

Geography 535, 2017 Fall term
An introduction to international migration and settlement
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Meeting time and place: Friday, 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 15, 2017 (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 on Friday, September 22, at the International Metropolis Conference, in The Hague. 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 8): Intro to the course

- International Organization for Migration. (2011) Gallup World Poll: The Many Faces of Global Migration. Geneva: IOM, Migration Research Series.

- Please familiarize yourself with the international agencies that deal with migration, especially the UNHCR, IOM, and GFMD.

Topic 2 (September 15): **The ethics of migration: who is mobile?**

- Carens, Joseph H. (1987) "Aliens and Citizens: The Case for Open Borders", *The Review of Politics* 49(2): 251-273.
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.
- Lane, Melissa (2006) "A Philosophical View on States and Immigration", in J. Palme and K. Tamas (eds) *Globalizing Immigration Regimes: New Challenges to Transnational Cooperation*. London: Ashgate: 131-143. (note: the book editors are listed as the author in the Connect system)

September 22: Class **cancelled** (International Metropolis conference)

Topic 3 (September 29): **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.
- 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.
- Nzima, Divane, V. Duma & P. Moyo (2017) "Theorizing migration-development interactions: towards an integrated approach", *Migration and Development*, 6(2): 305-318.

Topic 4 (October 6): **International patterns and the regulation of migration**

- Czaika, Mathias, and Hein de Haas (2014) "The Globalization of Migration: Has the World Become More Migratory?" *International Migration Review* 48(2): 283- 323.
- Martin, Susan (2005) *The legal and normative framework of international migration*. Global Commission on International Migration.
https://www.peacepalacelibrary.nl/ebooks/files/GCIM_TP9.pdf
- Andrijasevec, Rutvica, and William Walters (2010) "The International Organization for Migration and the international government of borders", *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 28(6): 977-999.
- Ottonelli, V. and Torresi, T. (2013) 'When is Migration Voluntary?' *International Migration Review*, 47: 783-813.

Topic 5 (October 13): **Can the international order create a 'real' system of migration governance?: The Global Compact on Migration**

- The New York Declaration
https://www.iom.int/sites/default/files/our_work/ODG/GCM/NY_Declaration.pdf
- Global Compact on Refugees
<http://www.unhcr.org/58e625aa7.pdf>
- Issue brief #1: human rights of migrants
https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/sites/default/files/issue_brief_for_first_thematic_session.pdf
- Issue brief #2: Drivers of migration
https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/sites/default/files/final_issue_brief_2.pdf

- Issue brief #3: International cooperation and governance
https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/sites/default/files/ts3_issuesbrief.pdf
- Issue brief #4: Contributions of migrants
https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/sites/default/files/ts4_issuebrief.pdf

Topic 6 (October 20): **Migration, states, policies**

- Castles, Stephen (2004) “The Factors the Make and Unmake Migration Policies”, *International Migration Review* 38(3): 852-884.
- Bonjour, Saskia (2011) “The Power and Morals of Policy Makers: Reassessing the Control Gap Debate”, *International Migration Review* 45(1): 89-122.
- Czaika, M. and De Haas, H. (2013) “The Effectiveness of Immigration Policies”, *Population and Development Review*, 39: 487–508.

Topic 7 (October 27): **Regulating borders**

- Amoore, Louise (2006) “Biometric borders: Governing mobilities in the War on Terror”, *Political Geography* 25: 336-351.
- 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.
- Fleay, C., Cokley, J., Dodd, A., Briskman, L. and Schwartz, L. (2016) “Missing the Boat: Australia and Asylum Seeker Deterrence Messaging”, *International Migration* 54: 60–73.
- Godenau, Dick (2014) “Irregular Maritime Immigration in the Canary Islands: Externalization and Communautarisation in the Social Construction of Borders”, *Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies* 12(2): 123-142.

Topic 8 (November 3): **Migration and security in a post-9/11 world**

- Lindekilde, L. (2012) “Neo-liberal Governing of ‘Radicals’: Danish Radicalization Prevention Policies and Potential Iatrogenic Effects”, *International Journal of Conflict and Violence*, 6(1): 109-125.
- Huot, S., Bobadilla, A., Bailliard, A. and Laliberte Rudman, D. (2016) “Constructing undesirables: A critical discourse analysis of ‘othering’ within the Protecting Canada's Immigration System Act”, *International Migration* 54: 131–143.
- 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.

Topic 9 (November 10): **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*.
- Mechlini, T. (2016) “Making Movements Possible: Transportation Workers and Mobility in West Africa”, *International Migration*, 54: 119–136.
- Phuong, N. Q. and Venkatesh, S. (2016) “Does “buyer beware” work in migration? Contracting between brokers and migrants in Vietnam”, *International Migration* 54: 94–108.
- Roger Waldinger (2017) “A cross-border perspective on migration: beyond the assimilation/transnationalism debate”, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 43:1, 3-17.

Topic 10 (November 17): **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.
- Choi, Eunyoung (2014) "North Korean Women's Narratives of Migration: Challenging Hegemonic Discourses of Trafficking and Geopolitics", *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 104(2): 271-279.
- Bragg, Bronwyn & Lloyd L. Wong (2016) "'Cancelled Dreams': Family Reunification and Shifting Canadian Immigration Policy", *Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies*, 14:1, 46-65.
- Vives, Luna & Iria Vazquez Silva (2017) "Senegalese migration to Spain: transnational mothering practices", *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 43:3, 495-512.

Topic 11 (November 24): **Europe and the politics of migration**

- Andrijasevic, Rutvica (2010) "DEPORTED: The right to asylum at EU's external border of Italy and Libya", *International Migration* 48(1): 148-174.
- 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.
- Barker, Vanessa (2012) "Global Mobility and Penal Order: Criminalizing Migration, a View from Europe", *Sociology Compass* 6(2): 113-21.
- Takle, Marianne (2017) "Migration and asylum statistics as a basis for European border control. *Migration Studies* 2017", 5(2): 267-285.

Topic 12 (December 1): **Integration debates**

- Background: Putnam, Robert. (2007) "*E Pluribus Unum*: Diversity and Community in the Twenty-first Century", *Scandinavian Political Studies* 30:137-74.
- More background: <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.
- Banting, K., and W. Kymlicka (2012) *Is there really a backlash against multiculturalism policies? New evidence from the multicultural policy index*. GRITIM-UPF Working Paper, Number 14. http://www.upf.edu/gritim/pdf/14_wp_banting_kymlicka.pdf
- Goodman, Sara Wallace (2010) "Integration Requirements for Integration's Sake? Identifying, Categorising and Comparing Civic Integration Policies," *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.

Optional topic 13: **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.
- Roger Waldinger & Cynthia Feliciano (2004) "Will the new second generation experience 'downward assimilation'? Segmented assimilation re-assessed", *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 27:3, 376-402.
- Maurice Crul (2016) "Super-diversity vs. assimilation: how complex diversity in majority-minority cities challenges the assumptions of assimilation", *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 42:1, 54-68.