

# In Between Push/Pull and Macro/Micro: Migrant and Immigrant Mobility, Third Parties and the Process of Border Crossing

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International migration today involves much more than the operation of broad macro level forces that push and pull individuals and groups of people to move. It also involves more than the individual and family level calculations of the costs and benefits of moving. In many ways, the international mobility of students, workers, visitors and family members today is facilitated by third parties, or what some have called 'the immigration industry'. This paper will provide a broad historical overview of the various third parties involved in the so-called immigration industry in Canada and the roles they have played in facilitating international migration. The paper will conclude with some thoughts about the role that immigration consultants and other third parties play in facilitating international migration today.