

Global migration presents a complex and formidable challenge to post-modern societies, constantly testing the national, political, social, cultural, ethnic, religious and linguistic parameters that are often felt to define them. Fundamental identity issues arise on both sides of the encounter, affecting migrants themselves as well as the host societies that the latter must contend with. Social and personal isolation, cultural exclusion, racial aggression, militant nationalism, and various additional forms of political and social radicalization are among the disturbing general phenomena concomitant with states and processes of migrational interchange. These have influenced, and continue to influence, the political order in more or less profound ways, occasionally threatening its stability even in societies with long and consistent democratic traditions.

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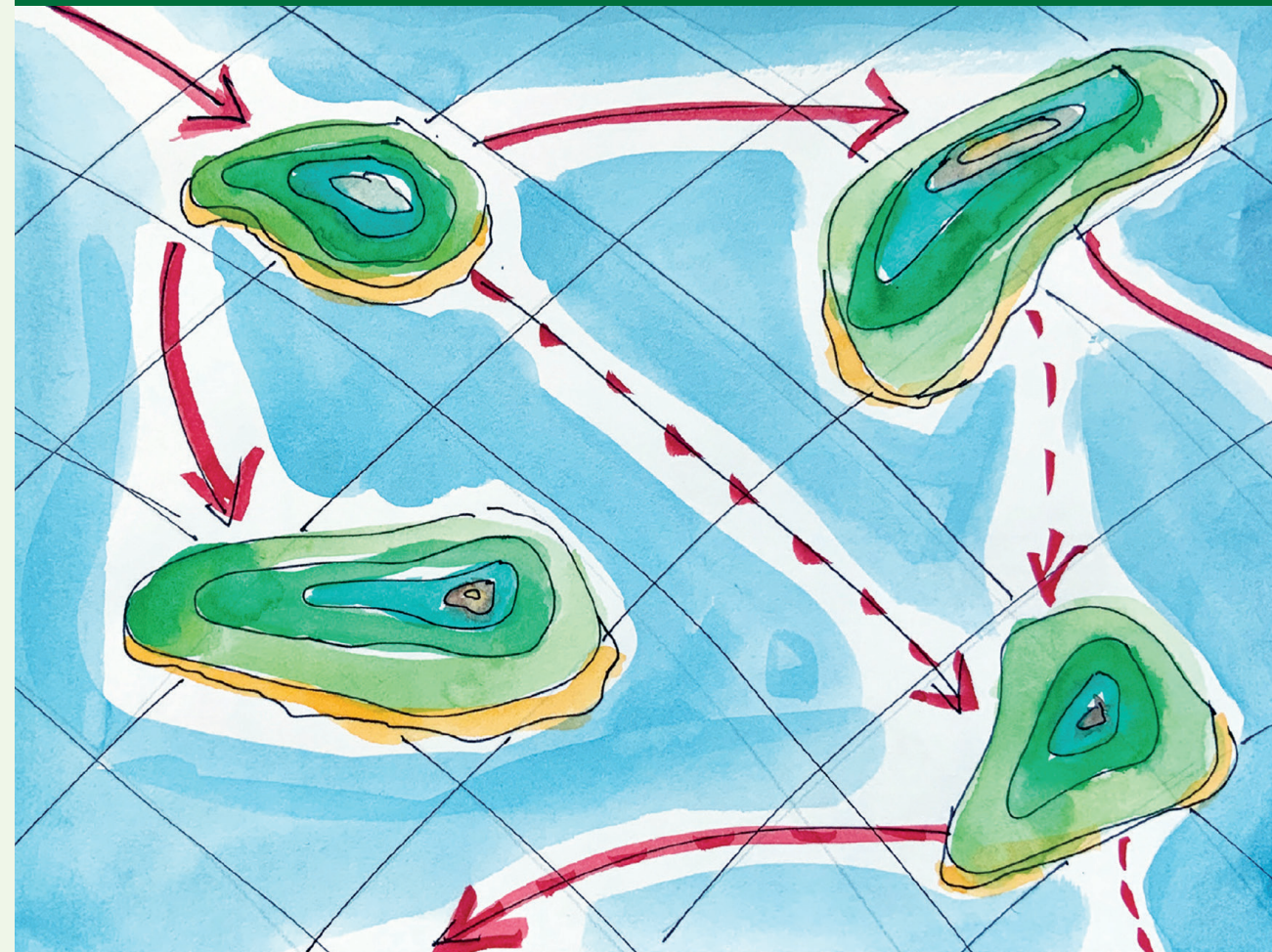
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