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IMMIGRATION AND IDENTITIES: RACE AND ETHNICITY IN A CHANGING UNITED STATES

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In the last half century, the United States has undergone a profound demographic transformation in the wake of a massive inflow of immigrants. In 2014, immigrants represented approximately 13 percent of the U.S. population; together with their U.S. born children the figure was nearly 25 percent, a remarkable 80 million people. This growth in immigration, mainly from Latin America, Asia, and the Caribbean, has altered the racial and ethnic composition of the nation. The non-Hispanic white population in the United States declined from 83 to 62 percent between 1970 and 2014, while the Hispanic population grew from 4 to 17 percent in the same period. Asians, less than one percent of the U.S. population in 1970, are now slightly more than five percent. Indeed, Asians are currently the fastest-growing immigrant group. The number of black immigrants (from Africa and the Caribbean) has also increased, with approximately one out of ten blacks in the United States now foreign-born. What is also notable in recent years is the geographic spread of immigrants away from traditional receiving states to new gateways, especially in the southern and midwestern United States. The result has been greater racial and ethnic diversity in a wide swath of urban and rural neighborhoods across the country. In seeking to understand the effects of the changing ethnic, racial, and immigrant-origin composition of the U.S. population and the growing racial/ethnic diversity throughout the country, this issue of *RSF* puts the spotlight on shifts in ethnic, racial and national identities, including the nature of these shifts and their implications. It has a three-pronged focus: (1) how those of immigrant origin as well as long-established natives have come to identify themselves in terms of race, ethnicity, and nationality; (2) how members of each group are viewed and categorized by others in terms of ethnicity and race; and (3) the impact of these identity processes on interactions among members of different ethnoracial groups. We invite proposals from scholars across a wide variety of social science disciplines, including anthropology, economics, geography, political science, psychology, sociology, and urban studies. We also welcome contributions based on qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods approaches, as well as large-scale national and/or small-scale studies. In addition, we are interested in proposals that bring together insights from, and aim to bridge the sometimes separate, existing literatures on race, ethnicity, and immigration.

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Prospective contributors should submit a CV and an abstract (up to two pages in length, single or double spaced) of their study along with up to two pages of supporting material (e.g. tables, figures, pictures, etc) no later than 5 PM EST on May 2, 2016 to:

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A conference will take place at RSF in New York City on **February 17, 2017**. The selected contributors will gather for a one-day workshop to present draft papers (due on 1/17/17, a month prior to the conference) and receive feedback from the other contributors and editors. Travel costs, food, and lodging will be covered by the foundation. Papers will be circulated before the conference. After the conference, the authors will submit their final drafts on or before April 28, 2017. The papers will then be sent out to two additional scholars for peer review. Having received feedback from reviewers and the RSF board, authors will revise their papers before August 1, 2017. The full and final issue will be published in the spring of 2018. Papers will be published open access on the RSF website as well as in several digital repositories, including JSTOR and UPCC/Muse.

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