THE PUERTO RICAN DIASPORA IN TIMES OF CRISIS

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This lecture will focus on contemporary Puerto Rican migration to the United States, which has broken historical records established in the 1950s. To begin, the lecture will identify the basic causes of the rising exodus from the Island, including growing public debt, chronic unemployment, and poverty. Second, it will underline the multiple impacts of recent population losses on Puerto Rico, such as an aging population and the export of skilled labor. Third, it will analyze the changing socioeconomic profile of contemporary migrants from the Island. Finally, it will assess the socioeconomic repercussions of the diaspora for a country experiencing an economic recession since 2006.

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