POSTCOLONIALISM, RACE, AND IMMIGRATION REGULATION IN SINGAPORE AND THE UNITED STATES

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Abstract
Upon gaining independence, postcolonial societies must forge conceptions of national identities that amalgamate racially and culturally diverse populations assembled by imperial prerogatives. Such ideological projects are institutionalized through immigration regulations that are the most direct mechanisms available to national governments to shape their populations. A comparison of the evolution of immigration regulations in the distinctive “nation(s) of immigrants” of the United States, a white settler society, and of Singapore, a Southeast Asian city-state highlights the racialized migration policies of the British empire which produced disparate demographics. The resulting postcolonial nations pursued distinctive “racial conservation” agendas revealed in contrasting interpretations of multiracialism but comparable immigration regulation systems.

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