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Review

Reading this book is rewarding in many ways. It raises the awareness that migration is an intrinsic feature of human existence, indicative of as well as instrumental to development. The confrontation with 200,000 years development of the homo sapiens puts the present perception of globalisation into a perspective, which opens up a considerably wider scope for the future. The confrontation of the diverse approaches not only widens our horizon but serves, at the same time, as an antidote against prejudices based on incidental single aspects." Jorn Janssen, *CLR-News*, No 2 (2010) 75-76. Gelungen ist [es] den Herausgebern mit der Fokussierung auf die historischen Migrationsprozesse in Ozeanien, Afrika und den Amerikas der letzten 100.000 Jahre. Nachhaltig zeigen die Beiträge des Sammelbandes, dass Migration eher das "aussergewöhnliche Normale" als die aktuelle Ausnahme darstellt; oder, wie es die Herausgeber formulieren wurden: *World History ist Migration History* Andreas Huebner, *KULT_online*, No 27 (2011)"

From the Back Cover

Migration is the talk of the town. On the whole, however, the current situation is seen as resulting from unique political upheavals. Such a-historical interpretations ignore the fact that migration is a fundamental phenomenon in human societies from the beginning and plays a crucial role in the cultural, economic, political and social developments and innovations. So far, however, most studies are limited to the last four centuries, largely ignoring the spectacular advances made in other disciplines which study the deep past, like anthropology, archaeology, population genetics and linguistics, and that reach back as far as 80.000 years ago. This is the first book that offers an overview of the state of the art in these disciplines and shows how historians and social scientists working in the recent past can profit from their insights.

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