Vietnamese American trajectories: Dimensions of diaspora

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Trajectories of the Filipino Diaspora. E San Juan Jr. Now the largest cohort in the Asian American group, Filipinos have become the newest diasporic community in the whole world: 7 million Filipino migrant workers, mostly female domestic help, work in the Middle East, Asia, and Europe, North America, and elsewhere. Diasporic groups are historically defined not only by a homeland but also by a desire for eventual return and a collective identity centred on myths and memories of the homeland. The Filipino diaspora, however, is different. I might begin by situating the Filipino diaspora within its Asian-American configuration—since I am based here in the United States and my intervention proceeds from a concrete historic milieu.