Meeting time and place: Wednesday, 9.30-12.30. Room 223. Geography Building
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Synopsis
This 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 a number of key concepts and theories of migration, with emphasis on the role of the state and regulatory systems—that is, how migration policies are framed and operationalized. We will also consider the relationship between national security and migration, an issue that has arisen in the wake of 9-11 and other terrorist incidents. The second part will concentrate on elements connecting places of origin and destination, and will explore key debates in countries of sustained migrant settlement, particularly Europe where we will consider the relationship between migration and the national (or supra-national) imaginary, as well as the relationship between asylum, human rights, and attempts to regulate (supra)national borders. 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 Friday, December 14, 2018 (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 (1 minute 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.

Note: I plan to be away twice: Wednesday, September 26, at a meeting of the Transatlantic Council on Migration; and on Wednesday, October 31, at the International Metropolis Conference, in Sydney, Australia. I will try to arrange a special class to make up for one of these absences – depending on whether we can find a time all of us can meet. I may be called away at another time in the term but I will try to ensure this does not happen.

My office hours this term are on Tuesday and Thursday, in the early afternoon. For other times, please send me an email to set something up. I hope to see each of you privately at least once, and ideally a couple of times, over the term.

Topics and readings

Topic 1 (September 5): Intro to the course
• Please familiarize yourself with the international agencies that deal with migration, especially the UNHCR, IOM, and GFMD.

Topic 2 (September 12): 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 19): Theoretical approaches

September 26: class cancelled

Topic 4 (October 3): International patterns 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
Here’s what it looks like when a UN Compact is approved: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nU8ZnRLUc3Y

Topic 5 (October 10): Migration, states, policies
Topic 6 (October 17): **Regulating borders**

Topic 7 (October 24): **Migration and security in a post-9/11 world**

October 31: class cancelled

Topic 8 (November 7): **Crossing borders and making connections**

Topic 9 (November 14): **Gendered perspectives on migration**
Topic 10 (November 21): **Europe and the politics of migration... with a diversion to the US**


Topic 11 (November 28): **Integration debates**


Optional topic 12: **Integration debates (2)**