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Politics of Global Migration
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Course Description

The voluntary and forced migration of peoples within countries and across national boundaries will constitute one of the fundamental challenges of international 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 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 return as well as the impact of population movements on public-policy making in receiving and sending countries.

Course Objectives

Students should develop awareness of global migration patterns, processes, and implications; understanding of how local population movements are related to the emergence of a world migration 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; and individual and group analytical and problem-solving skills.

Course Conduct

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

Course Requirements and Assessment

Class participation (including oral presentations and discussion leading): **25%**

Mid-term examination: **25%**

Final group project: **50%** (written report of 15-25 pp. =40%; oral report =10%)

Required Texts

(1) United Nations Secretariat, Population Division. *International Migration and Development: The Concise Report*. New York: United Nations, 1997. [UN]

(2) Fac Pac available at UC Bookstore

Course Outline and Reading Assignments

- 27 January **I. Introduction**
- II. Migration Theory**
- 29 Jan. **A. Concepts and issues**
- *UN, pp. 1-7
- *J. Rosenau, "Frontiers" (1997)
- *J. Widgren, "International Migration & Regional Stability" in **Robin Cohen (ed.), *Theories of Migration* [TM](1996)**, pp. 331-348.
- *J. Stromnes, "High Price for Growth" (1998)
- 1,3,5 Feb. **B. Approaches and perspectives**
- *D. Massey, et al., "Theories of International Migration: A Review and Appraisal" in **TM**, pp. 181-216.
- *M. Weiner, "On International Migration and International Relations" in **TM**, pp. 297-311.
- *A. Portes and J. Borocz, "Contemporary Immigration: Theoretical Perspectives on its Determinants and Modes of Incorporation," in **TM**, pp. 156-180.
- *R. Bach and L. Schraml, "Migration, Crisis, and Theoretical Conflict," in **TM**, pp. 106-127.
- *P. Koehn, "Framework for Analysis" in ***Refugees from Revolution* [RFR]**, pp. 37-57.
- *M. Nikolinakos, "Notes Towards a General Theory of Migration in Late Capitalism," in **TM**, pp. 83-95.
- 8 Feb. **III. International Population Movements: An Overview**
- *UN, pp. 8-23, 41-44
- *Bernstein, "Where's the Romance of the Open Road?"
- *Angier, "Man vs. Woman: In History's Travel Olympics, There's No Contest"
- *P. Koehn, "Introduction to Contemporary Cross-National Population Movements" in **RFR**, pp.1-36.
- *R. Skeldon, "International Migration Within and From the East and Southeast Asian Region" in **Robin Cohen (ed.), *Sociology of Migration* [SoM] (1996)**

IV. Economic Migration

10,12,17 Feb. A. *Rural-urban issues* (Lucia video)

*N. Shrestha, "Institutional Policies and Migration Behavior," in *TM*, pp. 349-361.

*Ma Xia, "Changes in the Pattern of Migration in Urban China" (1994)

*"Migrant Labor: At the Folcrum of Social Change" (1997)

*L. Wong, "China's Urban Migrants – The Public Policy Challenge" (1994)

*V. Chiu, "Where Dreams Live and Die" (1998)

*"Relaxed," "Cleanup," "Hunt."

19 Feb. B. *Environmental "refugees"*

*Astri Suhrke, "Environmental Degradation and Population Flows" (1994)

*Wu Ming, "Disaster in the Making?" (1998)

22 Feb. C. *South-North movement* (Desouren video)

*S. Dillon, "Study Cuts into High Estimates of Illegal Mexicans in US" (1997)

*B. Fulford, "Foreigners Kept at Bay" (1998)

24,26 Feb. D. *Professional migration/brain drain*

*Gould and Findlay, "Refugees and Skilled Transients" (1994)

*A. Findlay, "Skilled Transients: The Invisible Phenomenon?" in **Robin Cohen (ed.), *The Cambridge Survey of World Migration* [CSWM]**

*T. Oommen, "India: 'Brain Drain' or the Migration of Talent?" in **SoM**, pp. 361-375.

*D. Zweig and Chen Changgui, *China's Brain Drain to the United States* (1995), pp. 10-18, 67-73.

*A. Myerson, "With Techies Logged on Abroad" (1998)

1 March E. *Circular migration*

*R. Skeldon, "Hong Kong in an International Migration System" (1996)

*J. Smart, "Business Immigration to Canada: Deception and Exploitation" (1994)

*"Study Reveals No Staff Exodus in Hong Kong" 2 May 1997

*"Population Grows" "Emigration Falls" (1997-98)

3 March F. *Global diasporas*

*R. Cohen, "Diasporas, the Nation-State, and Globalisation" in Wang Gungwu (ed.), *Global History and Migrations [GHM]* (1997)

*E. Wickberg, "The Chinese as Overseas Migrants" (1994)

5 March **Mid-term examination**

8-12 March Group-project preparation

22 March G. *Global cities*

*S. Sassen, *The Global City* (1991), pp. 22-34.

*R. Skeldon, "Of Migration, Great Cities, and Markets" in *GHM*, pp. 183-215.

24,26 March H. *Gender and family issues/networks*

*UN, pp. 45-49.

*S. Sassen-Koob, "Notes on the Incorporation of Third-World Women into Wage Labor Through Immigration and Off-Shore Production" in **SoM**

*M. Specter, "Traffickers in Women Find a Rich Source in Slavic Lands" (1998)

*M. McConahay, "The Baby Trade" (1990)

*M. Boyd, "Family and Personal Networks in International Migration" in **SoM**

I. *Porous boundaries, undocumented migrants; state policy & attempts to control inflow*

29,31 March

*UN, pp. 24-28, 33-37.

*M. Miller, "Illegal Migration," in *CSWM*, pp. 537-540.

*W. Cornelius, et al., *Controlling Immigration: A Global Perspective*, pp. 3-38.

*R. Skeldon, "East Asian Migration and the Changing World Order" (1994)

*G. Hugo, "Illegal International Migration in Asia," in *CSWM*, pp. 397-401.

*H. Loiskandl, "Illegal Migrant Workers in Japan," in *CSWM*, pp. 371-375.

*K. Mizoguchi, "Mainlanders Stealing into Japan" (1997)

*S. Daley, "New South Africa Shuts the Door on its Neighbors" (1998)

*M. Ogito, "Change in Laws Sets Off Big Wave of Deportations"

*W. Branigin, "For Sale: U.S. Green Card to Investors of \$500,000" (1997)

*E. Schmitt, "U.S. Says Rich Foreigners Rig Immigration Program" (1998)

V. Political Migration

- 2,5 April A. *Root causes*
- *A. Zolberg, et al., "International Factors in the Formation of Refugee Movements," in *TM*, pp. 312-330.
 - *J. Abu-Lughod, "The Displacement of the Palestinians," in *CSWM*, pp. 410-413.
 - *P. Koehn, "Individual Exile Decision Making" in *RFR*, pp. 99-140.
 - *A. Suhrke, "Uncertain Globalization: Refugee Movements in the Second Half of the Twentieth Century" in *GHM*, pp. 217-237.
 - *K. Karlsson, "Migration and Soviet Disintegration" in *CSWM*, pp. 486-489.
 - *K. Vick, "When Friends Fall Out" (1998)
- 7 April B. *Internally displaced populations*
- *"UNHCR at a Glance" (1997)
 - *J. Perlez, "Kosovo Refugees Trapped by Two Fears" (1998)
 - *M. O'Connor, "Kosovo's Health System Dies" (1998)
- 9 April C. *Official refugees, asylum seekers, and nonreturnees*
- *UN, pp. 38-40.
 - *"UNHCR at a Glance" (1997)
 - *G. Loescher, *Beyond Charity: International Cooperation and the Global Refugee Crisis* [BC], pp. 75-92, 129-151.
- 12 April D. *Female refugees*
- *D. Cammack, "Development and Forced Migration: The Case of Afghan Refugee Women in Pakistan," in *CSWM*, pp. 461-465.
 - *H. Moussa, *Storm & Sanctuary: The Journey of Ethiopian and Eritrean Women Refugees*, pp. 15-38, 116-138.
- 14,16 April E. "Durable solutions"
1. *Local integration; third-country resettlement*
 - *R. Zetter, "Incorporation and Exclusion: The Life Cycle of Malawi's Refugee-Assistance Program" *World Development* 23, No. 10 (1995):1653-1667.
 - *Kerri Faughnan, "Kelele Refugee Camp" (1995)
 - *J. Pomfret, "Agencies Caught between Battling Factions" (1997)

2. *Repatriation*

*J. Rogge, "Repatriation of Refugees" (1994)

*P. Koehn, "Repatriation of African Exiles: The Decision to Return," in **CSWM**, pp. 347-352.

*L. Rohter, "Guatemalan Indians Return from Exile, Warily" (1996)

19,21 April F. *State policy and attempts to control inflow*

*G. Loescher, "Asylum Crises in the Industrialized World," in **BC**, pp. 93-128.

*D. Joly, "Whose Protection? European Harmonization on Asylum Policy" in **CSWM**, pp. 496-500.

*P. Koehn, "Applications of U.S. Admission Policy" in **RFR**, pp. 205-258.

*E. Ferris, "Central American Refugees to the United States," in **CSWM**, pp. 226-228.

*"America's Refugee Admissions Decline" (1997)

*S. Holmes, "Damage in Central America Stirs Debate on Immigrants" (1998)

*F. Davies, "Burundian Refugees Heading to New life in America" (1998)

*R. Smothers, "Secret Evidence Standing in Way of New Life for Some Immigrants" (1998)

*M. Ojito, "Judge Allows Suit on Abuse Against Officials of I.N.S." (1998)

VI. **Migrant Rights, Treatment, Responses**23 April A. *Rights & treatment in receiving countries/cities*

*J. Wong, "Migrant Workers Stretch Social Fabric" (1995)

*M. Ojito, "Report Says Immigrants are Jailed with Convicts" (1998)

*R. Suro, "Redrawing the Color Line" (1998)

23,26 April B. *Economic, social, and political adaptation*1. *Enclaves*

*C.K. Bun and O.J. Hui, "The Many Faces of Immigrant Entrepreneurship," in **CSWM**, pp. 523-531.

2. *Bicultural competence*

*P. Koehn, "Economic Adjustment and Social Adaptation" in **RFR**, pp. 300-356.

*M. Hopkins, "Becoming Bicultural" (1992)

3. *Underclass assimilation*

*“Culture Eroding Ethics” (1996)

4. *Citizenship?*

*“Two German Parties Reach Deal to Relax Law on Citizenship” (1998)

28 April C. *Migrant contributions*1. *Development in receiving/sending countries*

*UN, pp. 50-55.

*M. Abella, “Asian Migrant and Contract Workers in the Middle East,” in CSWM, pp. 418-423.

*S. Russell, “Remittances from International Migration” in SoM, pp. 219-238.

*K. Kwong, “Rich Returns for Shantau” (1997)

2. *Cross-national understanding & relations*3. *Strength in diversity?***VII. The Search for Innovative and Effective (Policy) Approaches**30 April A. *Constructing fences or opening borders?*

*J. Carens, “Aliens and Citizens: The Case for Open Borders,” in TM, pp. 405-427.

3 May B. *Burden sharing*

*P. Schuck, “Refugee Burden-Sharing: A Modest Proposal” (1997)

5 May Written group report due5,7 May **Group Projects:**

12 May (8:00-10:00)

C. *Addressing root causes*D. *Temporary protection*E. *Preparation for development & repatriation*F. *Global Refugee Corps (GRC)*G. *Other*