

# **Immigration Movement for Brazil in the 21st Century: The Crisis of 2008 Makes Thousands of High-Skilled Workers Move to Brazil for Better Job Opportunities**

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**Abstract.** The economic crises that developed capitalist countries faced in the beginning of this century cause thousands of Americans and Europeans to leave their countries in search of better working conditions. These new immigrants are heading to emerging countries like Brazil that by presenting a more solid economy and little affected by the crisis is attracting more and more professionals from developed countries that are likely to fill the gap of lack of qualified professionals in the country. The objective of this article is to study the high-skilled immigration to Brazil in the 21st century. Through survey data obtained from the Ministry of Labour of Brazil [2012] the largest contingent of immigrants comes from the United States, Asia and Europe. However, Europeans make up the largest group of skilled immigrants in Brazil today. We intend to analyze these immigrants by, professional activity, the areas they work in Brazil and gender. We use reports on the life history of these immigrants with personal accounts about the advantages and disadvantages of working in a country so distant and multiethnic as Brazil.