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Transnational elites in the city: British highly-skilled inter-company transferees in New York city's financial district

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Beyond brain-drain, migration specialists have been interested in studying the 'highly-skilled' over the last 20 years (Koser and Salt [1997](#)). Structural changes in the world economy, the rise of globalisation, the increasing power of information technology, the growth of employment beyond the local-national boundaries, and the emergence of non-permanent migration now represent a new authority of the temporary circulation of labour (the



subject of this paper); (b) technical/visiting 'firemen'; (c) professionals (e.g. health, NGOs); (d) project specialists (e.g. engineering contractors); (e) consultant specialists (e.g. management); (f) private career development and training (e.g. nurses); (g) clergy and missionaries; (h) entertainers, sportspeople and artists (e.g. models); (i) independently wealthy; (j) academics; (k) military personnel; (l) dependents of all the above. Of course, upon naturalisation, all of the above, with exceptions, have the ability to become a settler migrant.

This research was executed before the destruction of the World Trade Centre on 11 September 2001.

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