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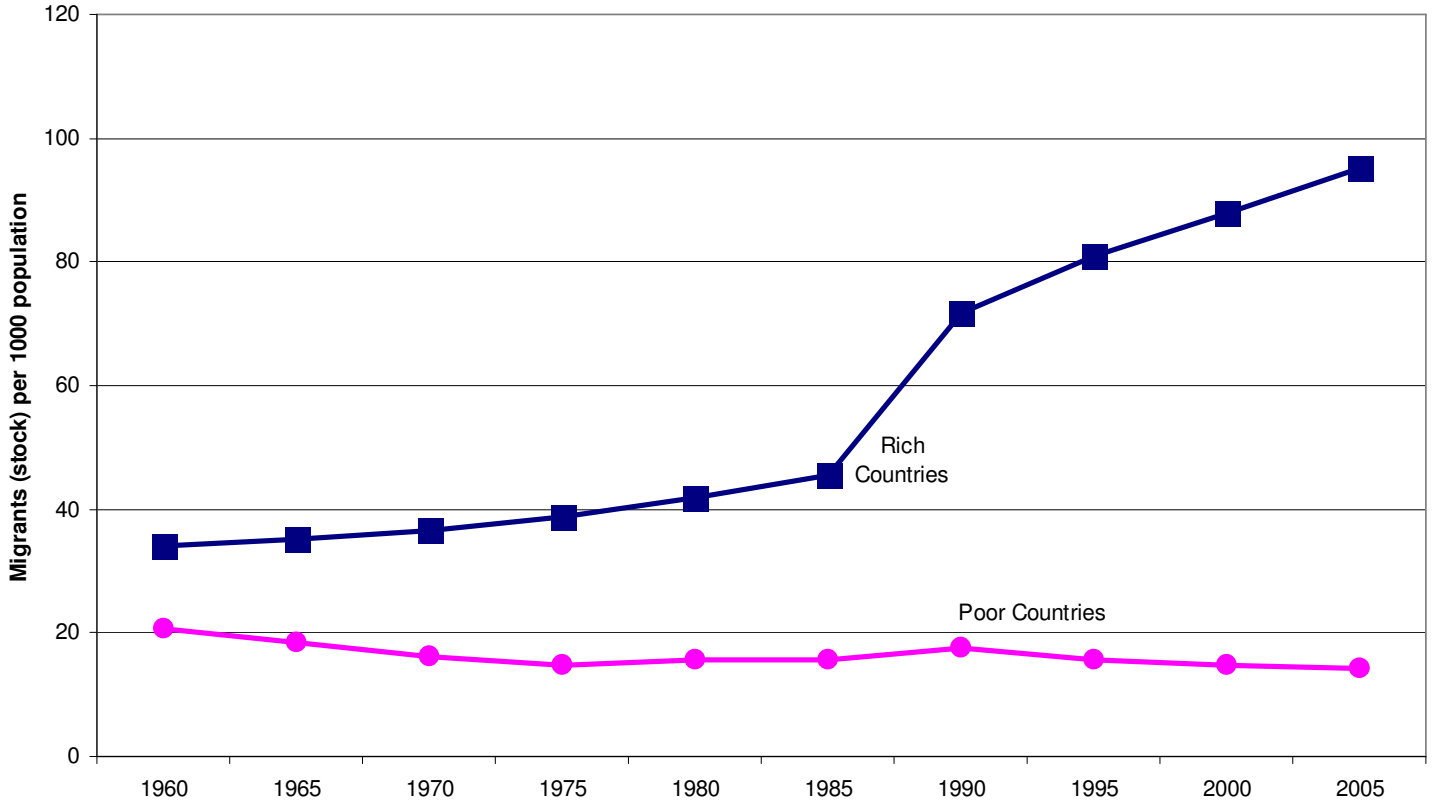
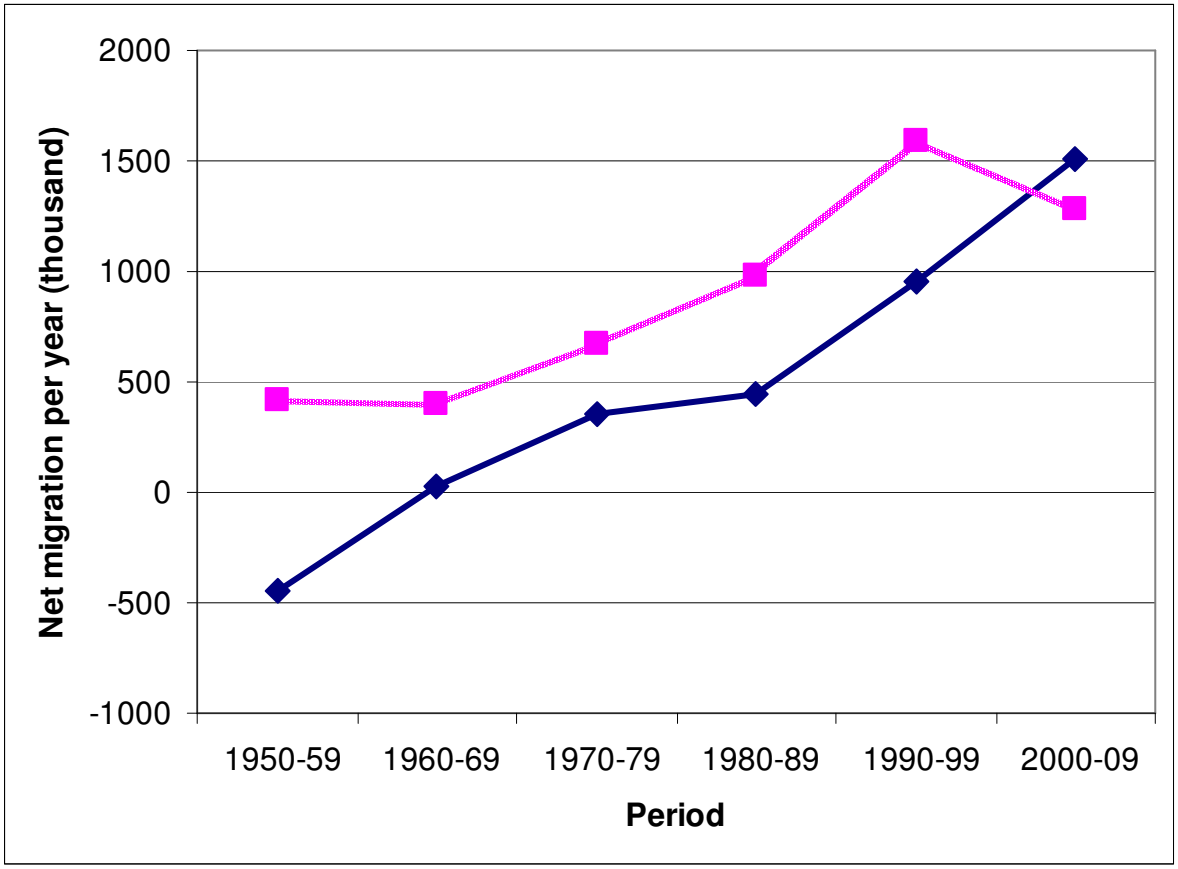
Demography, Migration and Policies

Stock of Migrants per 1000 Population, Rich & Poor Countries, 1960-2005



Net Migration in Europe and North America, 1950-2009

(pink: Europe, black North America)



Fertility & Survival

- ***Fertility (children per woman):***
- Southern Europe: from 1.8 in 1980-85 to 1.4 in 2005-10;
- North Africa: from 5.8 in 1980-85 to 2.9 in 2005-10;
- Sub-Saharan Africa: from 6.6 in 1980-85 to 5.1 in 2005-2010

- ***Expectation of Life (both sexes)***

- Southern Europe: from 74 in 1980-85 to 79.7 in 2005-10;
- North Africa: from 57.8 in 1980-85 to 68.0 in 2005-10;
- Sub-Saharan Africa: from
- 48.3 in 1980-85 to 51.5 in 2005-10

I - Population: past…

- ***Performances of three regions between 1950 and 2010:***
- Southern Europe: from 108 million in 1950 to 162 in 2010; + 49 percent;
- Northern Africa: from 53 milion in 1950 to 214 in 2010; +304 percent;
- Sub-Saharan Africa: from 183 million in 1950 to 866 in 2010: +373 percent;

II - … and future: in 2030,if doors to migration were kept closed:

- ***In the case of zero-migration between 2010 and 2030:***
- Southern Europe, from 162 million in 2010 to 159 in 2030, -2 percent;
- Northern Africa, from 214 million in 2010 to 284 in 2030, +35 percent;
- Sub-Saharan Africa, from 866 million in 2010 to 1322 in 2030, +53 percent

Population aged 20 to 40, 2010-30, if doors were kept closed

- ***In the case of zero-migration between 2010 and 2030:***
- Southern Europe, from 43 million in 2010 to 31 in 2030, -28 percent;
- North Africa, from 72 million in 2010 to 86 in 2030, +19 percent;
- Sub-Saharan Africa, from 252 million in 2010 to 421 million in 2030, +67percent;

GNP per capita Differentials: Western Europe and Africa

- *GNP per capita PPP (International 1990 $)*
- *W. Europe: 1973 = 11417; 2003 = 19912*
- *Africa: 1973 = 1410 ; 2003 = 1549*

- *Difference: 1973 = 10007; 2003 = 18363*
- *Ratio WE/A: 1973 = 8,1 ; 2003 = 12,9*
- *Source: Maddison, 2008, p. 435*

GNP per capita Differentials: USA & Mexico

- *GNP per capita PPP (International 1990 $)*

- *USA: 1973 = 16689; 2003 = 29037*
- *Mexico: 1973 = 4853; 2003 = 7137*

- *Difference: 1973 = 11836; 2003 = 21900*
- *Ratio US/Mex: 1973 = 3,4 ; 2003 = 4,1*

Emerging trends of migration policies

- ***Restriction of legal quotas;***
- ***Substitution of skilled for unskilled;***
- ***Point systems for admission;***
- ***Circular migration;***
- ***Restriction of criteria for family reunification;***

The Irregular Migration Dilemma Unresolved

- 13 million undocumented immigrants in the US; 6 to 8 million in the European Union; 5 to 10 in the Russian Federation;
- Minimum estimate for Switzerland (population 7 million), 100,000;
- In Europe-27: no mass expulsions and no mass amnesties are allowed – expulsions and regularizations must be made on individual basis, following mandatory judiciary procedures;
- Potential conflicts etc.

Immigrants in South & East Mediterranean Countries

- ***Regular*** 2 million
- ***Irregular*** (min estimates)
  - Labour Migrants 2-3 million
  - Refugees 1,5 million
  - Transit 0,2 million

Total (regular & irreg., min est.): >6 million

Source: Fargues (Carim-IUE)

Transit migrants entering in Spain from North Africa, 2001-2007

- (A) Detained in Spain 163,000
- (B) Dead and missing

  on their way to Spain 3,344

  Dead & missing

  (A)/(B), 2001-2007 2 percent

Note: dead & missing number does not include transit to North Africa. Rate on the increase: 1 percent in 2001-02, 2,6 percent in 2006-7. Source: Fargues (Carim, EUI)

No International Governance of Migration

- OIM, ILO, UNCHR; UN family in general: no supranational functions or mandate;
- International Conventions: ILO # 97 (1949); # 143 (1975), dealing with migrant workers: few ratifications. UN Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers and their Families: ratified by only 43 States (2 in Europe) as of 2009;
- UN Global Commission on Migration, 2005 (very modest) proposal of an Inter-Agency Global Migration Facility (IGMF), unimplemented;
- No International Agency like WTO is planned or even envisaged.

I - Factors of irregular migration

- ***Geographic exposure & proximity;***
- ***Size of informal economy & irregular labor force;***
- ***Discrepancy between labor demand and number of legal immigrants (quotas etc.);***
- ***Impervious legal channels for immigrants;***
- ***Internal regulations concerning duration of legal stay, renewal of permits etc.***

II – Factors of Irregular Migration

- Irregular migrant stock in transit areas; 1-1.5 million in Lybia; 2 million or more Sudanese in Egypt; 0,1 million in Tunisia, etc;
- Increase of irregular migrant stock in transit area (between 100000 and 150000 from Sub-Saharan Africa to North Africa;
- Flexibility of criminal organizations;

International Governance Badly needed: Realistic Objectives for Today

- *Data collection and monitoring of trends;*
- *Policy research and development;*
- *Migrant identification: certifying nationality, place of birth, family status & relations;*
- *Certifying education, skills, kowledge of languages;*
- *Ensuring cheap and secure transmission of remittances; protecting pension rights;*
- *Standards for family reunions;*
- *Standards for readmission of irregular migrants;*
- *Standards for work contracts;*

International Governance Badly needed: Realistic Objectives for Tomorrow

- ***ABOVE ALL: Protection of the rights of migrants (reg & irreg);***
- ***International agreements and enforcement powers for:***
  - ***family reunions;***
  - ***work contracts;***
  - ***readmission of irregular migrants;***
  - ***Etc etc***