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FROM THE CHAIR'S DESK

Philip Kasinitz

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Before getting down to business, I would like to use this soap-box to share a stray thought, on the topic of immigrant incorporation...and Coney Island.

Immigrant incorporation has become an increasingly important topic for U.S. immigration research. The "second generation" business is booming, so much so that a friend of mine, in a moment of pique, recently said to me "What's with all this second generation stuff...there are plenty of immigrants still coming in, you know?!" Of course he is right. Yet the second generation is important, because that is where the cultural "action" of incorporation, and the consequent reshaping of what it means to be an "American" is taking place.

One place it takes place is Coney Island. My hometown's great center of tacky fun for generations of earlier immigrants, Coney is looking pretty threadbare these days. One of the giant roller coasters is an abandoned hulk and several of the futuristic rides from the 1940's and 50's have taken on a surreal quality: nothing dates so fast as yesterday's imagined tomorrows! Still, there is the board walk, and Nathan's, and kiddie rides, and a side show struggling to rework "freak show" aesthetics for a politically correct era. There is the annual "Mermaid Parade." And there is Eid Al-Adhha, the Muslim feast of the sacrifice.

For a number of years now, a huge pan-ethnic but largely immigrant Muslim congregation has greeted the dawn on Eid Al-Adhha with prayers at the ocean at Coney Island, in the shadow of the abandoned roller coaster. Then, once all rites have been solemnly observed, the congregation retires to one of Coney's amusement parks, rented for the occasion. The local press gets a happy "human interest" picture: giggling Muslim children in go-carts or eating cotton candy, bearded Imams on the Ferris wheel--a sharp contrast to the usual coverage of Islamic themes. But what I am curious about is the way such moments crystallize the re-creation of tradition that accompanies immigrant incorporation. As those children grow up, memories of Eid at Coney Island may seem "traditional" and, eventually, nostalgic. Connections that look contradictory at one historical moment may well appear "natural" in the next, and for those second generation Muslim Americans, for whom Brooklyn will be, in some sense the "old country," solemn rites and religious identity may be seamlessly connected with happy Imams and Ferris wheels.

If space permitted, I might also muse on how an orthodox Jewish City Councilman recently fought and won the

battle to have alternate side of the street parking regulations suspended in honor of the Muslim feast of Eid Al-Fitr...but that is a "New York story" for another occasion.

Now, down to business: The Chicago Meetings are going to be an exciting time for the International Migration Section. President Portes has assembled an outstanding program, with several thematic and plenary sessions devoted to migration issues. As for our section-sponsored sessions, Mehdi Bozorgmehr has put together a wonderful array of "roundtables" many of which, I am pleased to say, feature cutting edge work-in-progress by both emerging and established scholars. Peggy Levitt's session on "Social Life Across Borders" will also bring to the fore some important new perspectives. Our section's book session, immediately before our business meeting, will feature a discussion of Worlds in Motion: International Migration at the End of the Millennium by Douglas Massey, Joaquin Arango, Graeme Hugo, Ali Kouaouci, Adela Pellegrino and J. Edward Taylor. The discussants will be Charles Keely and Kitty Calavita, and Massey has promised to respond. I am also pleased to report that, unlike last year, there have been many nominations for both our student paper competition and the Thomas and Znaniecki book award. Awards will be announced at the business meeting and I look forward to seeing many of you there...

Which brings me to the bad news. In keeping with the regular ASA rotation of sections (at least that is what they tell me!), our section's "day" is Tuesday August 10. That's right. The LAST day of the meetings. Indeed, our business meeting is practically the last session of the entire conference! Please make travel plans accordingly. Since we actually will have book and student paper authors to honor this year, it would be a real shame if no one was there to applaud. I urge you to stick around to the hopefully not too bitter end! In light of the lateness of our business meeting, the section reception will be on the preceding evening (Monday August 9th), when we will join forces with the journal Ethnic and Racial Studies in honoring President Portes. Details are being worked out as we go to press, but I will keep everyone posted via email.

The annual meeting is also a good time for taking stock of our section, and this brings me to some more bad news. While I can report that interest in the sociology of international migration--as evidenced by the number of ASA papers submitted, ASA sessions held, books and papers nominated for awards, etc.--is high, section membership is not. In fact there has been considerable attrition among those initial members signed up by our section's esteemed founders a few years ago. This is not

inconsequential, as the number of members determines, among other things, the number of sessions the section can sponsor and thus the amount of "room" for international migration on future ASA programs.

To address this problem, I propose a plan of action: Sign up your graduate students today! It's easy and cheap and will help ensure our section's future. Student memberships make lovely gifts, appropriate on any occasion. Any student who is already an ASA member can join the section for only seven dollars. Any faculty member can pay for a student's membership by simply dropping the ASA membership office a note with the names of the graduate student and (this is the important part) a check for seven dollars per student membership. Please make sure the student is already an ASA member but NOT now a section member. The student receives a year of World on The Move, the opportunity to participate in the governance of the section and the warm feeling that comes from knowing that their faculty mentor truly cares about their future. The faculty mentor receives a life time of gratitude from the student, as well as the comforting knowledge that the section will live long and prosper in the coming millennium.

See you in Chicago.

FIRST THOUGHTS FROM THE CHAIR- ELECT

Charles Hirschman

University of Washington

Only a few years ago, I watched with admiration as the ASA Section on International Migration was being organized. Sometimes, I worry about the proliferation of ASA Sections as a sign of the fragmentation of the discipline. This initiative, however, was an object lesson that the recognition of an important field of research could actually bring together sociologists of different theoretical and methodological stripes in a productive and exciting new forum. The sessions sponsored by the Section at the annual meetings are invariably some of the best on the ASA program. The Section newsletter, World on the Move, is not only interesting and well written, but contains ideas and materials that have been very helpful in my own work. All of us are indebted to our colleagues who founded the section and to those who have provided wise leadership during its formative development. I feel honored to have been elected to continue this tradition and will endeavor to maintain the high standards that have been its hallmark. Like many in the field, I came to the study of international migration and immigration through a circuitous route. My early research interests were in the study of race and

ethnic inequality in Southeast Asian societies and the United States. Understanding how immigrants and their descendants became minority groups required some understanding of why some peoples chose, or were compelled, to risk their future (and sometimes their lives) in crossing international boundaries. These issues allowed me to justify my fascination and reading of social and economic history. The dynamics of international migration and subsequent intergroup relations are played out on a geographical and historical canvas much larger, and often more interesting, than the more focused empirical problems that I typically address in my research. Thinking about such broader issues has often led to new ideas and questions that have influenced much of my career, including the content of the courses I teach.

In addition to providing new research questions, the resurgence in immigration to the United States over the last few decades has also had a strong and positive impact on my personal life and on my hopes for a more humane world. In my hometown of Seattle, the ubiquitous influences of Asian cultures, peoples, cuisine, and connections are a big part of my "quality of life." In Seattle Chinese restaurants, you do not have to ask for chopsticks—you are expected to know how to use them. The contrast between this environment and my youth in small town Ohio in the 1950s could not be greater. Indeed my admiration for the ambitions and struggles of new immigrants has stimulated me to think more about my own immigrant forebears. Together with my father, I am trying to learn about Kolman Hirschman, my paternal great grandfather who was born around 1830 in Grubin, Russia and ran a series of small businesses in New Orleans and Cincinnati in the latter decades of the nineteenth century. My maternal great grandfather, Patrick Mullee was born in 1848 in County Mayo, Ireland, and perhaps fleeing the poverty of post famine Ireland came to the United States, perhaps via Canada sometime in the 1860s or 1870s. Of course, these thoughts are no more than my "imagined roots," but the exercise helps me to identify with the human pathos, and bravery, of contemporary immigrants and refugees around the world. In future notes in our Section newsletter, I will endeavor to focus on more professional matters.

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

REGULAR SESSIONS

AT THE

1999 ASA MEETING:

1. SOCIAL LIFE ACROSS BORDERS

Organizer and Presider: Peggy Levitt, Wellesley College and Harvard University

PAPERS:

THE GENDER AND GEOGRAPHY OF CITIZENSHIP PRACTICES IN MEXICO-U.S. TRANSNATIONAL SPACES. Luin Goldring, York University

DUAL CITIZENSHIP AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION ACROSS NATIONAL BORDERS. Luis Guarnizo, University of California at Davis

THE CULTURE OF MIGRATION: INTERGENERATIONAL TRANSMISSION OF MIGRATORY ASPIRATIONS. William Kandel, Pennsylvania State University, and Douglas Massey, University of Pennsylvania

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND CONSOLIDATION OF DEMOCRACY IN EAST CENTRAL EUROPE: A PROBLEMATIC RELATIONSHIP IN A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE Ewa Morawska, University of Pennsylvania

Discussion: Steven J. Gold, Michigan State University

2. SECTION ON POLITICAL ECONOMY OF THE WORLD SYSTEM. POPULATION FLOWS IN A CHANGING WORLD SYSTEM: GLOBAL CITIES AND ECONOMIC REGIONALIZATION (co-sponsored by the ASA Section on International Migration)

Organizer: Maria Patricia Fernández -Kelly, Princeton University

PAPERS:

THE MAKING OF A TRANSNATIONAL MARKET: INFORMAL TRADE BETWEEN RUSSIA AND TURKEY AND ISTANBUL AS A NODE. Hatice Deniz Yenil, Binghamton University

THE GLOBAL CITY NETWORK, 1977-97: INTERNATIONAL POPULATION FLOWS THROUGH AIR TRAVEL. Kyoung-Ho

Shin, Kansas State University and Michael Timberlake, Kansas State University

“SPOTLIGHT ON”

BOOK SESSION

THEME: *WORLDS IN MOTION: INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AT THE END OF THE MILLENNIUM* by Douglas S. Massey, Joaquín Arango, Graeme Hugo, Ali Kouaouci, Adela Pellegrino, and J. Edward Taylor. Oxford: Oxford, University Press 1998.

Presider: Philip Kasinitz, CUNY Hunter College

Discussion:

Charles Keeley
Georgetown University

Kitty Calavita
UC Riverside

Author/Respondent: Douglas Massey

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INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

SECTION

ROUNDTABLES

Organizer: Mehdi Bozorgmehr, City College and Graduate Center, City University of New York

1. Transnationalism

Transnationality and Diasporic Temporality. Michel S. Laguerre, University of California, Berkeley

The Formation and Evolution of Transnational Networks: The Case of Asian Indian Migration to New York. Maritsa V. Poros, Columbia University

Transnational Managers and Local Workers: A Study of South Korean Transnational Corporations in the U.S. Jo H. Kim, Columbia University

A Lever for U.S.-China Web of Relationships in the U.S. – The Chinese Students' Protection Act 1992. Carol Huang, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

2. Social Capital and Networks

Migrant Networks as Social Networks. Ann D. Bagchi, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Local Co-Ethnic Networks and Welfare Participation of Immigrants. Lingxin Hao and Yukio Kawano, Johns Hopkins University

Social Capital and Culture's Tool-Kit: A Family Astride Two Worlds. Charles Spurlock, Michigan State University

3. Second Generation I

Preparing Leaders for the Armenian American Community: The New Second Generation. Anny Bakalian, College of Notre Dame of Maryland

Generational Differences in Susceptibility to Peer Pressure: Their Effect on Academic and Social Functioning for Mexican and East Asian Adolescents. I-Chun Lin, Stanford University

4. Second Generation II

The Effects of Multi-Ethnic Neighborhoods on Constructions of Racial and Ethnic Identities in New York City. Sherri-Ann Butterfield, University of Michigan and Alex Trillo, State University of New York, Stony Brook

Disentangling Race-Gender Work Experiences: Second Generation Caribbean Youth in New York City. Nancy Lopez, Graduate Center, City University of New York

Between Adulthood and Childhood: The Boundary Work of Immigrant Entrepreneurial Children. Lisa

Sun-Hee Park, University of California, San Francisco and University of Colorado, Boulder

5. Youth

Internal Migration, Motivations for U.S. Residence, and Adolescent Behaviors among Immigrants. Deborah Roempke Graefe and Gordon F. De Jong, Pennsylvania State University

Identity within Public and Private Structures: An Examination of Asian Indian British Youth Identity Practices. Pawan Dhingra, Cornell University

Delinquency Among Asian Immigrant Youths. Hoan N. Bui, Michigan State University

6. Ethnic Identity

Ethiopians in New York: A Multi-Levelled Ethnicity. Beatrice F. Denis, Graduate Center, City University of New York

Double Minorities: The Bi-Racial Bind. Rose M. Kim, Graduate Center, City University of New York

Globalization, Orthodoxy, and Greek American Identities: Conflicting Narratives of Time and Space. Victor Roudometof, American College of Thessaloniki, Greece and Anna Karpathakis, Kingsborough Community College

7. Economic Adaptation

Mexican Seasonal Farm Workers in South-Western Ontario: Forms of Control. Tanya Basok, University of Windsor

The Cost of Ethnicity: Earnings and Occupational Status Attainments among Hispanic and non-Hispanic White Immigrants. Jennifer Karas, University of Denver

Earnings Determinants among Asian Americans. Bibin Qin, Texas A&M University

8. Immigrant Entrepreneurship

An Economic Sociology Approach to Ethnic Entrepreneurship: Ethnicity and Economic Action in Self-Employment Opportunities. Zulema Valdez, University of California, Los Angeles

Enclave and Frontier: Two Ethnic Enterprises in Chicago's Chinatown -- Shanghai Restaurant and Tian Long Temple. C.S. Stone Shih, University of Illinois, Chicago

9. Gender

Recognizing Gender Specificity in Immigrant Social Networks. Kristine M. Zentgraf, California State University, Long Beach

Racism, Sexism, and Canadian Immigration Policies: Effects on Chinese Immigrant Women (1858 to 1986). Guida Man, York University

"Breakfast in America": The American Dream Through the Eyes of Bulgarian Immigrant Women in South Florida. Petia Dimitrova Knowles, Florida International University

10. Family

Silence and Invisibility: Contextualizing Domestic Violence in the Korean American Community. Judy H. Kim, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

The Effects of Immigration on Courtship and Marriage Among Three Generations of Dominican and Puerto Rican Women. Stefan Bosworth, Yeshiva University and Rosie M. Soy, Hudson County Community College

11. Welfare

The Effects of the 1996 Immigration and Welfare Reform Acts on Texas-Mexico Border Communities. Jacqueline Hagan, Nestor Rodriguez and Randy Capps, University of Houston

The Use of Public Benefits by Immigrants in the United States. Navid Ghani, State University of New York, Stony Brook

The Politics of Contestation: Puerto Rican and Dominican Political Strategies via the Welfare System. Linda Allegro, New School University

12. Urban

Urban Restructuring, Polarization and Immigrant Opportunities: The Case of Russian Immigrants in Tel-Aviv. Gila Menahem, Tel Aviv University

The Spatial Pattern of Immigrants from the Former Soviet Union in the Tel-Aviv Metropolitan Area. Yona Ginsberg, Bar-Ilan University

Frictions Embedded in Tolerance: Frankfurt as a Case Study of Residential Segregation. Eike Hennig, University of Kassel

13. Housing

Immigrant Cohorts and Change in Home Ownership Rates. Sharon M. Lee, Portland State University

The Price They Pay: Housing Inequalities Among Immigrants in New York City. Yuval Elmelech, Columbia University

14. Citizenship and Religion

Alienation and Resistance: Race/Ethnicity and Citizenship as Subjective Factors in Organizing Immigrant Latina/o Workers. Margaret M. Zamudio, University of Colorado, Boulder

Korean Immigrant Congregations' Participation in Religio-Social Activities: A Comparison between Buddhist and Protestant Congregations. O-kyun Kwon, Graduate Center, City University of New York

A RECEPTION TO HONOR ASA PRESIDENT ALEJANDRO PORTES (JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION SECTION AND ETHNIC AND RACIAL STUDIES) WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY AUGUST 9TH, 6PM TO 8PM, IN THE JOLIET ROOM OF THE CHICAGO HILTON AND TOWERS. WINNERS OF THE THOMAS AND ZNANIECKI BOOK AWARD AND STUDENT PAPER AWARD WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THIS TIME

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DHHS "TRENDS IN WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH" report is available annually. A DHHS web site, also titled "Trends in the Well-Being of Children," has extensive data available at: <http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/hsp/97trends/intro-web.htm>. Contributors to this report are sought. (See below).

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS. DHHS, Office of the Secretary, Office of Acquisition Management; Room 443H Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Ave., SW; Washington, DC 20201. PRODUCE ANNUAL UPDATES OF A REPORT ENTITLED "TRENDS IN THE WELL-BEING OF AMERICA'S CHILDREN AND YOUTH" SOL RFP-9-99-HHS-OS POC

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The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) seeks qualified offerors to assist the Department of Health and Human Services in updating an annual report on the condition of children and youth entitled "Trends in the Well-being of America's Children and Youth." Under this contract, the contractor shall revise and update the report for a basic contract period of one year, with two option periods of one year each. The report serves as a guide to the problems and issues confronting children in the United States. Indicators included in the report cover a wide range of the domains of children's lives. The report includes three types of information: (1) tables outlining trends in indicators of child well-being (by key demographic subgroups), (2) a short narrative describing each table, and (3) charts or graphs to highlight key findings. Information in the report comes from existing national data sources, such as Monitoring the Future, the Current Population Survey, vital statistics, and, occasionally, administrative data files. In updating the report, the Contractor shall collaborate with the Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics, numerous agencies of the Department of Health and Human Services, and agencies from other Departments, including the Bureau of the Census and the National Center for Education Statistics. Where necessary, the Contractor shall interact with data producing agencies to gain access to new data, to assess the quality of data, to develop tables jointly, or to present the Contractor's formatting of the data for review by the agencies. During the basic contract period, the contractor shall update the report from existing tables and figures provided by ASPE, design the format of the report, and deliver to ASPE a set of electronic files ready for delivery to the Government Printing Office for production and a set of files for ASPE to place on its web site. It is anticipated that a firm fixed price type contract will be awarded as a result of this solicitation. The RFP will be available approximately fifteen calendar days after this notice is posted electronically. Although the exact response date will be announced in the RFP, the government anticipates allowing offerors 45 days to respond. Requests for copies of this RFP must be made in writing to the address and contact point listed above. Requests may be faxed to Cheryl Howe at (202) 690-5698. This advertisement does not commit the Government to award a contract. No

collect calls will be accepted. This is a full and open competition and all proposals from responsible sources will be considered. Posted 04/19/99 (D-SN321837). (0109)

LISTSERVE ON IMMIGRANT ENTREPRENEURSHIP.

The Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies (IMES) at the University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, has set up the IMMENT LISTSERVER for exchanging (scholarly) knowledge and experiences on the issue of IMMIGRANT ENTREPRENEURSHIP. To send a message to all the people currently subscribed to the list, just send mail to IMMENT@LISTSERVER.PSCW.UVA.NL.

To subscribe to the mailing list, just send a message to LISTSERV@LISTSERVER.PSCW.UVA.NL containing the command "SUBSCRIBE IMMENT John X. Doe". Please specify your full name.

The listserver is part of a larger research program sponsored by the European Commission, the European Science Foundation and the Dutch Foundation for Scientific Research NWO. The program revolves around the following research questions: How has immigrant entrepreneurship evolved in the last two decades and what are the structural determinants of the observed trends in the selected countries? What kind of profiles of informal economic activities do the immigrant entrepreneurs display? How are they related to activities in the mainstream economy on the one hand, and, on the other, to the regulatory framework (in particular the welfare state) and the enforcement regime? What significance has to be attributed to these (semi-)informal economic activities in terms of combating social exclusion and socio-economic incorporation?

The Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies (IMES) at the University of Amsterdam (Dr. Jan Rath) co-ordinates the program in collaboration with the Delft University of Technology (Dr. Robert Kloosterman) and the Erasmus University of Rotterdam (Prof. Godfried Engbersen). Other participating institutes are the Liverpool John Moores University (England, Dr. Giles Barrett), the Centre for Social Innovation (Austria, Mag. Regina Haberfellner), the University of Poitiers (France, Prof. Emmanuel Ma Mung), the Fondazione Bignaschi (Italy, Dr. Mauro Magatti), the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel, Dr. Eran Razin), the Technical University of Berlin (Germany, Dr. Czarina Wilpert), the South Danish University (Denmark, Dr. Jan Hjarno), and the Catholic University Leuven (Belgium, Dr. Ching Lin Pang). Amongst other things, a series of international conferences will be organized. More detailed information can be obtained from the internet at <http://home.pscw.uva.nl/rath>.

CALL FOR PAPERS FOR CONFERENCE ON IMMIGRANT BUSINESSES IN THE (IN)FORMAL ECONOMY

The Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies at the University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, in collaboration with the OTB Research Institute for Housing, Urban and Mobility Studies at the Delft University of Technology have established an international network for exchanging knowledge and experiences on the issue of immigrant entrepreneurship on the urban economic fringe. The international network is coordinated by Dr. Jan Rath (University of Amsterdam) and Dr. Robert Kloosterman (Delft University of Technology).

The first of three conferences organized by the program-taking place in Amsterdam on October 7-9, 1999-will concentrate on the position of immigrant businesses in general. The primary objectives are generating highly comparable state-of-the-art analyses with regard to more general development of immigrant businesses.

Send in an abstract of your paper (300 - 500 words) by e-mail (integrated in your e-mail or attached as WordPerfect or Word file) to rath@pscw.uva.nl. Please send in your form as soon as possible. Researchers working in all areas of the social sciences are encouraged to participate. Anyone who would like further information or who is interested in offering a paper should contact: Dr. Jan Rath Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies (IMES) University of Amsterdam Rokin 84 NL - 1012 KX Amsterdam, the Netherlands voice +31 20 525-3623 (secr. 3627) fax +31 20 525-3628, e-mail rath@pscw.uva.nl or check the internet at <http://home.pscw.uva.nl/rath/ImmEnt.html>.

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<http://www.census.gov/population/www/documentation/twps0029/twps0029.html#data>.

CALL FOR JOURNAL ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS FOR RACE, GENDER & CLASS, AN INTERDISCIPLINARY AND MULTICULTURAL JOURNAL.

Special "Media Issue" of Race, Gender & Class Due: November 15, 1999. Articles need to incorporate the interaction of race, gender and class into media research. The journal, Race, Gender, and Class, supports research, teaching and practice that examine the interactive effects of race, gender, and class phenomena. Explicit in the journal is an egalitarian position. In our human societies where social inequality predominates the social and economic relations between race, gender & class, it is important to emphasize the ideal of racial, gender and class social equality. Race, Gender & Class publishes articles of 10-

20 pages, notes of 5-10 pages, review essays on books or films, autobiographies, essays, brief summaries of teacher-related experience with other journals, data sets, theories, stories, field work studies, and letters to the journal promoting the integration of multicultural education focusing on race, gender and class in higher education. Three copies of the manuscript should be submitted by November 15, 1999. We are interested in papers without footnotes, which cut through the technical jargon commonly used in academic writing, and promote interdisciplinary understanding. Please contact Cecelia Baldwin by email baldwin@jmc.sjsu.edu if you have any questions. Editor: Jean Ait Belkhir, University of New Orleans, Guest editor: Cecelia Baldwin, San Jose State University.

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Four decades into a new era of mass immigration, it has become commonplace to observe that the United States is undergoing its most profound demographic transformation in a century. Much less evident is the extent to which the social scientific study of immigration is itself being transformed in the process. This Special Issue of AMERICAN BEHAVIORAL SCIENTIST provides a glimpse of these dual transformations—indeed, it is itself a multidisciplinary product of the changes now underway. It reflects the work both of established scholars who have directed the Social Science Research Council’s International Migration Committee since its formation in 1994, and of a new generation of scholars from a wide range of disciplines whose research was supported by SSRC’s International Migration Program.

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GENDER AND CONTEMPORARY U.S. IMMIGRATION, SPECIAL ISSUE OF AMERICAN BEHAVIORAL SCIENTIST Edited by Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo, Volume 42, Number 4, January 1999.

We know from demographers’ reports that in recent decades women have predominated numerically among legal immigrants to the United States. In spite of all the “women on the move,” immigration research had traditionally focused on men. But by the 1980’s this had changed, as developments in feminist scholarship and Women’s Studies programs prompted both scholars and policy makers to begin focusing attention on women immigrants. The articles compiled in this Special Issue of AMERICAN BEHAVIORAL SCIENTIST explore a variety of ways in which contemporary immigration to the United States has been shaped by gender institutions, labor demand, beliefs and practices, and in turn, how this immigration has reconfigured gender relations among the new immigrants. The articles reflect some of the best social science scholarship in the field, and they will undoubtedly inspire new research.

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