



# **Bound for the Homeland: Australian and Vietnamese Migration Systems**

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## Abstract

The collapse of the South Vietnamese state caused an outflow of Vietnamese initially into South East Asia and later to Australia and a number of other third countries, in North America and Europe. The aim of this study is to examine the impacts of this phenomenon upon the development of other macro-level interactions between Australia and Viet Nam, especially other population movements and flows of money, goods and information. A migration systems approach is adopted in seeking to understand these flows as part of a complex set of two way interactions between sending and receiving countries. This approach also seeks to understand the way in which international migration, in this case refugee flows, have influenced and have been influenced by flows of people, money, goods and information. This approach has been advocated by several writers, but there have been only a few attempts to empirically test it's basic tenets. This study attempts to do this by examining closely some aspects of a simple case of flows between two countries, Australia and Viet Nam.

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