

Why Migration Matters in the 21st Century, Part I: Who, How Many, Where?

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?

- **258 million in 2017** - Estimated number of **international migrants worldwide**, which has increased from an estimated 150 million in 2000. Growth slowed after 2010.
- **3.4%** - **Percentage of the world's population are migrants**. In other words, 1 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 more than 760 million that includes internal migrants.
- www.un.org/en/.../migration/.../migrationreport/.../MigrationReport2017_Highlights.pdf

How many migrants?

- **Top origins** of international migrants include:
- **India** (17 million)
- **Mexico** (13 million)
- **Russia** (11 million)
- **China** (10 million)
- **Bangladesh** (7 million)
- <http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2016/12/15/international-migration-key-findings-from-the-u-s-europe-and-the-world/>

How many migrants?

- **Top destinations** of international migrants include:
- **United States** (46.6 million)
- **Germany** (12.0 million)
- **Russia** (11.6 million)
- **Saudi Arabia** (10.2 million)
- **United Kingdom** (8.5 million).
- www.un.org/en/.../migration/.../migrationreport/.../MigrationReport2017_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 (88.4%), Qatar (65.2%), Kuwait (75.5%) and Bahrain (48.4%), in Europe, Liechtenstein (65.1%) and Luxembourg (45.3%)
- **Countries with the lowest percentage of migrants** are represented by India and Haiti (0.4%), Peru and Somalia (0.3%), Philippines (0.2%), China, Indonesia, Madagascar and Vietnam (0.1%), from the European Union, Czech Republic (4.1%), Slovakia (3.4%), Bulgaria (2.2%), and Romania (1.9%) and Poland (1.7%).

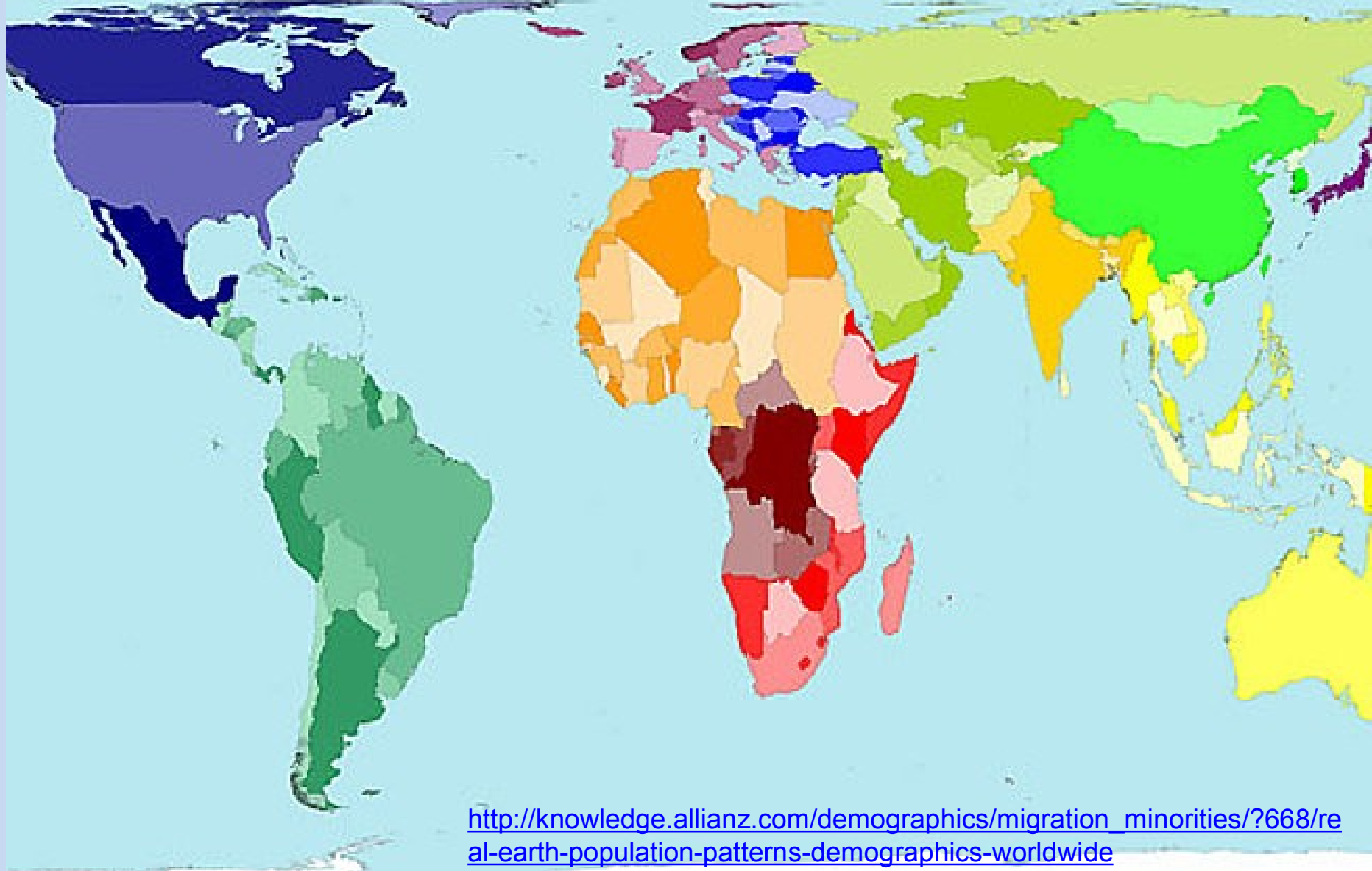
How many migrants?

- Facebook (2.23 billion as of June 2018)
- China (1.415 billion as of February 2018)
- India (1.354 billion as of February 2018)
- European Union (512 million as of January 2018)
- United States (326 million as of February 2018)
- Indonesia (266 million as of February 2018)
- ***International Migrants (258 million in 2017)***
- Brazil (210 million as of February 2018)
- Pakistan (201 million as of February 2018)
- Nigeria (196 million as of February 2018)

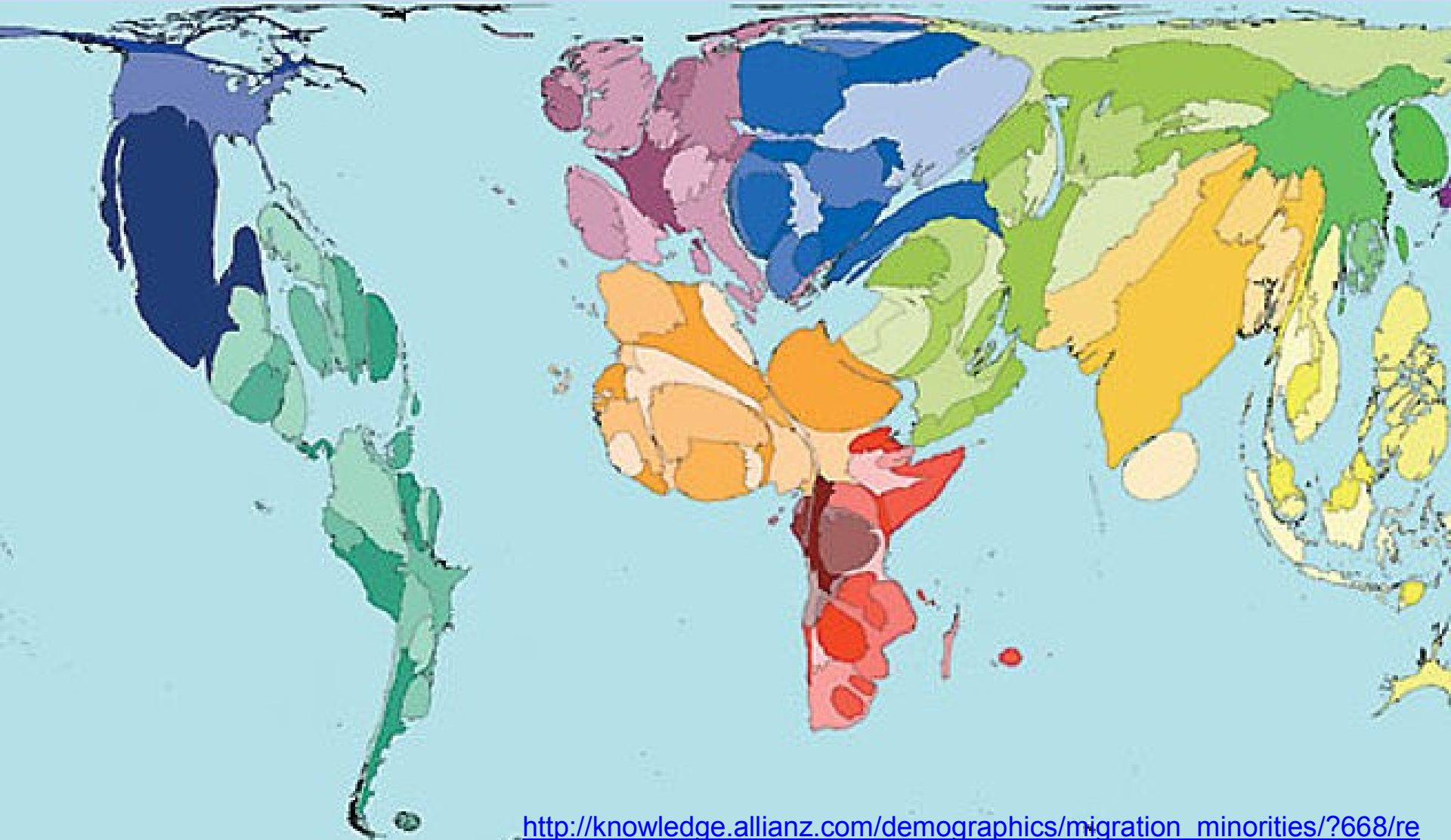


The average number of people displaced by natural disasters, including floods, storms and droughts, has averaged 22.5 million a year since 2008 and is growing. The expected number of climate-change induced migrants is 200 million by the year 2050.

Where are the migrants? (total land mass)

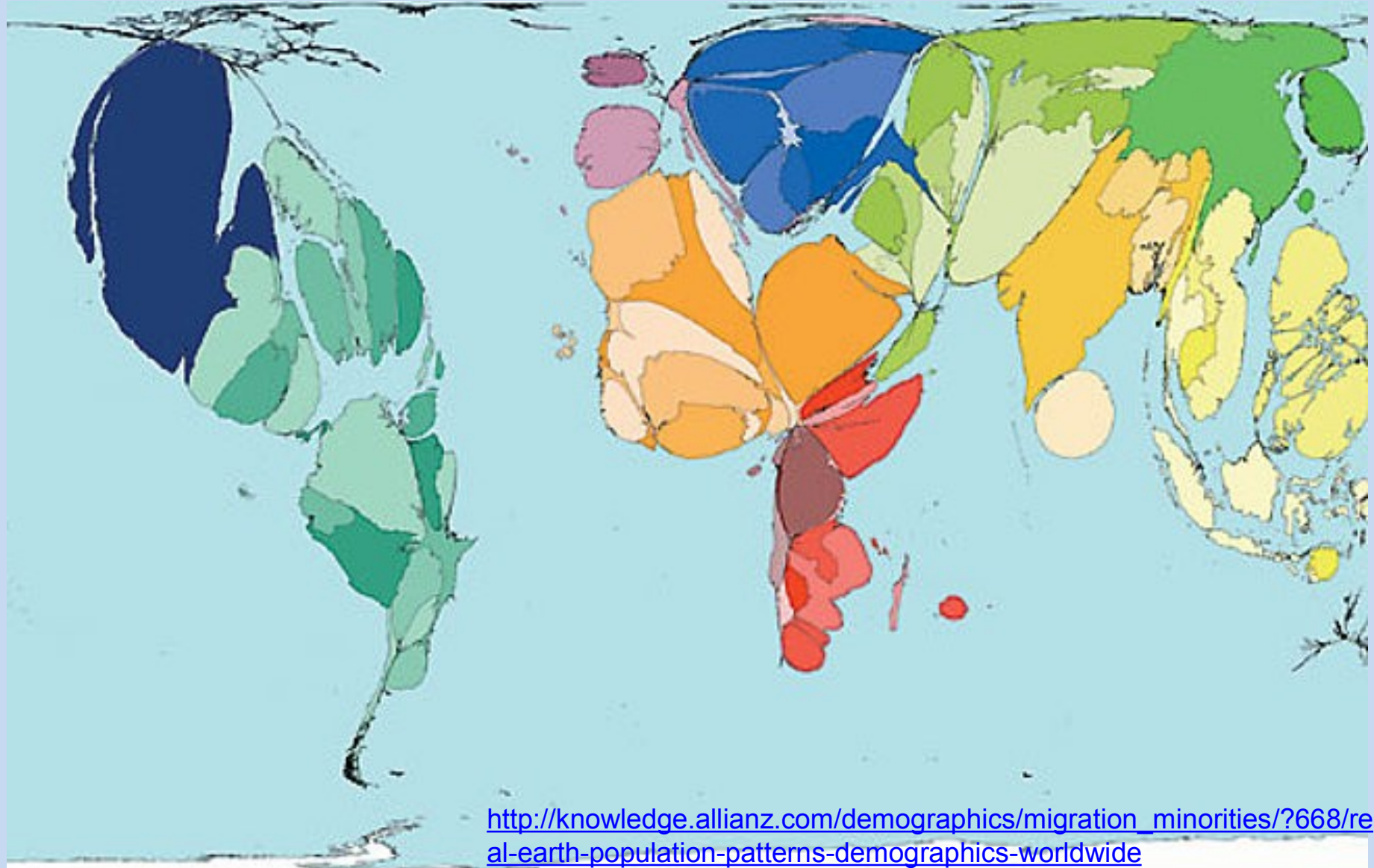


Where are the migrants? (emigrants)

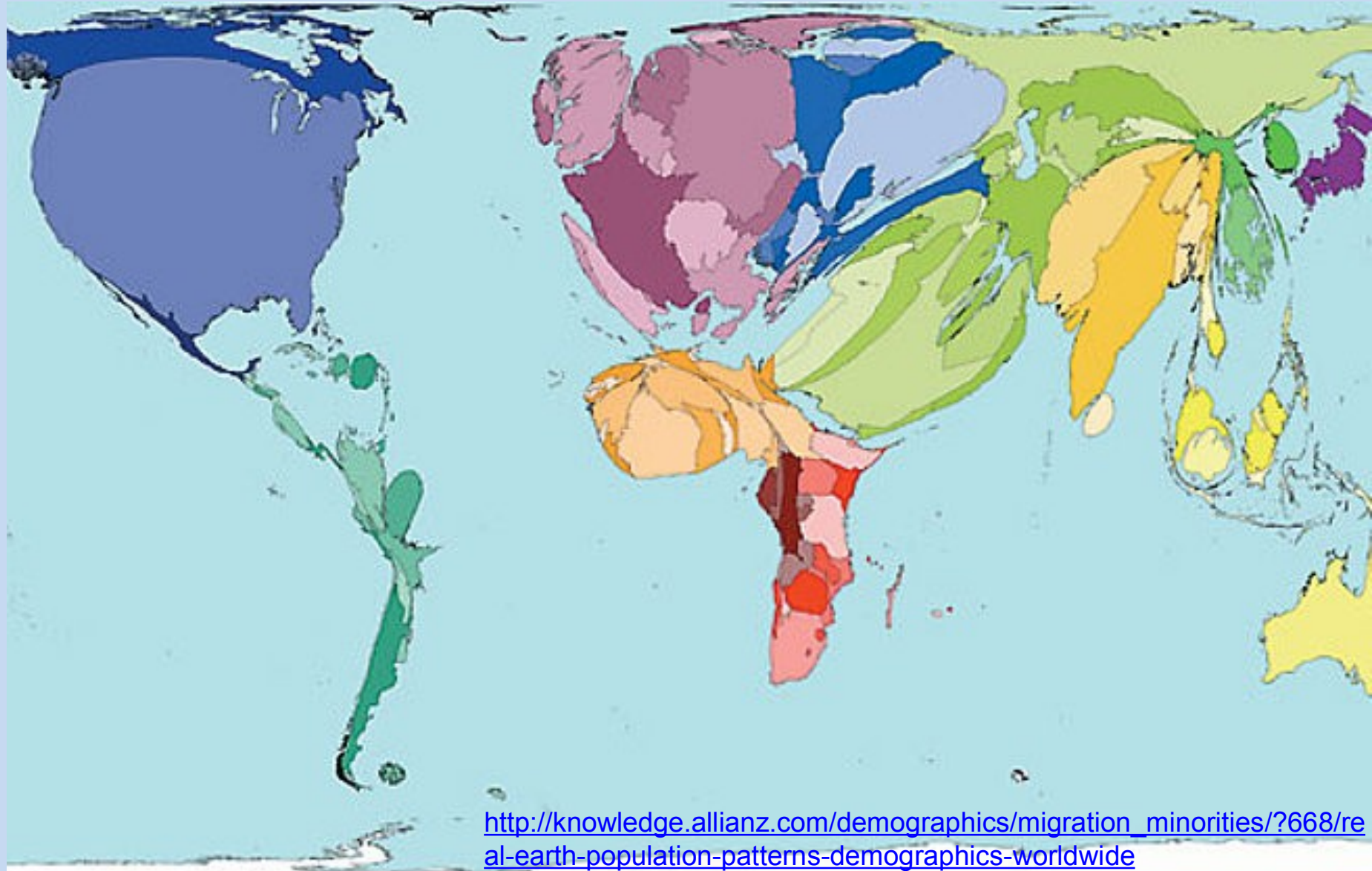


http://knowledge.allianz.com/demographics/migration_minorities/?668/real-earth-population-patterns-demographics-worldwide

Where are the migrants? (net emigration)



Where are the migrants? (immigrants)



Where are the migrants? (net immigration)

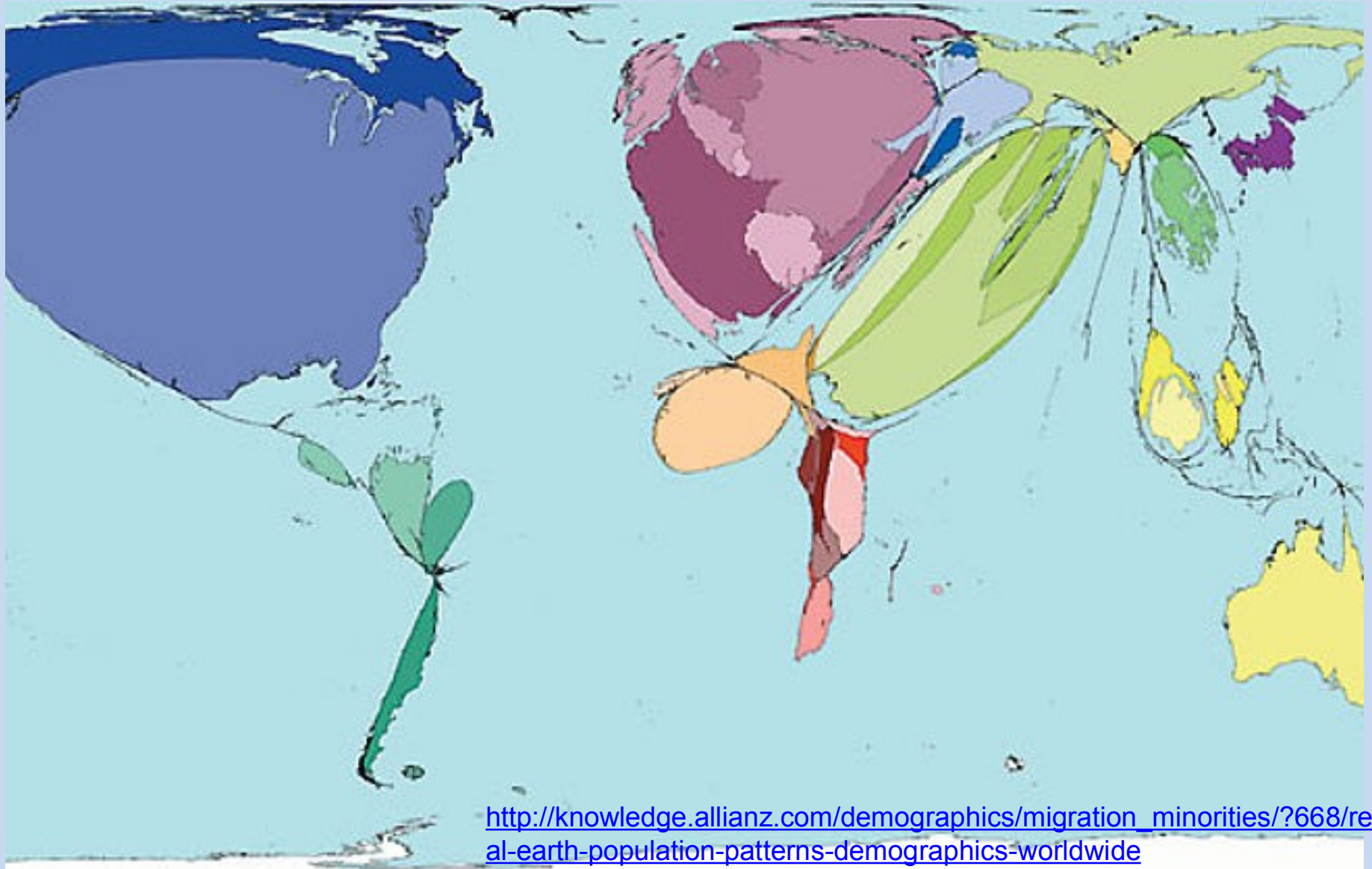
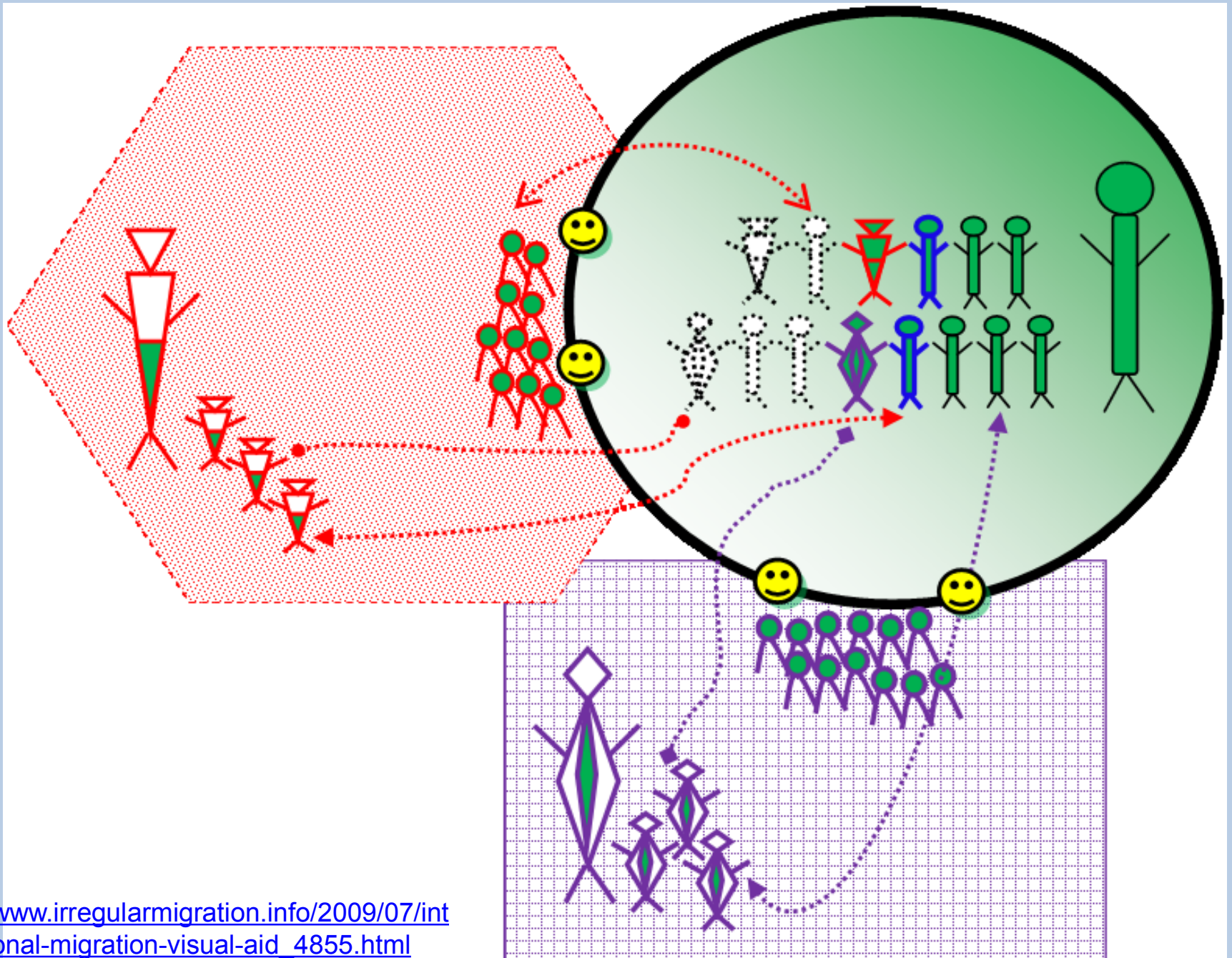


Diagram 1: The Starting and Continuation of International Migration



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>

Interactive Map for estimates of Migrants

- <http://migrationpolicy.org/programs/data-hub/charts/international-migrant-population-country-origin-and-destination>

