Meeting time and method: Wednesday, 9.30-12.30. Canvas-based synchronous online discussion
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Synopsis
Geography 535 course is designed to introduce a broad set of issues and approaches to the study of international migration and settlement. The first part of the course will survey key concepts and theories of migration, and the question of regulation, particularly the balance of power between the international order vs. national regulatory systems. This will involve a discussion of how migration policies are framed and operationalized. Next, we consider several major issues that intersect with migration: national security, technology, and gender. The third set of seminars will focus on what could be called ‘transactional’ concerns: how people traverse boundaries and make connections between places; and how Europe attempts to control migration from surrounding regions, as well as migrants within the EU. Finally, the course will close on the question of integration policies and processes, particularly the recent challenges to the idea of multiculturalism (which was so widely supported a generation ago), and the concern that has arisen over the relationship between diversity and social cohesion.

Evaluation of students
- Major essay of 5,000 words, due Monday, December 14, 2020 (80%).
  - The topic must be approved by the instructor, preferably by the end of October.
- Class contribution (20%), based upon:
  - General contribution to discussion.
  - Each week we will begin our conversation with a round-table survey of the students, who will each have an opportunity to raise issues they would like to discuss during the seminar (2-3 minutes each). The ability of students to help shape the nature of our debate will also be taken into consideration in assigning the course contribution grade.

I have an office hour on Tuesdays at 10-30-11.30. For other times, please send me an email to set something up. I hope to communicate with each of you privately at least once, and ideally a couple of times, over the term.

Topics and readings

Topic 1 (September 9): Introduction to the course
- Please familiarize yourself with the international agencies that deal with migration, especially the UNHCR, IOM, and GFMD.
- Also have a look at the website of the Migration Policy Institute in Washington, DC.
Topic 2 (September 16): The ethics of migration: who is mobile?

- Q&A with Joseph Carens: http://munkschool.utoronto.ca/ethnicstudies/2015/01/joe-carens-the-ethics-of-immigration/

Topic 3 (September 23): Conceptual approaches

- EITHER
  OR

Topic 4 (September 30): The international order and the regulation of migration

- Bartels, Inken (2017) “‘We must do it gently.’ The contested implementation of the IOM’s migration management in Morocco” Migration Studies 5(3): 315-336 https://doi.org/10.1093/migration/mnx054
- Ferris, E.E. and Martin, S.F. (2019) “The Global Compacts on Refugees and for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration: Introduction to the Special Issue” International Migration 57: 5-18. doi:10.1111/imig.12668 (if you have the time, you might also want to take a few minutes to look at the compacts themselves, thought they are really dense and legalistic; they are really easy to find online).

Topic 5 (October 7): Migration, states, policies 1: State sovereignty and policy systems


That’s already enough to read, but FYI this is also a very useful paper: Erica Dobbs, Peggy Levitt, Sonia Parella & Alisa Petroff (2019) Social welfare grey zones: how and why subnational actors provide when nations do not,” Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, 45(9): 1595-1612, DOI: 10.1080/1369183X.2018.1432343

Topic 6 (October 14): Migration, states, policies 2: case study of Operation Syrian Refugee
• Everyone should read these two:
• And then pick any two others from this list:
Topic 7 (October 21): **COVID and international migration**

- A small selection of popular articles:

- A small selection from think tanks and research organizations:
  - https://www.cgdev.org/blog/migrant-health-workers-are-covid-19-frontline-we-need-more-them
  - IOM Migration & Covid Updates: https://www.iom.int/migration-research/covid-19-analytical-snapshot

- Emerging academic publications (more to be added later – several journals have upcoming special issues on COVID and migration):
  - ...to be continued...

Topic 8 (October 28): **Borders, security, detention**


Topic 9 (October 28): **Changing technologies and migration**

- McAuliffe, Marie (2019) Presentation at the Ottawa International Metropolis conference. The slides are here: https://www.internationalmetropolis2019.ca/assets/pdf/Marie-Mcauliffe-eng.pdf And a video of the presentation is here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qV8TNc5eLCY&list=PLy7_P3UwtxMseV1bblFieGM1q0DQEhG6R&index=5
- Just give this a light read for the main points (and ignore the heavy-going econometric analysis): Müller, Karsten and Schwarz, Carlo (2018) “Fanning the Flames of Hate: Social Media and Hate
Topic 10 (November 4): **Gendered perspectives on migration**


November 11: class cancelled due to Remembrance Day holiday

Topic 11 (November 18): **Crossing borders, making decisions, making connections**


Topic 12 (November 25): **Europe and the politics of migration**


Topic 13 (December 2): **Integration debates**

