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The Migration Millennium

Increasing numbers of people all over the world are leaving their homes to build their lives in a different place. At least 150 million people worldwide are living as migrants in a country that is not their nation of origin, but many more are leaving behind all that is dear to them for a destination within their home country. The reasons are just as diverse as the ways and means: from labor migration and joining other family members, to escape from persecution and war. While some are only away for a short time, others know they will be relocating for several years, perhaps even for the rest of their lives. Most nations only welcome highly-qualified economic migrants. In our globalized world, more and more people are on the move. And they are having an increasing influence on political, societal and economic processes in both their nations of origin and their destination regions. **The Migration Millennium** highlights the difficulties and the consequences of flight and migration movements – but also the opportunities they present to our global community.

01 The Hellish Journey to Tijuana HD

Every day, thousands of people from South and Central America head to the US. The main reason for their flight is violence by gangs and drug dealers in their homeland. But most of the refugees never reach their intended destination – they are threatened with prison, deportation and even death.

02 Villages of Abandoned Children in China HD

In China, boomtowns are attracting millions of migrant workers. They pay a high price: their children are brought up by relatives, because only in their home villages do they have a right to education. An entire generation is missing from rural areas.

03 Money in Minutes VoD HD

Every year, migrant workers transfer many hundreds of billions of dollars to their families back home. These cash transfers have given rise to a whole industry, which utilizes migration as its business model while at the same time forming its financial infrastructure.

04 Tahrib – The Endless Journey HD

Tahrib is the name given in many African nations to the dangerous journey to Europe undertaken by refugees. Their one and only goal: to arrive safely. But even in many purportedly safe countries, many refugees are exposed to dangers and repression.

05 On the Run – Children Disappearing Without Trace VoD HD

According to unofficial estimates, up to 30,000 child refugees in Europe can no longer be accounted for. Many are living in a parallel world that remains hidden to most. It is all too easy for them to fall into the hands of criminals who force them into prostitution or the drugs trade.

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06 **Latinos, the Changing Face of America**

Immigration is the very foundation of the US. Whereas most immigrants used to come from Europe, these days they come from South and Central American nations. It is estimated that by the year 2035, Latinos will make up 35 percent of the US population. This demographic change is already having an impact on American society.

07 **Beirut Parc – Breaking Down Barriers Through Sport**

‘Soccer Camp Lebanon’ is a project for kids in the capital Beirut and three other cities in Lebanon to play soccer. The teams are mixed in two respects: Boys and girls play together; Lebanese, Syrian and Palestinian kids play together. ‘Beirut Parc’ documents these encounters and shows how prejudices can be overcome in the process.