

and

The Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies  
Special Book Launch and Lecture

# Matthew Light

## Fragile Migration Rights

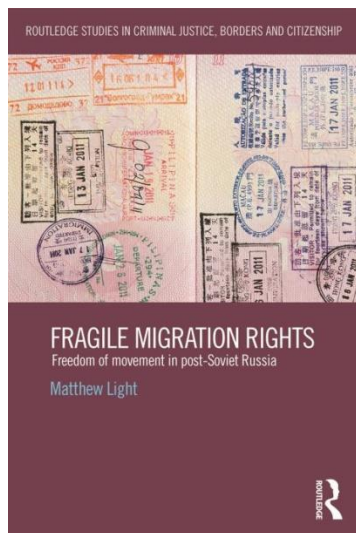
Freedom of movement in post-Soviet Russia

Thursday April 21, 2016 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Room 208N

Munk School of Global Affairs Trinity Site

1 Devonshire Place, University of Toronto



March 2016  
| 224 pages | 4 B/W Illus

Series: *Routledge Studies in Criminal  
Justice, Borders and Citizenship*

The Soviet Union comprehensively governed the mobility of its citizens by barring emigration and strictly regulating internal migration. In the aftermath of the Soviet collapse, the constitution and laws of the new Russian Federation appeared to herald a complete break with the repressiveness of the previous government. Russian law now proclaims the right of Russian citizens and residents to move around their country freely.

This book examines how and why this post-Soviet legal promise of internal freedom of movement has been undermined in practice by both federal and regional policies. It thereby adds a new dimension to scholarly understanding of the nature of rights, citizenship, and law enforcement in contemporary Russia. Most contemporary works focus on the attempts of developed Northern countries to regulate migration from the global South to the global North: here Matthew Light examines the restriction of migration within Soviet and post-Soviet Russia, providing a comprehensive view into an area rarely explored within migration scholarship.

*Fragile Migration Rights* develops a comprehensive theoretical framework to analyse this complex subject. It is essential reading for students and academics from a range of disciplines including criminology, human rights, migration studies, and political science.

*Matthew Light is associate professor at the Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies, University of Toronto. He received his Ph.D. in political science from Yale University in 2006. Light studies migration control, policing and criminal justice, and corruption, primarily in the post-Soviet region. His work has been published in Law and Social Inquiry, Theoretical Criminology, Post-Soviet Affairs, and Policing and Society.*

This event is open to the public. Registration: [munkschool.utoronto.ca/events/](http://munkschool.utoronto.ca/events/)