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International migrants – uprooted from family, friends, and nation-state, and scattered across the globe – form vibrant diasporic communities. Whether through economic migration, political asylum, or corporate mobility, this type of wide scale dispersion of populations brings with it a myriad of important issues.

*Diaspora: An Introduction* offers a critical overview of this timely phenomenon, with a specific focus on diasporic shifts post-1989 and post-9/11. The text is organized thematically, reaching beyond human migration to explore a variety of issues---globalization, *realpolitik* and geo-economic shifts in a post-9/11 world, the fractured politics of national boundaries, border crossings, terrorism, and homeland security. The book also examines the geopolitical and legal realignments that influence diasporic communities, global migration patterns, and worldwide debates about citizenship, nationality, and political belonging.

### About the Author

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