

ARCHON CONFERENCE: PATHWAYS TO THE PRESENT

Identity and Belonging



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My Research: Migrant Life Histories

- Archaeology + Biological Anthropology
- Bioarchaeology*
- Biochemical methods
 - Isotopes
 - Trace elements

A photograph showing the word "BIOGRAPHY" spelled out using ten light-colored wooden blocks, each with a black letter. The blocks are arranged in a single horizontal row against a dark, solid background. The lighting is soft, casting a slight shadow beneath the blocks.

Passports: essential information

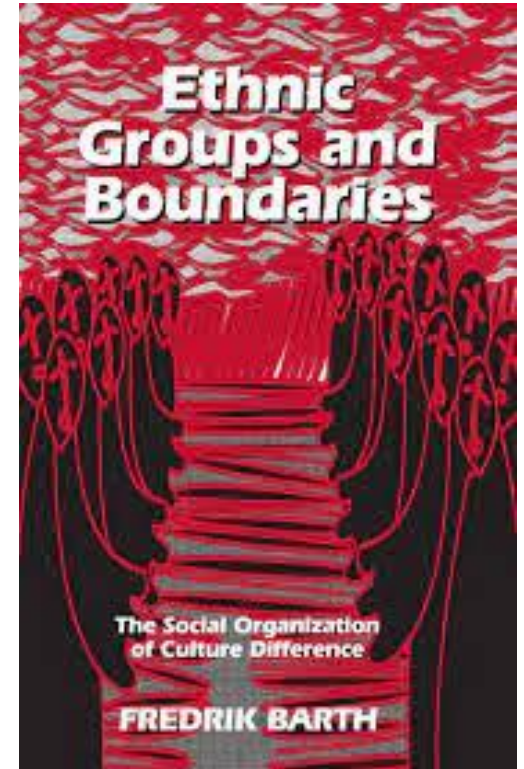
- Name
- **Nationality**
- Date of Birth
- Sex/Gender
- Photo
- **Place of Residence**



Migration and Identity

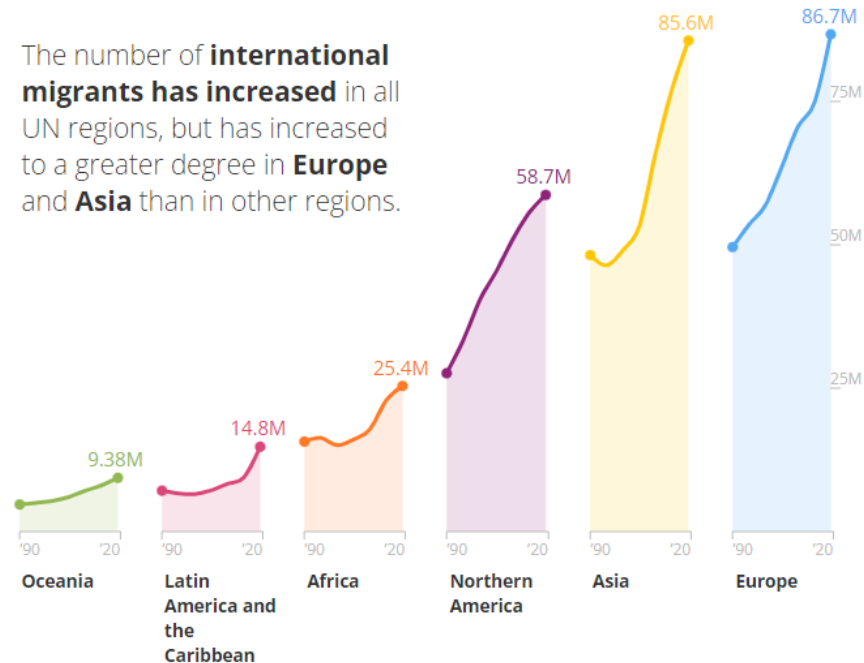
Ethnic Boundaries

- Fredrik Barth
- “... categorical ethnic distinctions do **not depend on an absence of mobility, contact and information**, but do entail social processes of exclusion and incorporation whereby discrete categories are maintained despite changing participation and membership in the course of **individual life histories.**” (Barth, 1969)



1. Migration rates?

The number of **international migrants** has **increased** in all UN regions, but has increased to a greater degree in **Europe** and **Asia** than in other regions.



2. Migration as a problem?



Modern Migrations

In 2020



281

million migrants

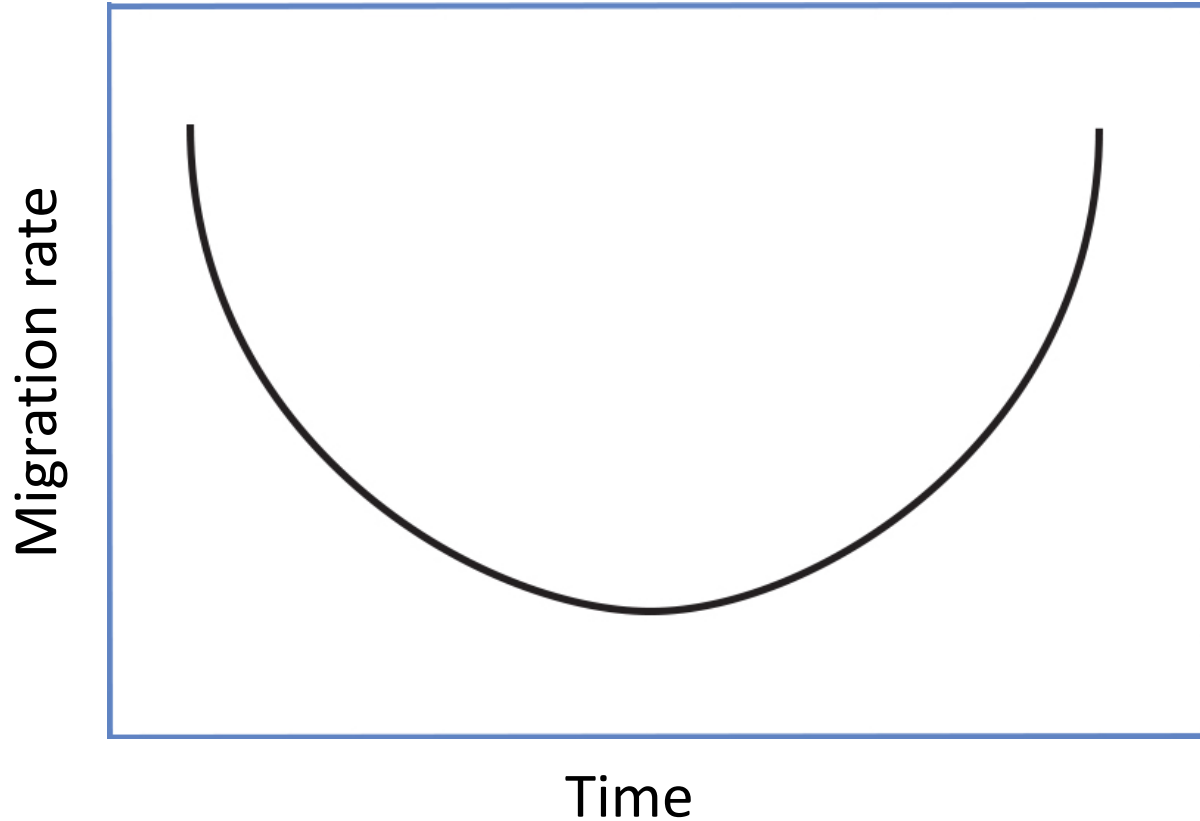
3.60%

of the population

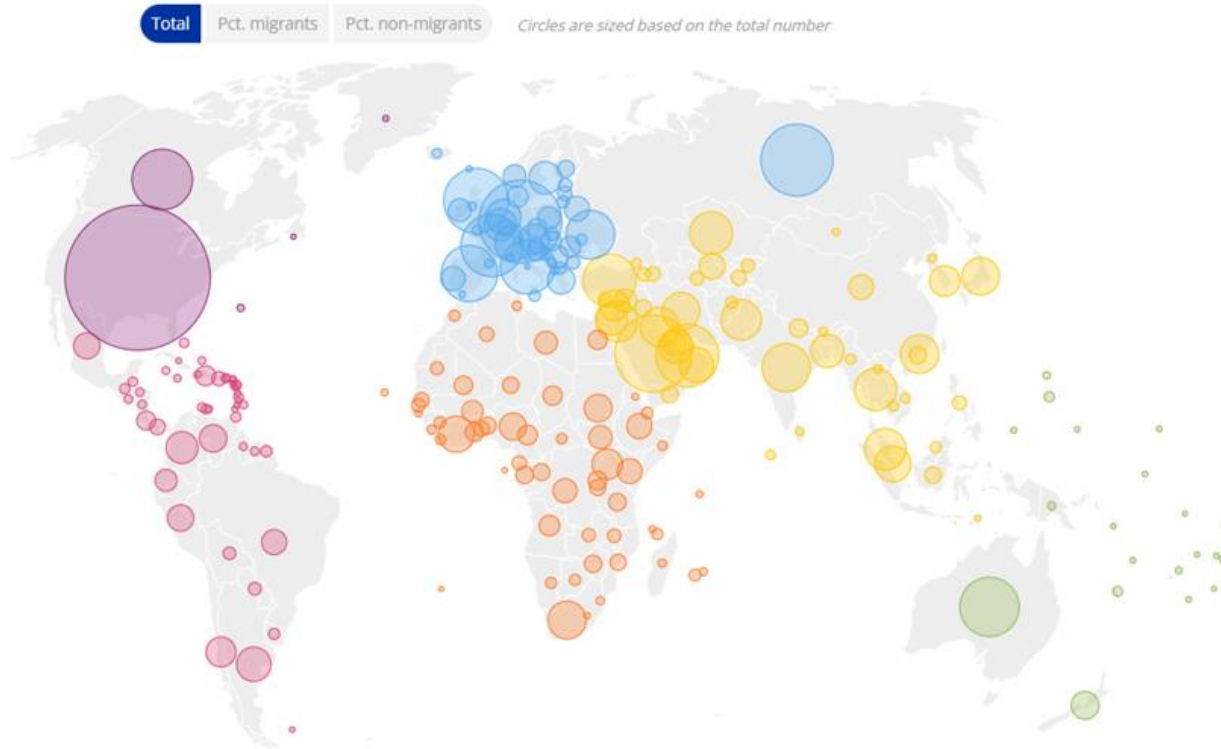


Source: <https://worldmigrationreport.iom.int/wmr-2020-interactive/>

Ancient migrations: perceptions



Migration rates in the past?



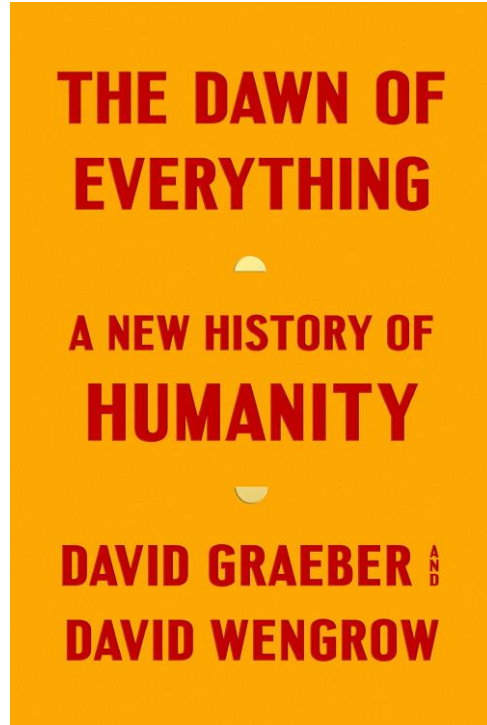
Migration as a problem?

Source: Wikimedia



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Migration as a basic right?



➤ Three fundamental freedoms

- 1. Freedom of movement**
2. Freedom to disobey
3. Freedom to change social structures

2 main themes: Integration & Interaction

Integration

➤ Lifeways

- Focus: Food/Health

➤ Deathways

- Focus: Mortuary treatment

Interaction

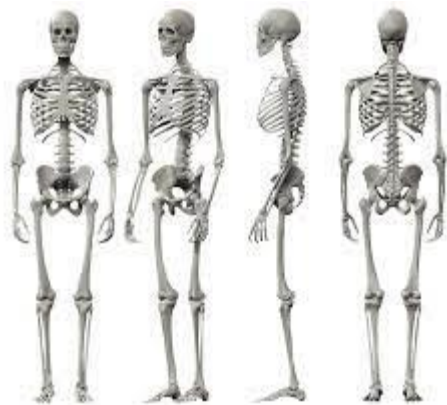
➤ Violence/Conflict

- Focus: (Skeletal) Trauma

➤ Marriage/Reproduction

- Focus: Ancestry/Kinship

Synthesis



Thank You!

