

Population and Migration class preparation (for April 25)

1. The global problems of population and migration (including refugees) both involve discussions of how many people should be where. How are these issues linked together? Conversely, how can population growth and refugees pose different problems? Are these issues really a global political problem? As part of that last question, think about: do these issues belong on the global agenda and, if so, how high of a priority should they be given; are these issues of sovereign state control; and, even if these are problems, what is the political dimension?
2. Do the issues of population and migration require different solutions? Be sure to come prepared with background knowledge of what range of solutions have been tried and your opinions regarding what should be done. One of the major efforts regarding population addressed by Kraly (pp. 172-174) is international population conferences. Do you believe that conferences are an important step to addressing these problems? Reflect on your own recent conference experience at the Global Problems Summit on resources when considering this question.
3. How are population and migration interconnected with other global problems? Does globalization enhance this interconnection? Does recognizing these interconnections affect your argument for what solutions are necessary?