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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 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, 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 Pacs 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
- Desounen* 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](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)
- \*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 21<sup>st</sup> 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)