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From the President:

Power, Violence, and Justice

by Gustavo Verduzco

Once more Donald Trump has been tweeting based on his first thoughts, oblivious of his position as President of a country with long-lasting liberal institutions. This time he is denouncing what he sees as a menace, a caravan of Central American migrants, crossing Mexican territory with the purpose of seeking refuge in the United States. However, this type of caravan has also been symbolic since this its the fifth year taking place. Their purpose has been to express the needs of many people in their countries of origin: insecurity, menaces from gangs, lack of jobs and miserable life conditions. When moving through

Mexican territory they want to express also the need for human beings to have a right for mobility from one country to another. On the Universal Declaration of Human Rights there is the right to move out from a country but to where? This caravan of people want to express the need for this right to mobility either seeking a necessary refuge or work. The intention of the members of this caravan has never been to go into the United States illegally but to get to its southern border to

express what they consider as part of their rights. Meanwhile, the members of the caravan will be given Mexican visas so that they can stay in Mexican territory for an undetermined period. For Trump this is unthinkable and he even threatens to promote an international affair with Mexico.

But leaving aside Trump's personal problems, it seems that the right of mobility is now at stake more than ever. In our human history

the right for personal freedom succeeded in most parts of the world as late as the 19th century, but we have to wonder: how long will we wait for our right for mobility from and mobility to? This is one of our present challenges.

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JOB OPENINGS

Several positions for postdoctoral researchers, doctoral researchers, and research assistants at the National Centre of Competence in Research, Switzerland (emphasis on “The Migration-Mobility Nexus”): [link](#)

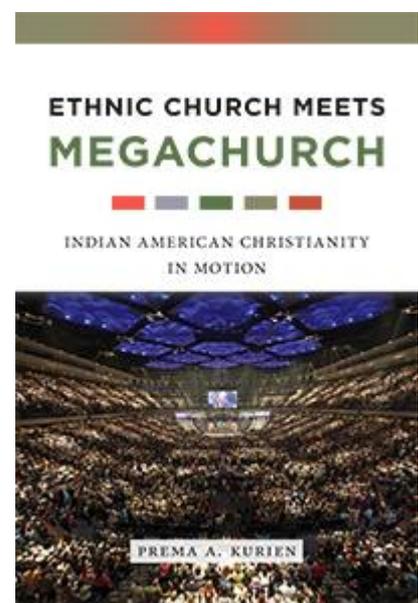
MEMBERS’ NEW BOOKS

Prema Kurien, *Ethnic Church Meets Mega Church: Indian American Christianity in Motion*. New York University Press, 2017 ([link to publisher](#))

This book exposes how a new paradigm of ethnicity and religion, and the megachurch phenomenon, is shaping contemporary immigrant religious institutions, specifically Indian American Christianity. Kurien draws on multi-site research in the US and India to provide a global perspective on religion by demonstrating the variety of ways that transnational processes affect religious organizations and the lives of members, both in the place of destination and of origin.

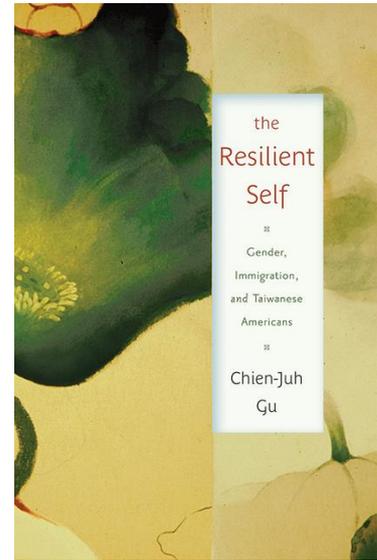
The widespread prevalence of megachurches and the dominance of American evangelicalism created an environment in which the traditional practices of the ancient South Indian Mar Thoma denomination seemed alien to its American-born generation. Many of the young adults left to attend evangelical megachurches. Kurien examines the pressures church members face to incorporate contemporary American evangelical worship styles into their practice, including an emphasis on an individualistic faith, and praise and worship services, often at the expense of maintaining the ethnic character and support system of their religious community.

Kurien’s sophisticated analysis also demonstrates how the forces of globalization, from the period of colonialism to contemporary out-migration, have brought about tremendous changes among Christian communities in the Global South. Wide in scope, this book is a must read for an audience interested in the study of global religions and cultures.



Chien-Juh Gu (2017): *The Resilient Self: Gender, Immigration, and Taiwanese Americans*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press ([link to publisher](#))

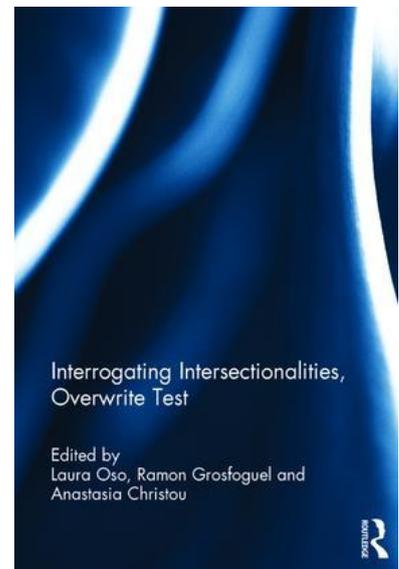
The Resilient Self examines how international migration reshapes women's senses of themselves. Chien-Juh Gu uses life-history interviews and ethnographic observations to illustrate how immigration creates gendered work and family contexts for middle-class Taiwanese American women, who, in turn, negotiate and resist the social and psychological effects of the processes of immigration and settlement.



Most of the women immigrated as dependents when their U.S.-educated husbands found professional jobs upon graduation. Constrained by their dependent visas, these women could not work outside of the home during the initial phase of their settlement. The significant contrast of their lives before and after immigration—changing from successful professionals to foreign housewives—generated feelings of boredom, loneliness, and depression. Mourning their lost careers and lacking fulfillment in homemaking, these highly educated immigrant women were forced to redefine the meaning of work and housework, which in time shaped their perceptions of themselves and others in the family, at work, and in the larger community.

Laura Oso, Ramon Grosfoguel, Anastasia Christou (eds) (2017) *Interrogating Intersectionalities, Gendering Mobilities, Racializing Transnationalism*. Routledge ([link to publisher](#))

Encouraging a conversation among scholars working with questions of transnationalism from the perspective of gender and race, this book explores the intersectionality between these two forms of oppression and their relation to transnational migration. How do sexism and racism articulate the experience of transnational migrants? What is the complex relationship between minorities and migrants in terms of gender and racial discrimination? What are the empirical and theoretical insights gained by an analysis that emphasizes the 'intersectionality' between gender and race? What empirical agenda can be developed out of these questions?



Bringing a transnational lens to studies of migration from an intersectional perspective, the contributors focus on how power geometries, articulated through sexism and racism, are experienced in relation to a migration and/or minority context.

They also challenge the rather fixed notions of what constitutes an intersectional approach to the study of oppressions in social interactions. Finally, the book's inter- and multi-disciplinary range exhibits a variety of methodological 'takes' on the issue of transnational intersectionalities in migration and minority context. Taken together, the volume adds theoretical, empirical and historical insight to ethnic, racial, gender and migration studies.

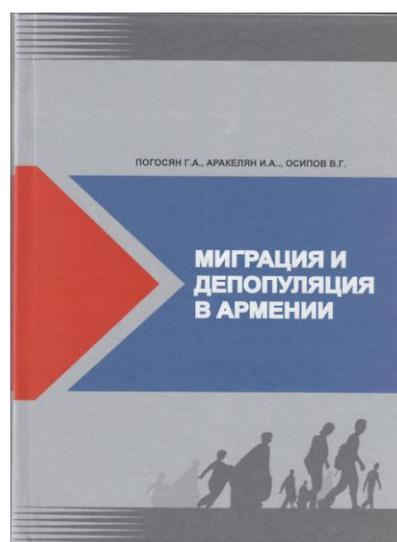
Reiko Ogawa, Raymond K H Chan, Akiko S Oishi, & Lih-Rong Wang (eds) (2017): *Gender, Care, and Migration in East Asia*, Palgrave ([link](#))

This collection provides a comparative analysis of care arrangements in relation to issues of gender and transnational migration, social policy and labour migration in East Asia. Bridging the key topics of migration and gendered care work through cross country comparisons, it examines how care work and welfare arrangements have been shaped by national and global forces against the backdrop of changing gender relationships, the rise of female labour force participation, low fertility rates and population aging in East Asia. It particularly addresses the 'feminization of migration' which is a salient feature of migration in Asia today as more women from developing countries undertake domestic work and care work in Japan, Taiwan, South Korea and Hong Kong. Addressing the issue of care in relation to employment, care and migration regimes in East Asia and the interaction among welfare regimes, labour markets and work-care balance, this collection provides an up-to-date assessment of gendered transnational migration in the region and sheds light on local and transnational policies and practices which aim to improve the welfare of families and migrant workers.



Gevorg Poghosyan (2017): *Migration and Depopulation in Armenia* (in Russian: **Погосян Г.А., Аракелян И.А., Осипов В.Г. - Миграция и депопуляция в Армении. коллективная монография, Ереван, "Лимуш»)**

В коллективной монографии обобщены и подвергнуты анализу результаты многолетних социологических исследований, проведенных авторским коллективом совместно с Армянской социологической ассоциацией и посвященных одной из наиболее острых и стратегически важных проблем современной Армении - проблеме масштабной миграции населения. Подробно анализируются социально-демографические последствия оттока трудоспособного населения республики, проблемы сокращения рождаемости населения, старения и депопуляции, острые проблемы трудовой миграции, образовательной миграции и перспективы репатриации на примере сирийских армян.



Isabella Crespi, Stefania Meda, & Laura Merla (Eds, 2018) *Making multicultural families in Europe: Gender and intergenerational relations*, Palgrave MacMillan ([link to publisher](#))

This edited collection explores family relations in two types of 'migrant families' in Europe: mixed families and transnational families. Based on in-depth qualitative fieldwork and large surveys, the contributors analyse gender and intergenerational relations from a variety of standpoints and migratory flows. In their examination of family life in a migratory context, the authors develop theoretical approaches from the social sciences that go beyond migration studies, such as intersectionality, the solidarity paradigm, care circulation, reflexive modernization and gender convergence theory.

Making Multicultural Families in Europe will be of interest to students and scholars across a range of disciplines including migration and transnationalism studies, family studies, intergenerational studies, gender studies, cultural studies, development studies, globalization studies, ethnic studies, gerontology studies, social network analysis and social work.

The book will be presented at an Authors Meet Critics session at the ISA World Congress in Toronto.





Recent PhD Completion

At the Center on Migration, Citizenship and Development (COMCAD) at Bielefeld University:

- **Cleovi Mosuela**, "Injecting Moral-laden Discourses into Global Migration Governance: The Case of the Recruitment of Filipino Nurses to Germany", Faculty of Sociology, Bielefeld University. 2018. (supervisors: Thomas Faist, Bielefeld, and Branka Likic-Brboric, Linköping)

CALLS FOR PAPERS & PARTICIPATION

BOOK SERIES ON SOUTHERN EUROPEAN SOCIETIES. Series Editors: Dr Manuel Fernández-Esquinas, Institute for Advanced Social Studies, CSIC and Dr Laura Oso, Faculty of Sociology, University of La Coruña, Spain

Series Aim The aim of the book series on Southern European Societies is to conduct research in social dynamics, social problems, institutions and governance in the South of Europe. The books are intended to be authoritative projects addressing major social issues, not only in academic terms, but also to inform public policies at both a European level and national level. Each book in the series will appeal to a broad international audience, and the series editors particularly welcome projects with a comparative element. Each book will include a collection of state-of-the-art analyses and applied research into the social problems and dynamics of southern European countries and the neighbouring areas. Comparative research between regions and countries of the South of Europe and other areas of Europe, the north of Africa and the Middle East is also welcome depending on the relevance for the topics under study. [Link for further info](#)

The 7th GESIS Summer School in Survey Methodology

The 7th GESIS Summer School in Survey Methodology takes place 2-24 August at GESIS in Cologne, Germany. The program is online, and registration is open at www.gesis.org/summerschool

15 scholarships by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) via CDSS as well as the European Survey Research Association (ESRA) are available. For more information on scholarships please visit www.gesis.org/summerschool.

- Short courses (02 - 03 August)
Pretesting Survey Questions (Meitinger/Lenzner) | NEW Introduction to Data Analysis Using Mplus (Blümke/Lechner/Danner) Research Designs and Causal Inference (Eifler/Leitgöb) Introduction to Data Analysis Using Stata (Schunck/Pförr)
- Week 1 (06 - 10 August)
Introduction to Survey Design (Lugtig/Struminskaya) Introduction to Structural Equation Modeling (Reinecke/Kessler) Introduction to Data Analysis Using R (Kolb/Murray-Waters) Applied Multiple Imputation (Geißler/Heisig) | NEW
- Week 2 (13 - 17 August)
Questionnaire Design (Fuchs/Metzler)
Mixed-Mode and Mixed-Device Surveys (Toepoel/de Leeuw/Klausch) | BACK Web Survey Design (Couper/Schaurer) | BACK
- Week 3 (20 - 24 August)
Meta-Analysis in Social Research and Survey Methodology (Weiß/Daikeler) Sampling, Weighting, and Estimation (Eckman) Designing, Implementing, and Analyzing Longitudinal Surveys (Al Baghal/Cernat)
[20-21 Aug] Open Science and Open Data (Netscher/Perry/Schwickerath) | NEW

Thanks to our cooperation with the Center for Doctoral Studies in Social and Behavioral Sciences (CDSS) at the University of Mannheim, participants can obtain up to 4 ECTS credit points per one-week course. Participants are invited to attend several plenary and social events including evening talks by experts in Survey Methodology, weekly welcome receptions as well as cultural and social excursions.

There is no registration deadline, but to secure a place in the course(s) of your choice and to book affordable accommodation, we strongly recommend that you register as soon as possible.

TRENTO SUMMER SCHOOL IN ETHNOGRAPHY 2018: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Sixth edition of the International Summer School in Ethnography will take place @UniTrento next September 10-14. This edition is convened by Paolo Boccagni and Ester Gallo (Dpt. of Sociology, University of Trento).

Guest speakers will include Henrike Donner (Goldsmith, University of London), Ghassan Hage (University of Melbourne), Michele Lancione (University of Sheffield) and Maruska Svasek (Queen's University Belfast).

The school is addressed to PhD students and postdocs across social sciences. The 2018 edition will be primarily focused on the ethnography of mobility, domesticity, emotions and material cultures in diverse urban environments. Applications should be sent to ethnography.soc@unitn.it by April 30.

All applicants should include a CV, a 500-word bionote (to be shared with other participants), a motivation letter and a short ethnographic research project (about 2,000 words long, including empirical contexts, focus and research questions). The participation fee is Euro 350.

More information: <http://event.unitn.it/ethnography2018>

RECENT ARTICLES/CHAPTERS

Paolo Boccagni

2018 (with Mieke Schrooten), Participant observation in migration studies, in R. Zapata, E. Yalaz (eds.), *Qualitative research in European migration studies*, Amsterdam: Springer - IMISCOE Research Series, pp. 282-303.

Flavia Flossati & Daniel Auer

2017 (with Giuliano Bonoli & Fabienne Liechti) "The matching hierarchies model: Evidence from a survey experiment on employers' hiring intent regarding immigrant applicants", *International Migration Review*.

2017 (with Giuliano Bonoli) "Why do immigrants have longer periods of unemployment? Swiss evidence", *International Migration*, 55(1): 157-174. ([link](#))

2017 (with Fabienne Liechti & Giuliano Bonoli) "The signalling value of labour market programs", *European Sociological Review*, 33 (2): 257-274. ([link](#))

Silvia Giorguli-Saucedo, Victor Garcia-Guerrero Claudia Masferrer

2016. "A Migration System in the Making: Demographic Dynamics and Migration Policies in North America and the Northern Triangle of Central America". Center for Demographic, Urban and Environmental Studies, El Colegio de México. ([link](#))

Chien-Juh Gu

2018. "Gender Morality and Emotion Work in Taiwanese In-law Relations". *Gender, Place and Culture*. ([link](#))

Kumiko Kawashima

2017. "Service Outsourcing and Labour Mobility in a Digital Age: Transnational Linkages between Japan and Dalian, China." *Global Networks* 17 (4): 483-499. [[Link](#)]

Prema Kurien

2017. "South Asian Migration, Settlement, and Socio-political Incorporation on the North American West Coast." *AAPI Nexus: Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders Policy, Practice and Community*, Vol 15 (1-2) 85-107.

2017. "Who are Asian Americans" Pp. 25-27 in Russell Leong (ed.) *Asian American Matters: A New York Anthology*. New York: Asian American/Asian Studies Research Institute.

2018. "The 'Browning' of Megachurches and its Impact on Immigrant Congregations." *Religion and Politics*. ([link](#))

2018. "Ethnic Christianities: Seven Questions for Prema Kurien." *Sacred Matters: Religious Currents in Culture*. ([link](#))

Ewa Morawska

2018. "Qualitative Migration Research: Viable Goals, Open-Ended Questions, and Multidimensional Answers," *Qualitative Research on European Migration*, eds Ricard Zapata-Barrero and Evren Yalaz, Springer

2018. "Researching Migration with the Humanistic Coefficient," *Contemporary Migrations in the Humanistic Coefficient Perspective. Florian Znaniecki's Thought in Today's Social Science Research*. Eds. Jacek Kubera and Lukasz Skoczylas. Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang.

2018. "Multifarious Transnational Engagements of Contemporary Diaspora Members: From Revolving-door Universalists to Multi-nationals and Site-Hopping Vagabonds," *Diaspora*. ([link](#))

Reiko Ogawa

2017 (edited with Lih-Rong Wang). Special issue on "Migration and Care Work: Policies and Practices" *Asia Pacific Journal of Social Work and Development*, Vol. 27, 3-4 ([link](#))

Wayne Palmer

2018 (with Antje Missback). "Judicial discretion and the minimum statutory sentence for migrant smuggling through Indonesia". *Asian Journal of Law and Society*. ([link](#))

Mohammad Azizur Rahman

2017 (with MA Clarke & S Byrne). "The art of breaking people down: British colonial model in Ireland and Canada". *Peace Research*, 49 (2), 15-38.

Didier Ruedin

2018. 'Attitudes to Immigrants in South Africa: Personality and Vulnerability', *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. ([link](#))

- 2018 (with Sjoerdje van Heerden) ‘How Attitudes towards Immigrants Are Shaped by Residential Context: The Role of Neighbourhood Dynamics, Immigrant Visibility, and Areal Attachment’. *Urban Studies*. ([link](#))
- 2018 (with Laura Morales). “Estimating Party Positions on Immigration: Assessing the Reliability and Validity of Different Methods”. *Party Politics*. ([link](#))
2018. ‘Participation in Local Elections: ‘Why Don’t Immigrants Vote More?’” *Parliamentary Affairs*. 71(2):243–262. ([link](#))
2017. “Citizenship regimes and the politicization of immigrant groups”. *Austrian Journal of Political Sciences*. 46(1):7-19. ([link](#))

Yelena Sadovskaya

2017. “Human Silk Road: The People-to-People Aspect of the Belt and Road Initiative in China’s Belt and Road Initiative and Its Impact in Central Asia. Marlene Laruelle, ed. Washington, D.C.: The George Washington University, Central Asia Program. ([link](#))
2017. Migratsiya mezhdru Kazahstanom i Uzbekistanom v 21-m veke: Demographicheskoe, Economicheskoe i Politicheskoye Izmerenie [Migrations between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan in the 21st Century: Demographic, Economic and Political Dimensions]. *Kazakhstan-Spectr*, N 4. P. 61-83. ([link](#))

Kyong Yoon

2017. “Korean migrants’ use of the Internet in Canada.” *Journal of International Migration and Integration*. 18(2): 547–562. ([link](#))
2018. “Multicultural media practices of the 1.5-generation Korean immigrants in Canada.” *Asia and Pacific Migration Journal*. 27(2)

MEMBERS’ OTHER ACTIVITIES

Thomas Faist

2018. “Welfare States and the Liberal Paradox” – interview with EuVisions ([link](#))

Anelyse Weiler

- 2017 (with Janet McLaughlin & Donald Cole) “Helping migrant workers must be part of new food policy.” *The Star* (Canada), 22 December. ([link](#))

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SUBMIT YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS!

(Not only announcements – there is also scope for longer pieces in the form of op-eds, etc.)

Send submissions for the next issue to David Bartram, d.bartram@le.ac.uk