

Contemporary Migration Research

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Why Migration Matters in the 21st Century

Who is a migrant?

The United Nations defines migrants as persons living outside of their home country for more than one year.



Migration in the 21st century

- High proportion of women
- Traditional distinction between countries of origin, transit, and destination for migrants has become increasingly blurred.
- Temporary migration has become much more important.

Who is a migrant?

Three main (fuzzy) dimensions of distinction:

- “voluntary” vs. “forced”
- economic vs. political
- “legal” vs. “illegal”

PLUS:

permanent vs. temporary

How many migrants?

- **244 million in 2015** - Estimated number of **international migrants worldwide**, which has increased 41% from an estimated 150 million in 2000. Growth slowed after 2010.
- **3.3%** - **Percentage of the world's population are migrants**. In other words, 1 of out of every 30 persons in the world today is an international migrant (vs. 1 out of 35 in 2000).
- **It's 1 in 7** if you count the 763 million that includes internal migrants.
- http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/migration/publications/migrationreport/docs/MigrationReport2015_Highlights.pdf

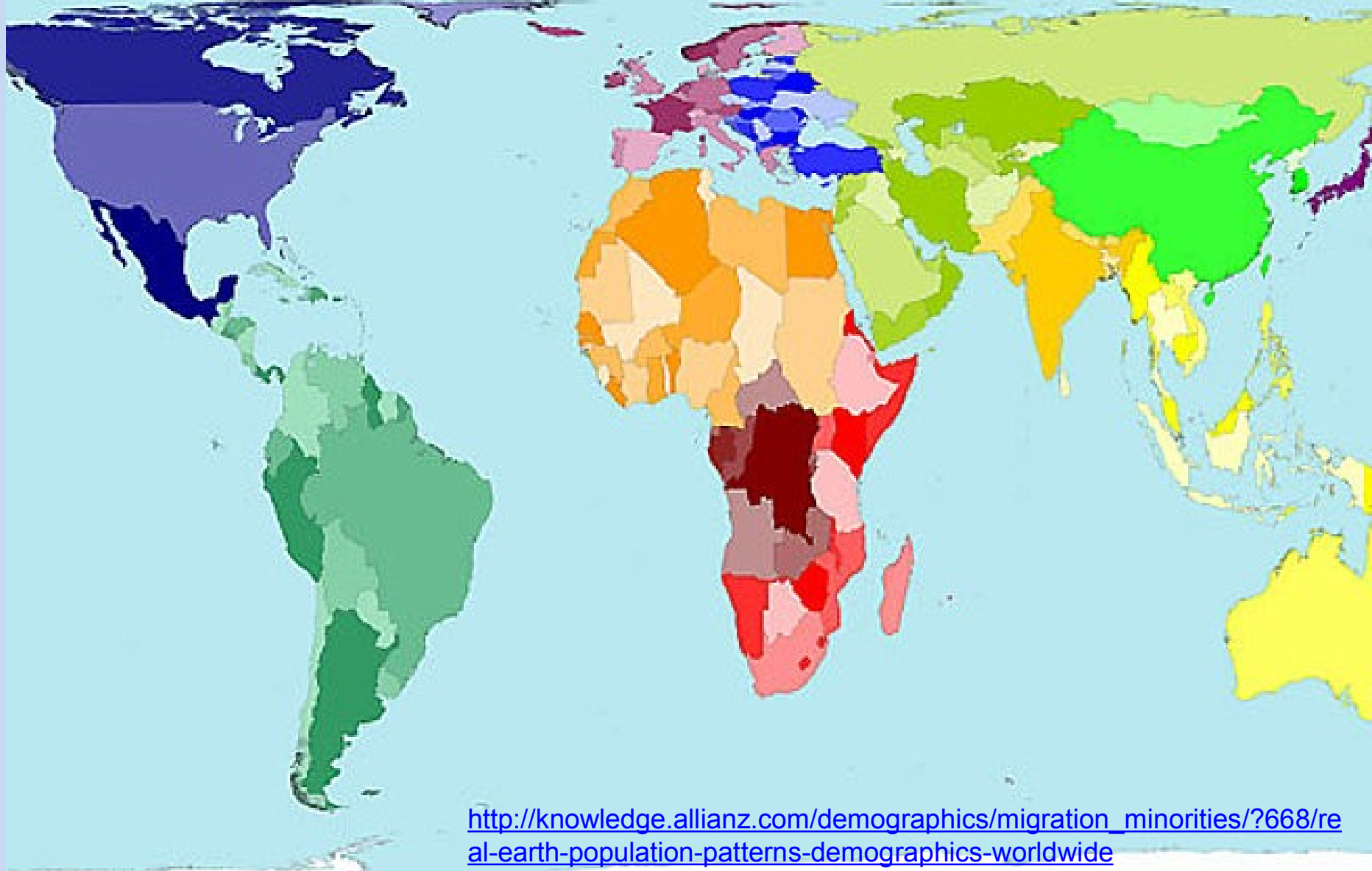
How many migrants?

- However, the percentage of migrants varies greatly from country to country. **Countries with a high percentage of migrants** include United Arab Emirates (83.7%), Qatar (73.8%), Kuwait (70%) and Singapore (42.9%), in Europe, Liechtenstein (33.1%) and Luxembourg (43.3%)
- **Countries with the lowest percentage of migrants** are represented by India and Haiti (0.4%), Tunisia and Peru (0.3%), Philippines and Somalia (0.2%), China, Indonesia, Madagascar and Vietnam (0.1%), from the European Union, Czech Republic (4.4%), Slovakia (3.3%), Bulgaria (1.2%), and Romania and Poland (0.9%).

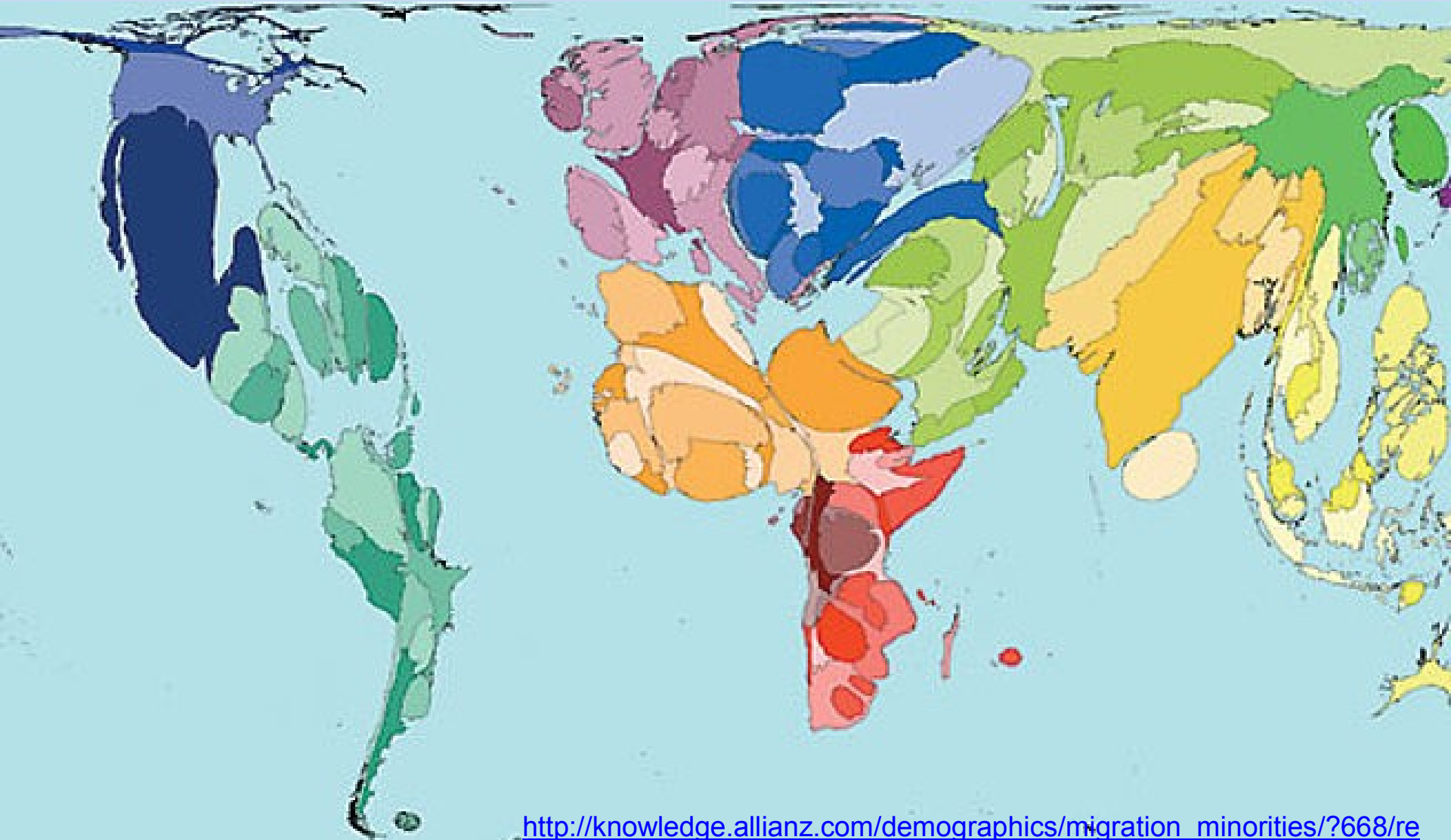
How many migrants?

- Facebook (1.86 billion as of December 2016)
- China (1.382 billion est. for 2016)
- India (1.326 billion est. for 2016)
- European Union (510 million as of January 2016)
- United States (324 million as of January 2017)
- Indonesia (260 million est. for 2016)
- ***International Migrants (244 million in 2015)***
- Brazil (209 million est. for 2016)
- Pakistan (192 million est. for 2016)
- Nigeria (186 million est. for 2016)

Where are the migrants? (total land mass)

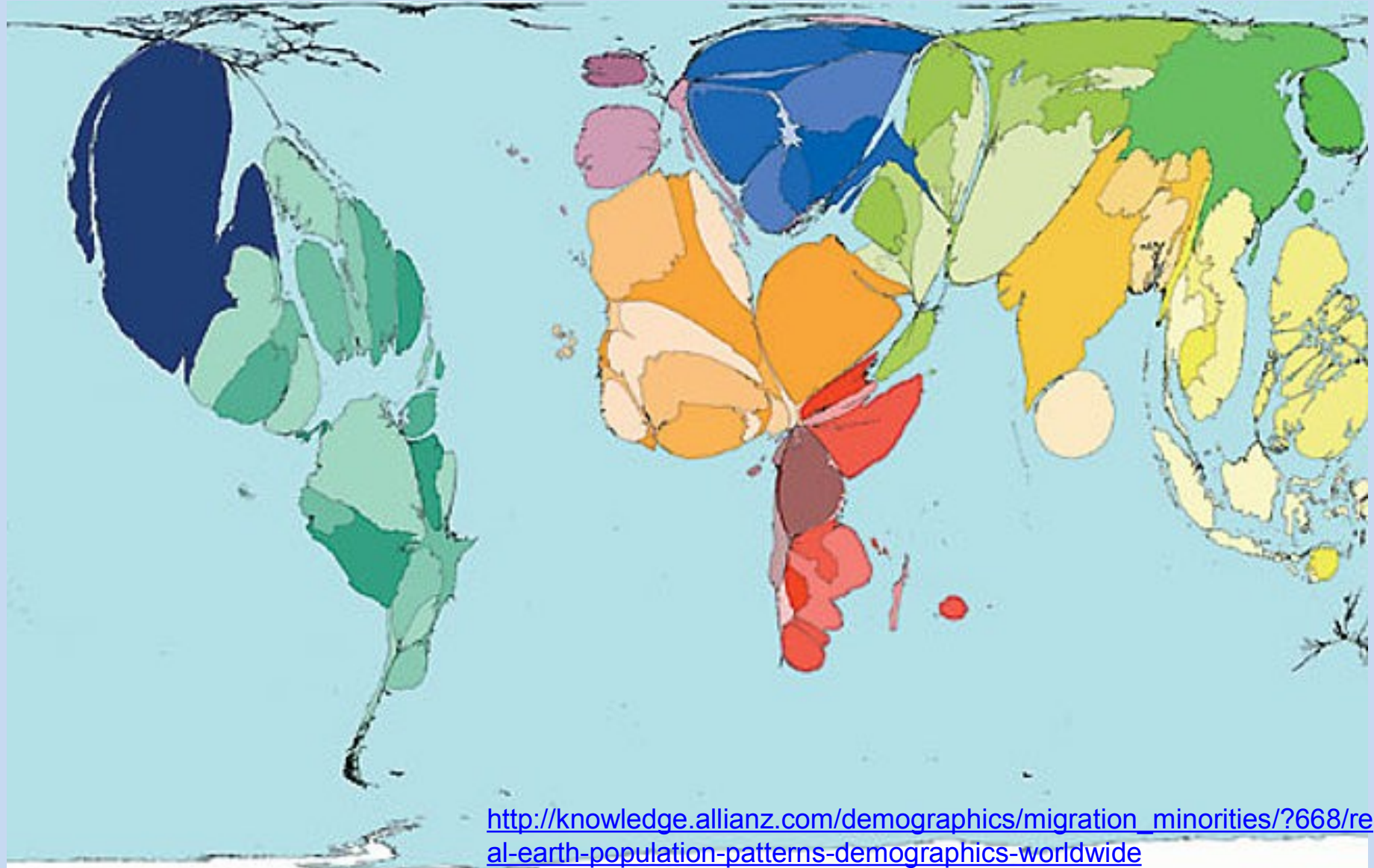


Where are the migrants? (emigrants)

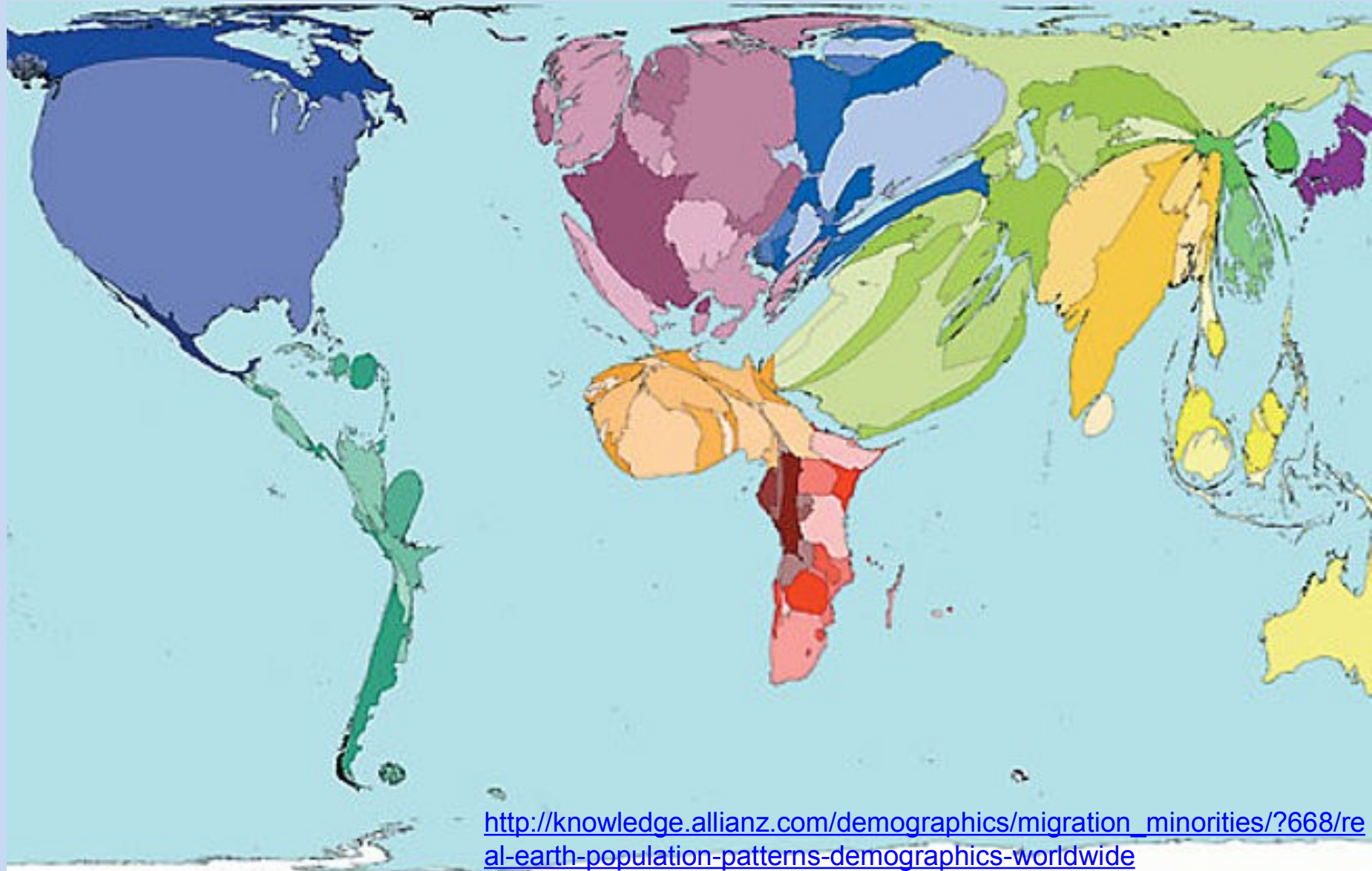


http://knowledge.allianz.com/demographics/migration_minorities/?668/real-earth-population-patterns-demographics-worldwide

Where are the migrants? (net emigration)



Where are the migrants? (immigrants)



Where are the migrants? (net immigration)

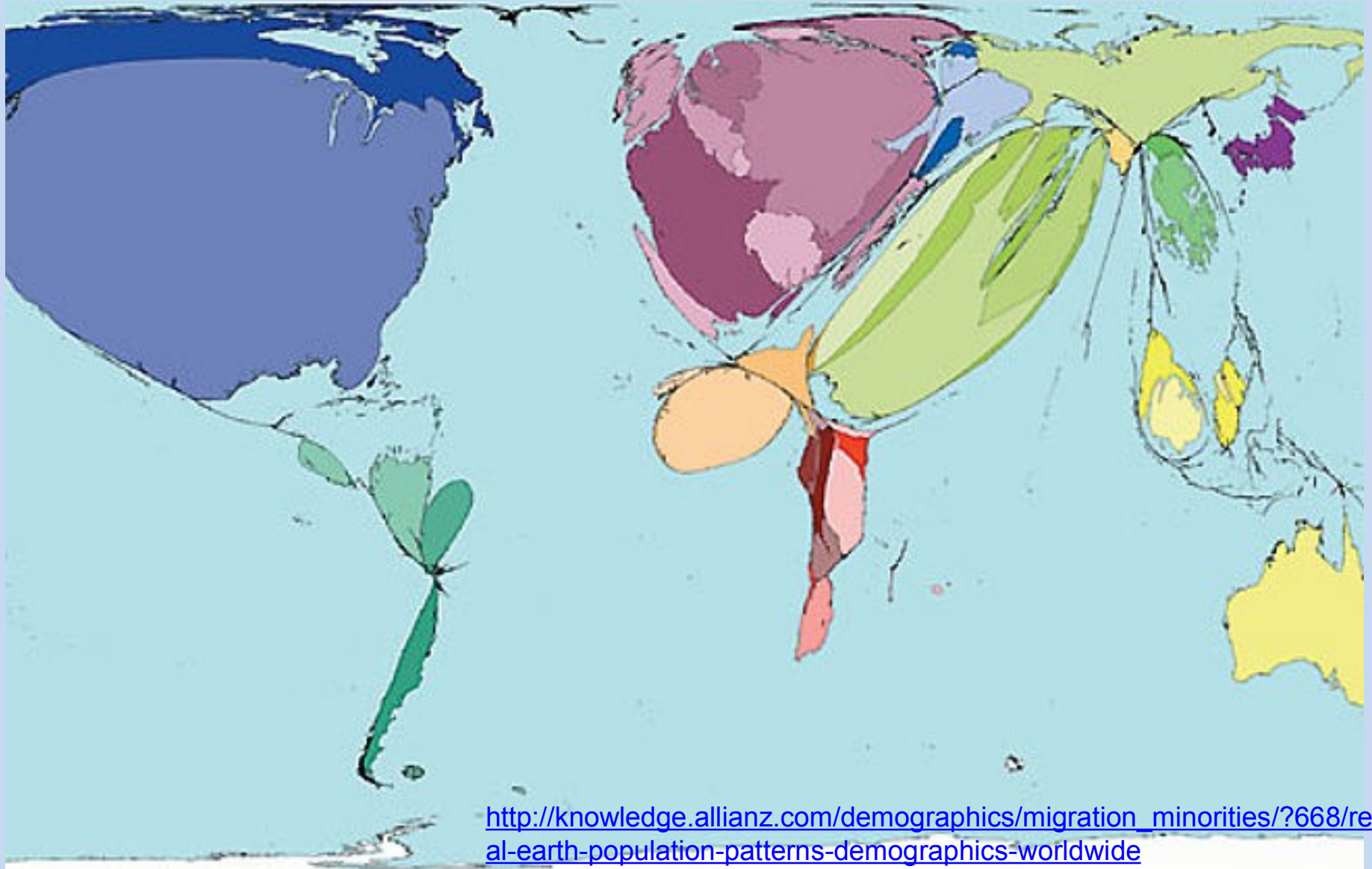
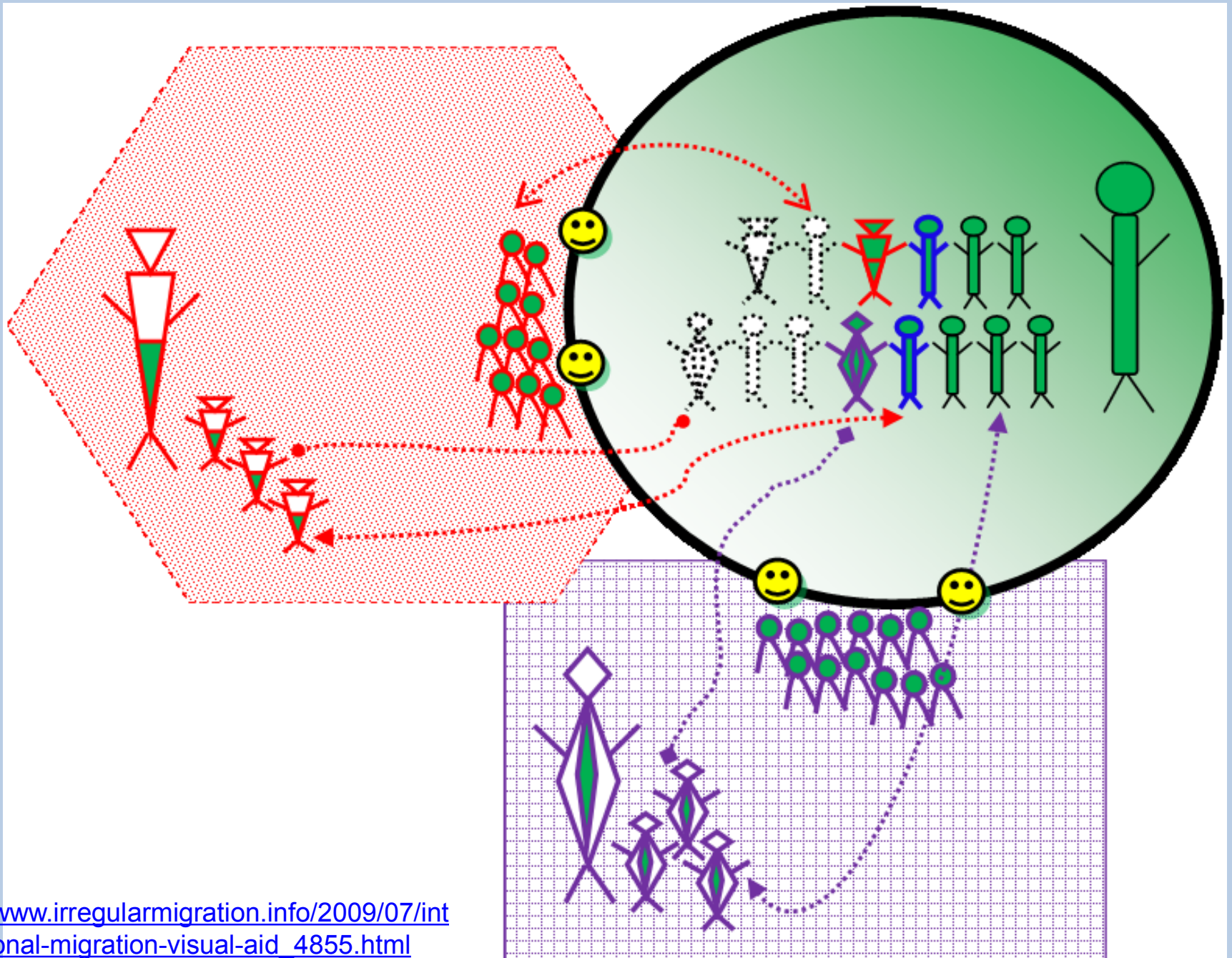


Diagram 1: The Starting and Continuation of International Migration





The average number of people displaced by natural disasters, including floods, storms and droughts, has averaged 22.5 million a year since 2008 and is growing.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION (IOM)

KEY MIGRATION TERMS:

<https://www.iom.int/key-migration-terms>

<http://www.iom.int/world-migration>

THE AGE OF MIGRATION PAGE WEBLINKS:

<http://www.age-of-migration.com/resources/weblinks.html>