

New book: *Crossing Over: Comparing Recent Migration in Europe and the United States*, edited by Holger Henke, to be published by Lexington Books.

The defining differences of this book are its emphasis on the comparative analysis of various aspects of recent migration and its focus on recent developments in international affairs and economics as they are affecting global and regional flows of migration. Comparative migration studies are yet relatively rare, but – as many are about to discover – may offer a better understanding of the complex relationship between geographic, political, economic, and social contexts, on the one hand, and policy requirements, outcomes, and challenges, on the other. The focus on Europe and the United States offers valuable insights to both policy-makers, activists, and scholars.

In two major sections, the authors analyze migration and citizenship and the role of religion and ethnicity in the post 9/11 scenario. The second major section of the book tackles the questions of migration and labor. The impact of migration on gender roles are compared and the impact of policies on current challenges are explored.

In the past 10-15 years, debates about migration have taken on distinct new dimensions. On the one hand, the pressures of globalization and regional trading blocs seem to be calling for higher flows of people across borders, and indeed have created some opportunities in this regard. Thus, today some 175 million people, or 2.5% of the world's population, live outside the country of their birth – a number that has doubled since 1965. On the other hand, the September 11, 2001, attacks on the United States, subsequent terror attacks in Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Morocco and other countries, as well as the military interventions in Afghanistan and Iraq, have led to the implementation of new restrictive policies in the United States affecting international trade and many other cross-border activities including migration.

The so-called “end of the ‘end of history’” has also asserted itself in the realm of migration and migration policies. Not only the United States have been taking a second look at their attitudes towards immigration, but also countries that traditionally did not necessarily view themselves as immigration countries were forced

to reconsider traditional concepts. Germany for example, a country in the heart of the rapidly growing and integrating European Union, was – mainly for economic reasons – recently forced almost overnight to abandon its populist attitudes against immigrants, to more actively promoting the immigration of a highly qualified foreign workforce. Other countries in the EU, such as Portugal and Spain, are faced with pressures to regulate inflow of non-EU migrants. These new trends clearly illustrate the need for a global migration regime.

The emphasis of this reader is on comparativeness and readability. Thus, this reader is seeking to speak both to specialists and policy-makers, as well as a broader public interested in understanding how and why “their” societies are changing. It is therefore not considering elaborate theoretical discourses or huge datasets comparing statistical deviations between countries.

New book: *Immigration and Asylum*

From 1900 to the Present, edited by Matthew J. Gibney and Randall Hansen, to be published by ABC-Clio.

A comprehensive and timely examination of the history and current status of immigrants and refugees - their stories, the events that led to their movement, and the place of these movements in contemporary history and politics.

Across a 20th century marked by world wars, regional conflicts, rising and collapsing empires, and the dawn of globalization, the flow of immigrants and asylum seekers reached unprecedented levels. And though America was by far the most popular destination, immigration (voluntary and otherwise) affected virtually every corner of the globe and continues in record numbers today.

Immigration and Asylum: From 1900 to the Present is an accessible and up-to-date introduction to the key concepts, terms, personalities, and real-world issues associated with the surge of immigration from the beginning of the previous century to the present. Like the flow of immigration itself, it focuses to a great extent on the United States, but this is the first encyclopedic work on the subject that reflects a truly global perspective.

With contributions from the world's foremost authorities on the subject, *Immigration and Asylum* offers 200 entries organized

around four themes: immigration and asylum; the major migrating groups around the world; expulsions and other forced population movements; and the politics of migration. In addition to basic entries, the work includes in-depth essays on important trends, events, and current conditions. There is no better resource for exploring just how profoundly the voluntary and forced movement of asylum seekers and refugees has transformed the world--and what that transformation means to us today.

Includes 200 A-Z entries on immigration and asylum around the world by more than 150 contributors, including leading immigration scholars from around the globe such as Nathan Glazer, Saskia Sassen, Aristide Zolberg, James Hollifield, Desmond King, and Stephen Castles.

Conferences

- *25th International Population Conference by IUSSP is to be held in Tours, France, 18-23 July 2005. Details of the conference can be reached from the IUSSP website: <http://www.iussp.org>.*
- *9th International Association for the Study of Forced Migration Conference by IASFM is to be held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, 9 – 13 January 2005.*
- *Details of the conference can be reached from the IASFM website: <http://www.iasfm.org>.*
- *Cape Verdean Migration and Diaspora is to be held in Lisbon, Portugal, Early 2005. Details of the conference can be found on <http://www.prio.no/private/jorgen/cvmd>.*
- *The 37th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology will take place in Stockholm, July 5-9, 2005. Program and details of the conference are available at <http://www.scasss.uu.se/IIS2005>.*