

ABSTRACTS

Asian immigration in Spain from the perspective of international relations: a symbiotic relationship

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The ever increasing importance given to the study of migration within the field of international relations is not exempt from the powerful influence of other disciplines such as the sociology and anthropology of migration, while at the same time being burdened with ideology, political instrumentalism and relative scientific authenticity. In the context of Spanish foreign relations the issue of Asian immigration must be considered from a more global perspective which takes into account Spanish political maneuvering and the measures taken regarding border controls and clandestine immigration in general, thus enabling an understanding of the philosophy which has influenced Spanish-Asian relations concerning foreign policy vis-à-vis immigration.

Key words: Asia, migration flows, migration, international relations, Spain

Asian communities in Spain: a panoramic view.

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The recent increase in the Asian presence in Spain is highlighted by the predominance of the Chinese community which accounts for half of the total population, whilst at the same time not neglecting the overwhelming increase in Pakistanis and Bangladeshis. While a strong family structure is characteristic of several communities, others have a predominately male or female bias. Not only do entrepreneurial activities play a significant role for many

Asians but there is also a strong dispersal element and transnational relationships which nevertheless does not prevent them from integrating into their host communities.

Key words: Asia, Spain, immigration, social integration, international relations

Links between the Philippines and Spain: migration and bilateral relations

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This paper analyses the implications which Spanish policy regarding foreign workers has on the living and working conditions of the Filipino community in Spain. The author pays special attention to bilateral relations between the Philippines and Spain in issues such as Spanish investment in the Philippines, the trade balance between the two countries and labour relations. In conclusion the article considers the necessity of reaching a bilateral labour agreement which would be beneficial to both countries and which at the same time would improve the working conditions and the integration of Philippine nationals living in Spain.

Key words: Spain, the Philippines, bilateral relations, immigrants, migratory policy, social integration

The feminization of migration from a Philippine perspective

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This paper deals with the tendency towards the increase in female migration and uses as a paradigm the example of the migration of Philippine females to Spain. The starting point is the connection between the processes associated with globalization and other numerous changes which have led to the exodus of Philippine women to work as domestic servants in the large cities of the south of Europe. Finally, the various issues which have been used to illustrate this paper converge in an overall vision of this specific situation which is considered as an “icon of domesticity”.

Key words: The Philippines, migration, Spain, immigration, gender

Pakistani labour emigration: new destinations in Europe

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In the first part of this paper a historical overview is made of Pakistani labour emigration to the countries of the Persian Gulf, and to Anglo-Saxon countries in general and to the United Kingdom in particular. In the second part of the paper the new European labour markets which Pakistani emigrants have been increasingly discovering is analyzed. In this sense, Spain has become one of the new destinations. The author goes on to point out the specific nature of this new situation and at the same time details some of the future implications for Spain.

Key words: Pakistan, emigrants, Europe, Spain, Persian Gulf, immigration

Pakistanis in Spain: a study based on the community living in the city of Barcelona

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One of the characteristics of Spain becoming a country of immigration is the greater protagonism that some countries have acquired which had not traditionally been a major source of migration movements towards Spain. Such is the case of Pakistan, whose nationals living in Spain have considerably increased in recent years, mainly in the area of Barcelona. This study seeks to undertake a research line in order to get to know more deeply the reality of this community.

Key words: Catalonia, immigration, Pakistan, social integration

Ravalstan? Islam and the “community construction” of the Pakistanis in Barcelona

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This paper sets out to assess the process of “community construction” of the Pakistani emigrants living in the Raval district of Barcelona. It is argued that, resulting of the prolonged existence of this community, the process is shaping the emergence of a diaspora area. Is within the bosom of this framework that the remaking of cultural practices and discourses on identity can be analyzed. The author focuses specifically on the issue of Pakistani religious expression in the Raval through means of the recent history of the two main Islamic worshipping centers in the aforementioned district.

Key words: Catalonia, immigrants, Pakistan, Islam

International relations and transnational migration: the case of China

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By examining how China became part of the modern world system historically and how it perceives migration in relation to its diplomacy strategy, this paper seeks to shed light on the relationship between transnational migration (supposedly not directly subject to national regulations) and international relations (still based on the national sovereignty). The paper suggests that the current international regime can no longer direct transnational migration flows, but remains critical in affecting migration in its patterns and its implications for social and economic development. China evidently does not want migration to complicate its international relations, and migrant receiving countries should be cautious in using leverage of international relations when seeking China's cooperation for migration. The interplay between international relations and transnational migration deserves more research.

Key words: China, migration, international relations, migration flows

Chinese migration in Spain. General characteristics

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In this paper the Chinese presence in Spain is analyzed from a chronological perspective along with the ongoing changes in geographic location and economic activity. The growth in numbers of this community has obliged its members to look for new locations, distancing themselves from their ethnic strongholds, with the aim of bringing their migratory plans to fruition.

Key words: Spain, China, immigration, social integration, gender

Asian migration and international relations: future perspectives

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Migration has been largely neglected in the study of international relations. However, complex changes involving the formation of transnational communities and the relativization of borders, and the challenges posed by ensuring security, furthering development, and establishing good governance require a fresh look into the issue. This paper only indicates some directions, considering the Asian region as the context. First, migration is considered an issue affecting international relations because of security concerns. Second, the impact of migration on international relations is approached from the role of migration in economic relations. Finally, the link between governance and migration as well as international aspects in the management of migration are examined.

Key words: Asia, migration flows, international relations, Europe

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MANIFIESTO POR OTRA EUROPA

YVES SALESSE



Necesitamos a Europa. Frente a las empresas transnacionales, frente a los capitales flotantes, frente a la potencia agresiva de los Estados Unidos, frente a la encarnizada tarea de demolición del Estado social por parte de las patronales de todos nuestros países, en este mundo de mercado ciego y triunfante, necesitamos a Europa. Los países de Sur necesitan a Europa para cambiar las reglas de un juego planetario que los arrastra en una espiral de empobrecimiento. El pueblo norteamericano necesita a Europa para encontrar un contramodelo al imperialismo dominante.

Pero no esta Europa. No la Europa que se construye hoy y que su Constitución consagra. No la Europa neoliberal, para quien la competitividad y el mercado son principio y fin. No es esta la Europa que necesitamos.

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VENEZUELA: UNA REVOLUCIÓN *SUI GÉNERIS*

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La intensa labor de desinformación realizada a través de la difusión de medias verdades y turbias mentiras que los medios de comunicación han llevado a cabo en relación a Hugo Chávez y la revolución bolivariana no tiene precedentes en las democracias occidentales, al menos en lo que hace a las últimas décadas. Presentado como golpista, embaucador, dictador, incluso como enfermo mental por parte de medios prestigiosos tenidos por honestos, el intento descalificatorio se ha topado con un contrincante con el que aparentemente no contaba: el pueblo venezolano. Tras el fracaso del referendo revocatorio la campaña difamatoria se ha atenuado, pero el desconocimiento de lo que realmente está sucediendo en Venezuela sigue siendo entre nosotros extenso y profundo.