Diaspora: A Very Short Introduction

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Diaspora: A Very Short Introduction examines the origins of diaspora as a concept, its changing meanings over time, its current popularity, and its strengths and limitations as an explanatory device. The book proposes a flexible approach to diaspora that can provide insights into the motives for migration; the networks through which migrants travel; the political, economic, and cultural connections they form among themselves, with their homelands, and with fellow diasporas in other locations around the world; the idea of return to a homeland; and recent developments concerning refugees and globalization. Diaspora emerges as a concept that helps people to make sense of the experience of migration.

International Migration: A Very Short Introduction

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In recent years, global migration has transformed in terms of its rising numbers and reach, its political significance, and its impact. The political and media attention on migration and greater public interest and concern feed into an international debate that is all too often poorly informed and one-sided. International Migration: A Very Short Introduction looks at the phenomenon of international human migration—both legal and illegal—and offers an objective stance on the topic, revealing the benefits and challenges that migration presents. Using interviews with migrants from around the world, it presents the human side of issues such as asylum, human trafficking, migrant smuggling, and the international labour force.