

Geography 535, 2019 Fall term
An introduction to international migration and settlement
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Meeting time and place: Wednesday, 9.30-12.30. Room 223. Geography Building
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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 Friday, December 13, 2019 (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 for the week that includes Wednesday, October 9, at a meeting of the Transatlantic Council on Migration. 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 4): **Introduction to the course**

- Esipova, Neli, Anita Pugliese and Julie Ray (2018) *Gallup World Poll: More than 750 million worldwide would migrate if they could*. <https://news.gallup.com/poll/245255/750-million-worldwide-migrate.aspx>
- 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 11): **The ethics of migration: who is mobile?**

- Background: Pisarevskaya, Asya, Nathan Levy, Peter Scholten, and Joost Jansen (2019) "Mapping migration studies: An empirical analysis of the coming of age of a research field," *Migration Studies* <https://doi.org/10.1093/migration/mnz031> (27 pages)
- Q&A with Joseph Carens: <http://munkschool.utoronto.ca/ethnicstudies/2015/01/joe-carens-the-ethics-of-immigration/>
- Weiner, Myron (1996) "Ethics, National Sovereignty and the Control of Migration", *International Migration Review* 30(1): 171-197
- Bauböck, Rainer (2016) "Why liberal nationalism does not resolve the progressive's trilemma: Comment on Will Kymlicka's article: 'Solidarity in Diverse Societies'," *Comparative Migration Studies* 4 (1): doi.org/10.1186/s40878-016-0031-1
- Caroline Schultz (2019) "A prospect of staying? Differentiated access to integration for asylum seekers in Germany," *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, DOI: 10.1080/01419870.2019.1640376 (20 pages)

Topic 3 (September 18): **Theoretical approaches**

- Massey, Douglas S., Joaquin Arango, Graeme Hugo, Ali Kouaouci, Adela Pellegrino, J. Edward Taylor (1993) "Theories of International Migration: A Review and Appraisal", *Population and Development Review* 19(3): 431-466
- **EITHER**
Glick Schiller, Nina, Linda Basch and Cristina Blanc-Szanton (1992) "Transnationalism: A New Analytic Framework for Understanding Migration" *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences* 645: 1-24
- **OR**
Wimmer, Andraes, and Nina Glick-Schiller (2002) "Methodological nationalism and beyond: nation-state building, migration and the social sciences" *Global Networks* 2(4): 301-334
- Bonjour, Saskia, and Sébastien Chauvin (2018) "Social class, migration policy, and migration strategies" *International Migration* 56(4): 5-18
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/imig.12469>

Topic 4 (September 25): **The international order and the regulation of migration**

- Background (skim): UN (2018) *Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration. Final draft.* <https://www.un.org/pga/72/wp-content/uploads/sites/51/2018/07/migration.pdf> UN (2018) *The Global Compact on Refugees. Final Draft.* <https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/5b3295167.pdf>
Here's what it looks like when a UN Compact is approved:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nU8ZnRLUc3Y>
- 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>
- Stefan Rother (2019) "The Global Forum on Migration and Development as a venue of state socialisation: a stepping stone for multi-level migration governance?" *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 45(8): 1258-1274, DOI: 10.1080/1369183X.2018.1441605
- Martin, P. and Ruhs, M. (2019) "Labour Market Realism and the Global Compacts on Migration and Refugees." *International Migration*. doi:[10.1111/imig.12626](https://doi.org/10.1111/imig.12626) (11 pages)

Topic 5 (October 2): **Migration, states, policies**

- Wickramasekara, Piyasiri (2019) "Accession with low compliance: Sri Lanka's experience with the 1990 International Convention on Migrant Workers," *Migration and Development*, DOI: [10.1080/21632324.2019.1630171](https://doi.org/10.1080/21632324.2019.1630171) (22 pages)
- Czaika, M. and De Haas, H. (2013) "The Effectiveness of Immigration Policies", *Population and Development Review*, 39: 487-508
- Bonjour, Saskia (2011) "The Power and Morals of Policy Makers: Reassessing the Control Gap Debate", *International Migration Review* 45(1): 89-122
- Paquet, M. (2019) "Immigration, Bureaucracies and Policy Formulation: The Case of Quebec." *International Migration* doi:[10.1111/imig.12555](https://doi.org/10.1111/imig.12555) (16 pages)

Possible extra week on the policy process... (would require cancelling another week, such as Topic 11)

- Palmary, I., Gruchy, T., Ashraf, A. A., Koh, C. Y., Wee, K., Goh, C. and Yeoh, B. S. (2019) "How Unpopular Policies are Made: Examples from South Africa, Singapore and Bangladesh." *International Migration* 57: 254-268. doi:[10.1111/imig.12505](https://doi.org/10.1111/imig.12505)
- Lucy Mayblin (2019) "Imagining asylum, governing asylum seekers: Complexity reduction and policy making in the UK Home Office," *Migration Studies* 7(1): 1-20
- Sarah Spencer & Nicola Delvino (2019) "Municipal Activism on Irregular Migrants: The Framing of Inclusive Approaches at the Local Level," *Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies* 17(1): 27-43 DOI: 10.1080/15562948.2018.1519867
- 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

October 9: class cancelled

Topic 6 (October 16): **Borders and security**

- Mountz, A, and N Hiemstra (2014) "Chaos and crisis: Dissecting the sociotemporal logics of contemporary migrations and state practices", *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 104(2): 382-390.
- Philippe Bourbeau (2019) "Detention and immigration: Practices, crimmigration, and norms," *Migration Studies* 7(1): 83-99, <https://doi.org/10.1093/migration/mnx069>
- Micinski, N. R. (2019) "Are You a Terrorist? Comparing Security Screening for Iraqi Asylum Seekers in the United States and Sweden." *International Migration* 57: 58-74. doi:[10.1111/imig.12448](https://doi.org/10.1111/imig.12448)
- Ragazzi, Francesco (2016) "Suspect community or suspect category? The impact of counter-terrorism as 'policed multiculturalism'," *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 42:5, 724-741.
- Optional extra: Mary C. Waters (2016) "Crime and Immigration: New Forms of Exclusion and Discrimination" *Issues in Science and Technology* 33(1): 29-38.

Topic 7 (October 23): **Technology and migration**

- Background: McAuliffe, Marie (2019) ppt slides from a recent presentation at the Ottawa International Metropolis conference: <https://www.internationalmetropolis2019.ca/assets/pdf/Marie-McAuliffe-eng.pdf>
- Amoores, Louise (2006) "Biometric borders: Governing mobilities in the War on Terror" *Political Geography* 25: 336-351
- Thulin, Eva & Vilhelmson, Bertil (2014) "Virtual Practices and Migration Plans: A Qualitative Study of Urban Young Adults." *Population Space and Place* 20: 389-401
- Dekker, R., Engbersen, G., Klaver, J., & Vonk, H (2018) "Smart Refugees: How Syrian Asylum

Migrants Use Social Media Information in Migration Decision-Making." *Social Media + Society*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/2056305118764439>

- Explore: <https://peacegeeks.org/arrival-advisor>
- Skim: Müller, Karsten and Schwarz, Carlo (2018) "Fanning the Flames of Hate: Social Media and Hate Crime". <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3082972>

Topic 8 (October 30): **Gendered perspectives on migration**

- Background (for reference): Lutz, Helma (2010) "Gender in the migratory process", *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 36(10): 1647-1663
- Macklin, Audrey (2003) "Dancing Across Borders: "Exotic Dancers," Trafficking, and Canadian Immigration Policy", *International Migration Review* 37(2): 464-500
- Bhuyan, Rupaleem, and Bronwyn Bragg (2019) "Epistemologies of bordering: Domestic violence advocacy with marriage migrants in the shadow of deportation," *Migration Studies*, <https://doi.org/10.1093/migration/mnz025> (20 pages)
- Vives, Luna & Iria Vazquez Silva (2017) "Senegalese migration to Spain: transnational mothering practices", *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 43:3, 495-512
- Eva A. Duda-Mikulín (2018) Gendered migrations and precarity in the post-Brexit-vote UK: the case of Polish women as workers and carers, *Migration and Development*, DOI: [10.1080/21632324.2018.1502004](https://doi.org/10.1080/21632324.2018.1502004) (20 pages)

Topic 9 (November 6): **Crossing borders and making connections**

- Sinatti, G. (2010) "'Mobile transmigrants' or 'unsettled returnees'? Myth of return and permanent resettlement among Senegalese migrants", *Population, Space and Place* 17(2).
- Mallett, Richard & Jessica Hagen-Zanker (2018) "Forced migration trajectories: an analysis of journey- and decision-making among Eritrean and Syrian arrivals to Europe" *Migration and Development* 7(3): 341-351. DOI: [10.1080/21632324.2018.1459244](https://doi.org/10.1080/21632324.2018.1459244)
- John, Mauricia (2018) "Venezuelan economic crisis: crossing Latin American and Caribbean borders," *Migration and Development*, DOI: [10.1080/21632324.2018.1502003](https://doi.org/10.1080/21632324.2018.1502003)
- Botchwey, G. , Crawford, G. , Loubere, N. and Lu, J. (2019), South-South Irregular Migration: The Impacts of China's Informal Gold Rush in Ghana. *International Migration*, 57: 310-328. doi:[10.1111/imig.12518](https://doi.org/10.1111/imig.12518)

Topic 10 (November 13): **Europe and the politics of migration**

- Triadafilopoulos, Triadafilos (2011) "Illiberal Means to Liberal Ends? Understanding Recent Immigrant Integration Policies in Europe", *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 37(6): 861-880
- Anna Triandafyllidou (2018) "A 'Refugee Crisis' Unfolding: 'Real' Events and Their Interpretation in Media and Political Debates," *Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies*, 16(1-2): 198-216, DOI: [10.1080/15562948.2017.1309089](https://doi.org/10.1080/15562948.2017.1309089)
- Guiraudon, V. (2018) "The 2015 refugee crisis was not a turning point: Explaining policy inertia in EU border control," *European Political Science* 17: 151-160
- Ansems de Vries, Leonie, and Elspeth Guild (2019) "Seeking refuge in Europe: spaces of transit and the violence of migration management," *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 45:12, 2156-2166, DOI: [10.1080/1369183X.2018.1468308](https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2018.1468308)

Possible extra week on Europe, especially the 'externalization' of EU migration control... (would require cancelling another week)

- Eleonore Kofman (2019) "Gendered mobilities and vulnerabilities: refugee journeys to and in Europe," *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 45(12): 2185-2199, DOI: [10.1080/1369183X.2018.1468330](https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2018.1468330)

- Heaven Crawley & Brad K. Blitz (2019) "Common agenda or Europe's agenda? International protection, human rights and migration from the Horn of Africa," *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 45:12, 2258-2274, DOI: 10.1080/1369183X.2018.1468393
- Bobić, M. and Šantić, D. (2019) "Forced migrations and Externalization of European Union Border Control: Serbia on the Balkan Migration Route." *International Migration*. doi:[10.1111/imig.12622](https://doi.org/10.1111/imig.12622)
- Anne-Line Rodriguez (2019) "European attempts to govern African youths by raising awareness of the risks of migration: ethnography of an encounter," *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 45(5): 735-751, DOI: 10.1080/1369183X.2017.1415136

Topic 11 (November 20): **Integration debates (1)**

- Background: Putnam, Robert. (2007) "*E Pluribus Unum: Diversity and Community in the Twenty-first Century*", *Scandinavian Political Studies* 30:137-74. Also see: <http://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/headtohead/2015/07/immigration-150728134414833.html>
- Portes, Alejandro, and Erik Vickstrom (2011) "Diversity, Social Capital, and Cohesion", *Annual Review of Sociology* 37: 461-479.
- Vertovec, S. (2018), "Towards post-multiculturalism? Changing communities, conditions and contexts of diversity." *International Social Science Journal*, 68: 167-178. doi:[10.1111/issj.12191](https://doi.org/10.1111/issj.12191)
- Goodman, Sara Wallace (2010) "Integration Requirements for Integration's Sake? Identifying, Categorising and Comparing Civic Integration Policies," *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.

Topic 12 (November 27): **Integration debates (2)**

- Portes, Alejandro and Min Zhou (1993) "The New Second Generation: Segmented Assimilation and Its Variants." *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 530: 74-96.
- Waldinger, Roger, & Cynthia Feliciano (2004) "Will the new second generation experience 'downward assimilation'? Segmented assimilation re-assessed", *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 27:3, 376-402.
- Vertovec, Steven (2007) "Super-diversity and its implications," *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 30(6): 1024-1054, DOI: [10.1080/01419870701599465](https://doi.org/10.1080/01419870701599465)
- Vertovec, S. (2019) "Talking around super-diversity." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 42(1): 125 - 139