt, "For 7 Million People in Census, One Race Category Isn't Enough" (2001)
- *Koehn and Rosenau, "Dimensions of Transnational Competence" (2002)
- **"Culture Eroding Ethics" (1996)
- *A. Takanaka, "Transnational Community and Its Ethnic Consequences: Return Migration and the Transformation of Ethnicity of Japanese Peruvians" (2000)

21 April

3. *Transnational Identification and Citizenship*

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

- *L. Guarnzo, "Emergence of a Transnational Social Formation and the Mirage of Return Migration among Dominican Transmigrants" ('97)
- *C. MacKinnon, "Can Fatherhood Be Optional?" (2001)
- *Aleinkoff and Klusmeyer, *Citizen Policies for an Age of Migration* (2002), pp. 36-39

23, 26 April D. *Migrant contributions*

1. *Development in receiving/sending countries?*
*Castles, "The Impacts of Emigration on Countries of Origin" (2000)
2. *Transnational understanding & relations; foreign policy*
*P. Koehn, "Chinese Americans and U.S.-China Relations in the 21st Century" (2000)
*P. Koehn, "Trans-Pacific Interactions, Transnational Competence, and Global Climate-change Initiatives: Challenges and Opportunities for Chinese Overseas" (2003; electronic version available on request).
3. *Strength in diversity?*
*Wolfe and Klausen, "Other People" (2000)

28, 30 April

3,5,7 May VII. **The Search for Innovative and Effective (Policy) Approaches**
13 May (10:10-12:10) (debates & individual research-project presentations)

A. *Constructing fences or opening borders?*

- *J. Carens, "Aliens and Citizens: The Case for Open Borders"
- *S. Sachs, "Changes Called Likely in Policy on Immigration" (2001)
- *Burke, "Now Is Time to Keep US from Tearing at the Seam" (2000)

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)

D. *Community healing & peacebuilding*

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)