

An Introduction to the Study of Highly Skilled Immigrants

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This essay examines how the sovereign states are struggling to adjust in the realm of immigration policy within the contemporary borderless world. The intention of *Globalization-Taiohgata-Kokka* (nations strategically responding to globalization), a term articulated by Professor Takeshi Nobayashi, is not to reject the forceful wave of globalization; instead, they try to ride the wave so that they can extract as many benefits as possible. Their immigration policies reflect their strategies to attract highly skilled foreign workers and to ride the wave of Brain Circulation. Recent developments in the immigration policies of the United States and China are examined to illustrate the point. The essay concludes by considering some further research questions for the study of highly skilled immigrants and their ambivalent relationships to the *Globalization-Taiohgata-Kokka*.