



The Changing Demography and Politics of Immigration

Tuesday, April 16, 2002, New York, NY - Immigration is an important and ever-changing issue being tackled in the United States and around the world. This program explored many aspects of immigration policy, including replacement migration, the political climate, security, and student visas. It is widely accepted that immigration cannot substitute fertility, and countries with very low fertility rates would require huge numbers of immigrants to maintain their population. The policies and politics of U.S. Immigration are described as ambivalent and in disarray. U.S. immigration laws are very complex, second only to the tax codes, but the law is fairly silent on enforcement. Meanwhile, the groups that traditionally integrate immigrants into society - schools, local political parties, military draft, the media - are weakening and not doing the job they did in the last huge wave of immigration at the turn of the century. Since 9/11, it is obvious that the disarray of U.S. immigration policy has facilitated domestic terrorism. Student visas have gotten a lot of attention and the U.S. needs to reevaluate its policies about who can legally distribute visas.

Welcome:

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Speakers:

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See web page "Presentations" to view Michael Teitelbaum's presentation

In Attendance:

30 members of the Population Resource Center Board of Directors, staff and invited guests