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UCSB Affiliates Town Forum To Look At Immigration Law

Recently, Congress has enacted several pieces of legislation in an effort to address growing national concern about issues of immigration, particularly illegal immigration. According to John S.W. Park, professor of Asian American Studies at UC Santa Barbara, however, many of the bills are difficult to enforce and fraught with unintended consequences.

Park will speak on "The Trouble with Immigration: Immigration Law and Immigrants in the United States Since 1990" at a UCSB Affiliates Town Forum lecture Tuesday, Nov. 14. He will discuss all aspects of immigration law, including enforcement and border issues, illegal immigration, the migration of the highly skilled, and family reunification.

The lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 21 East Constance Ave. in Santa Barbara. Tickets are \$8 for Affiliates and Chancellor's Council members and \$10 for the general public. Advance registration is recommended by calling the UCSB Office of Community Relations at 893-4388.

"The talk is entitled 'The Trouble With Immigration' because one major point I'd like to get across is just the sheer difficulty of formulating and implementing a comprehensive immigration plan," said Park.

Park, who writes and teaches on topics in race theory, immigration law and policy, and Anglo-American legal and political theory, earned a Ph.D. in jurisprudence and social policy at UC Berkeley's Boalt Hall. He has a Master's degree in public policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He is the author of "Elusive Citizenship: Immigration, Asian Americans, and the Paradox of Civil Rights" (New York University Press, 2004), and "Probationary Americans" (Routledge, 2005), which he co-wrote with his brother, Edward J.W. Park, the director of the Asian Pacific American Studies Program at Loyola Marymount University.

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