

International Migration: A Very Short Introduction
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This *Very Short Introduction* examines the phenomenon of international human migration - both legal and illegal. Taking a global look at politics, economics, and globalization, the author presents the human side of topics such as asylum and refugees, human trafficking, migrant smuggling, development, and the international labour force.

- What is new about international migration today?
- Why are more women migrating than previously?
- In your country, from your perspective, is migration more of a challenge or an opportunity? Why?
- Who is a migrant?
- What are the main causes of international migration?
- Is migration likely to increase or decrease in the future? Why?
- Why do so few people migrate?
- How does migration contribute to development?
- Why do migrants send home money?
- What is the 'brain drain' and why does it matter?
- What is the best term to describe migrants who enter or stay without permission – illegal, undocumented, unauthorized, or irregular? Can you think of a better term?
- What is the difference between migrant smuggling and human trafficking?
- Who is a refugee?
- How useful is the 1951 Convention definition of a refugee today, almost 60 years later?
- What is integration?
- Angela Merkel thinks that 'multiculturalism' has failed in Germany, has it in your country?
- What are the three main 'durable solutions' for refugees?
- Is migration a solution for ageing societies?
- Are you afraid of migration? Why? Why not?
- If you were writing a *Very Short Introduction* to international migration today, what additional topics would you include?

Other books by Khalid Koser

- *New African Diasporas (Global Diasporas)*, (Routledge, 2003)
- *The End of the Refugee Cycle?: Refugee Repatriation and Reconstruction*, (Berghahn Books, 1999)

Further reading

- *World Migration 2005: Costs and Benefits of International Migration* (World Migration Report), (International Organization for Migration, 2005)
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- Castles, Stephen and Miller, Mark, *The Age of Migration: International Population Movements in the Modern World*, Third Edition (London: Macmillan, 2003)

- UNHCR, *The State of the World's Refugees* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006)