

International Migration and the Politics of Immigration

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International migration has been one of the signature phenomena of the 20th century. This course seeks to examine immigration from a comparative historical and political perspective, bringing together insights from a variety of social science disciplines including political science, sociology, economics and geography. The first portion of the course explores theories of the causes for migration and its interrelation with globalization. This requires us to explore the economic, humanitarian, cultural and security aspects of the phenomenon. The second portion of the course focuses more narrowly on the sociology of immigration and how race and identity impact the experience. While we will be exploring all these issues by drawing on European, American, African and East Asian examples, the final portion involves a more specific examination of immigration in the United States. After re-examining the reality and mythology of immigration in the US, we will explore more current issues such as immigrants in the US labor market, border control, and the current state of domestic immigration politics.

* This course is an approved upper level general education (CCC) course. Thus, there is an emphasis on reading primary texts and on expressing oneself through writing. Students will gain a historical perspective of migration and how it influences contemporary civilization. This will demand that students critically and methodically analyze arguments and evidence presented.

** This course satisfies the political science department's student learning outcomes (SLOs) 1, 2, and 3. Students will acquire substantial political facts and history concerning international migration and immigration in both the US and globally. Students will learn about the major theories explaining why migration happens and how it impacts migrants and host societies. Through papers and written examinations, students will be asked to both communicate what they have learned and present some findings, or at least analysis, of their own.

Required readings: The text, (* in the weekly readings), is on order at the College Bookstore:

Castles, Stephen, and Mark J. Miller, 2009: *The Age of Migration: International Population Movements in the Modern World*, 4th ed. (New York: Guilford Press).

All other required readings are found online in ANGEL in pdf format. Those with three asterisks (***) are optional (I often draw from them in lecture) = no need to print them out.

* On **Sept. 9**, I will check to see whether you have printed out the online readings. Failure to have these printed out by then results in a 0 for your class participation grade until completed.

Course requirements: The requirements for this course are:

1. **Attendance and class participation** (10% of the final grade)
 - Each unexcused absence over four results in a one-point deduction
 - Tardiness, sleeping, newspaper reading, excessive talking with neighbors, preparing for other courses, or cell phone use in class results in a -0.3 deduction
 - You are responsible for printing out the online readings and bringing them to class. They must **all** be printed out and shown to the instructor by Sept. 9 (earlier is fine).
2. **Mock asylum hearing assignment**, on October 4 (15% of the final grade);
3. **First Exam**, to be taken in-class, October 11 (20% of grade);
4. **Second Exam**, either take-home exam or a short 6-page paper. Paper details will be made available if this option is chosen. Due by November 15 (20% of the grade);
5. **'Letter to the editor' assignment**, due by December 6 (10% of grade);
6. **Final Exam**, to be taken in-class, December 18, from 1:30 to 3:30 (25% of grade).

E-mail: E-mail is a useful tool if used judiciously. Check your e-mail regularly (I would suggest daily) as I often send out links to relevant newspaper stories. I make every effort to respond to emails within roughly 24 hours (not including weekends), but it would not be wise to rely on receiving a response within that time. I prefer e-mail communications to be limited to administrative questions or short factual questions. Office hours remain better suited for conceptual questions requiring explanation or discussion.

Students with Special Needs:

Reasonable accommodations are available to students with documented disabilities at SUNY Fredonia. Students who may require instructional and/or examination accommodations should contact the office of Disability Support Services for Students (DSS), located on the 4th Floor of the Reed Library (716-673-3270 or disability.services@fredonia.edu). The DSS coordinator will review documentation and determine accommodations on a case-by-case basis. DSS will notify me with an accommodation letter that verifies that you have registered with the DSS office and which describes any accommodations approved for you. After you have met with the DSS coordinator, please contact me so that we can discuss any needed accommodations.

Stay in Communication with your Professor:

If things such as illness, falling behind with your assignments or preparation, or general confusion arise, please keep me informed. I have the capacity to be flexible and help you only to the degree that you make me aware of such issues in a timely manner.

In this spirit, students who foresee scheduling conflicts (extracurricular or school-sponsored activities) should let me know as far in advance as possible.

Grade Scale:

A	91-100	C	73-77
A-	90	C-	70-72
B+	88-89	D+	68-69
B	83-87	D	63-67
B-	80-82	D-	60-62
C+	78-79	F	It need not come to this

SCHEDULE OF READINGS AND TOPICS

SECTION I. INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

Week 1 – International migration: issues, trends and explanations

Aug. 26: Introduction to the Course

Aug. 28: * Castles and Miller, Ch. 1 and 2 (only up to p. 30)

SQ: Be able to distinguish between economic vs. world systems vs. migration systems theories.

*** Massey, Douglas S., 1999: “Why does Immigration Occur? A Theoretical Synthesis,” in Charles Hirschman, Philip Kasinitz and Josh De Wind, eds., *The Handbook of International Migration: The American Experience* (New York: Russell Sage Foundation): 34-52.

Aug. 30: Vendantam, Shankar, 2009: “Climate Fears Are Driving ‘Ecomigration’ Across Globe,” *Washington Post*, February 23, A01.

Week 2 – Migration in History

Sept. 2: * Castles and Miller, Ch. 5 “Migration to Europe, North America, and Oceania since 1945”

SQ: Are similar migration trends in Europe and North America occurring at the same time?

Sept. 4: * Castles and Miller, Ch. 6 “Migration in the Asia-Pacific Region” (only skim 136-8)

SQ: What differentiates Asian migration in the first and second half of the 20th century?

Week 3 – Migration under the Sign of Globalization

Sept. 9: Freeland, Chrystia, 2011: “Global Seagulls and the New Reality of Immigration,” *New York Times*, October 6.

* Castles and Miller, Ch. 3 “Globalization, Development and Migration”

SQ: In what ways has globalization affected development through migration?

*** Choucri, Nazli, and Dinsha Mistree, 2009: “Globalization, Migration, and the New Challenges to Governance,” *Current History*, 108(717): 173-79.

Sept. 11: Sassen, Saskia, 1998: *Globalization and its Discontents* (New York: New York Press), Ch. 2 “The De Facto Transnationalization of Immigration Policy,” 5-30.

SQ: Does less authority over migration always mean a loss of state control over migration?

Sept. 13: Caviedes, Alexander, 2004: “The open method of co-ordination in immigration policy: a tool for prying open Fortress Europe?” *Journal of European Public Policy*, 11(2): 289-310.

SQ: Has the European Union – a classic example of globalization – been quick to embrace immigration?

Week 4 – The Nation-State and Migration

Sept. 16: * Castles and Miller, pp. 41-47 and Ch. 8 “The State and International Migration: The Quest for Control” (except 188-195 “Refugees and Asylum”)

SQ: Employer sanctions, legalization, and temporary worker admission programs: are these really the key policy measures for managing migration?

Sept. 18: Appleyard, Reginald, 2001: “International Migration Policies 1950-2000,” *International Migration* 39(6): 7-18.

SQ: Are there trends in migration policy? Are governments still making policies? Of what type?

Sept. 20: Meissner, Doris, 1992: “Managing Migrations,” *Foreign Policy*, 86 (Spring): 66-83.

SQ: What are the root causes of migration from underdeveloped countries?

Week 5 - Immigration and the Labor Market

Sept. 23: * Castles and Miller, Ch. 10 “Migrants and Minorities in the Labour Force”

SQ: Is it easy to answer the question: “Does immigration economically help ‘society’?”

*** Stalker, Peter, 2000: *Workers Without Frontiers: The Impact of Globalization on International Migration* (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner), Ch. 6, “Reducing International Wage Disparities through Migration,” 75-91.

Sept. 25: Iguchi, Yasushi, 2003: “Foreign Workers and Labour Migration Policy in Japan,” in Yaw A. Debrah, ed. *Migrant Workers in Pacific Asia* (Southgate: Frank Cass): 119-140.

SQ: Where do Japan’s foreigners mainly come from, and in what sectors do they work?

Sept. 27: Caviedes, Alexander, 2010: “The Sectoral Turn in Labour Migration Policy,” in Georg Menz and Alexander Caviedes, eds., *Labour Migration in Europe* (New York: Palgrave MacMillan): 54-75.

SQ: What sectors welcome migration in Europe? Does that include everyone in that sector?

*** Castles, Stephen and Godula Kosack, 1972: “The Function of Labour Immigration in Western European Capitalism,” *New Left Review*, I/73 (May/June): 3-21.

Week 6 – Asylum and Refugee Regimes

Sept. 30: * Castles and Miller, pp. 188-195 “Refugees and Asylum”

SQ: What are some of the root factors “pushing” refugees?

Oct. 2: Skran, Claudena M., 1992: “The International Refugee Regime: The Historical and Contemporary Context of International Responses to Asylum Problems,” in Gil Loescher, ed., *Refugees and the Asylum Dilemma in the West* (University Park, PA: Penn State University Press): 8-35.

SQ: What is the institutional (which organization) and legal (what law and legal definitions) framework of the refugee regime?

*** Hatton, Timothy J. and Jeffrey G. Williamson, 2005: *Global Migration and the World Economy: Two Centuries of Policy and Performance* (Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press), Ch. 13, “The Rise (and Fall?) of Asylum Seeking,” 265-88.

*** Koser, Khalid, 2001: “New Approaches to Asylum?” *International Migration*, 39(6): 85-99.

Oct. 4: Asylum Hearing Exercise

*** FILM: Last Resort

Week 7 – The Securitization of Immigration

Oct. 7: Brookhiser, Richard, 2013: “Domestic Terrorism: The Killers Next Door,” *American History*, 48(4): 17-18.

* Castles and Miller, Ch. 9 “Migration and Security”

SQ: What do the authors mean when they refer to a ‘nexus’ between migration and security?

*** Weiner, Myron, 1993: “Security, Stability and International Migration,” in Myron Weiner, ed., *International Migration and Security* (Boulder: Westview Press): 1-35.

Oct. 9: Sheffer, Gabriel, 1993: “Ethnic Diasporas: A Threat to Their Hosts?” in Myron Weiner, ed., *International Migration and Security* (Boulder: Westview Press): 263-85.

SQ: When can conflict arise between diasporas and their host state/societies?

*** Cornelius, Wayne and Takeyuki Tsuda, 2004: “Controlling Immigration: The Limits of Government Intervention,” in Wayne Cornelius, Takeyuki Tsuda, Philip L. Martin, and James F. Hollifield, eds., *Controlling Immigration: A Global Perspective*, 2nd ed. (Stanford: Stanford University Press): 2-19, 40-43.

*** Lurie, Mark N., 2006: “The Epidemiology of Migration and HIV/AIDS in South Africa,” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 32(4): 649-666.

SECTION II. IMMIGRATION AND IDENTITY FORMATION

Week 8 – Integration and Assimilation

Oct. 14: * Castles and Miller, pp. 33-41 and Ch.11 (pp. 245-63) “New Ethnic Minorities in Societies”

SQ: Why does the book use the expression “incorporation” rather than “assimilation”? Are the three models of immigration (p. 250) related to how immigrants are incorporated into society?

*** Zhou, Min, 1999: “Segmented Assimilation: Issues, Controversies and Recent Research on the Second Generation,” in Charles Hirschman, Philip Kasinitz and Josh De Wind, eds., *The Handbook of International Migration: The American Experience* (New York: Russell Sage Foundation): 196-211.

*** Schmitter Heisler, Barbara, 1998: “Contexts of Immigrant Incorporation: Locating Dimensions of Opportunities and Constraints in the United States and Germany,” in Hermann Kurthen, Jürgen Fijalkowski, and Gert Wagner, eds., *Immigration, Citizenship, and the Welfare State in Germany and the United States* (Stamford, Conn.: JAI Press): 91-106.

Oct. 16: Scully, Etsuko, 2002: “Social Constraints and Language Learning: Filipina immigrants in Japan,” *Race Ethnicity and Education* 5(4): 397-418.

SQ: Is acculturation (social/psychological distance) the primary factor in language acquisition?

*** Boyd, Monica, 2002: Educational attainments of immigrant offspring: success or segmented assimilation?” *International Migration Review*, 36: 1037-1060.

Week 9 – Transnationalism and Diaspora

Oct. 21: * Castles and Miller, pp. 30-33.

Waldinger, Roger and David Fitzgerald, 2004: “Transnationalism in Question?” *American Journal of Sociology*, 109(5): 1177-95.

SQ: What is transnationalism, and what realities might challenge the degree to which it exists?

*** Portes, Alejandro, 1998: “Divergent Destinies: Immigration, the Second Generation, and the Rise of Transnational Communities,” in Peter Schuck and Rainer Münz, eds., *Paths to Inclusion: The Integration of Migrants in the United States and Germany* (NY: Berghahn Books): 33-57.

Oct. 23: Cohen, Robin, 1997: *Global diasporas: An Introduction* (London: University College of London Press): ix-xii, 155-76.

SQ: What 5 tendencies of globalization tend to support the existence of diaspora groups?

Oct. 25: Lahiri, Jhumpa, 1999: *Interpreter of Maladies* (New York: Houghton Mifflin Company), “When Mr. Pirzada came to Dine,” 23-42.

Week 10 – Race and Immigration

Oct. 28: * Castles and Miller, pp. 263-68 (and re-read pp. 37-8)

Waters, Mary C., 1999: *Black Identities: West Immigrant Dreams and American Realities* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press), Ch. 5, “Encountering American Race Relations,” 140-91. [It’s long, so skim – give it about ½ hour to get a sense of the problems/impressions]

SQ: What does the author mean when she claims the immigrants lack an ‘oppositional identity’?

Oct. 30: Husbands, Christopher T., 1988: “The dynamics of racial exclusion and expulsion: racist politics in Western Europe,” *European Journal of Political Research*, 16: 701-720.

SQ: What are the three theories of racism Husbands considers in his study?

*** Bleich, Erik, 2002: "Integrating Ideas into Policy-making Analysis," *Comparative Political Studies*, 35(9): 1054-76.

Nov. 1: FILM: Mississippi Massala

Week 11 – Gender and Immigration

Nov. 4: FILM: Mississippi Massala (cont.)

Nov. 6: Piper, Nicola, 1997: "International Marriage in Japan: 'race' and 'gender' perspectives," *Gender, Place and Culture* 4(3): 321-38.

SQ: Does international marriage offer Philipinas a way to rise socially?

*** Hondagneu-Sotelo, P., 2001: *Domestica: Immigrant Workers Cleaning and Caring in the Shadows of Affluence*, (University of California Press): Ch.1-2, "New World Domestic Order," and "Maid in L.A." 3-60.

Nov. 8: Jones-Correa, Michael, 1998: "Different Paths, Gender, Immigration and Political Participation," *International Migration Review*, 32(2): 326-49.

SQ: How does female immigrants' political activity differ from those of men, and why?

*** Kibria, Nazli, 1990: "Power, Patriarchy, and Gender Conflict in the Vietnamese Community," *Gender and Society*, 4(1): 9-24.

*** Sassen, Saskia, 1998: *Globalization and its Discontents* (New York: New York Press), Ch. 6, "Notes on the Incorporation of Third World Women into Wage Labor through Immigration and Offshore Production," 111-31.

*** FILM: Bend it like Beckham

SECTION III. IMMIGRATION IN THE US

Week 12 – History & Myth

Nov. 11: Aleinikoff, T. Alexander, David Martin, and Hiroshi Motomura, 2003: "A Brief History of Immigration to the United States," in *Immigration and Citizenship Process and Policy*, 5th ed. (Thompson West): 145-69.

SQ: It is evident that immigrants have not always been welcomed with open arms. Did organized religion play a role in making the US more welcoming to immigrants?

Nov. 13: King, Desmond, 2000: *Making Americans: Immigration, Race, and the Origins of the Diverse Democracy* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press): 166-95.

SQ: Were the policies considered mainly an example of xenophobia? If not, what drove them?

Nov. 15: Lahiri, Jhumpa, 1999: *Interpreter of Maladies* (New York: Houghton Mifflin Company), "The Third and Final Continent," 173-98.

*** Williamson Jr., Chilton, 1996: *The Immigration Mystique: America's False Conscience* (New York: Basic Books): 21-79.

*** Reimers, David, 1998: *Unwelcome Strangers: American Identity and the Turn against Immigration* (New York: Columbia University Press): 1-41.

Week 13 – Border Issues

Nov. 18: Andreas, Peter, 2000: *Border Games: Policing the U.S.-Mexico Divide* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press), Ch. 5, "The Escalation of Immigration Control," 85-112.

SQ: Have border/immigration control policies in the last 20 years been successful?

Nov. 20: Franz, Barbara, 2005: "Letter from America: Still the Land of the Free?" *Borderlands e-journal*, 4(1). http://www.borderlandsejournal.adelaide.edu.au/vol4no1_2005/franz_letter.htm

SQ: What types of freedoms does Franz claim are being taken away?

Nov. 22: Menjivar, Cecilia, 2000: *Fragmented Ties: Salvadoran Immigrant Networks in America* (Berkeley: University of California Press), Ch. 3, "The Long Journey through Mexico," 58-76.

SQ: What types of dangers do the migrants face in their journey, and where do they find help?

*** FILM: Sin Nombre

Week 14 – Public Opinion and the Politics of Immigration

Dec. 2: Martin, Susan F., 2009: "Waiting Games: The Politics of US Immigration Reform," *Current History*, 108 (717): 160-166.

SQ: What concrete policy suggestions does Martin offer as plausible and necessary?

*** Tichenor, Daniel, J., 2002: *Dividing Lines: The Politics of Immigration Control in America* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press): Ch. 9, "Two Faces of Expansion: The Contemporary Politics of Immigration Reform," 242-88.

Dec. 4: Fetzer, Joel, 2000: *Public Attitudes toward Immigration in the United States, France and Germany* (New York: Cambridge University Press): Ch. 6, “Recent Attitudes toward Immigration in the United States,” 92-109.

Brothers, Caroline, 2011: “Perceptions of Migration Clash With Reality, Report Finds,” *New York Times*, December 5.

SQ: What demographic characteristics seem to impact Americans’ acceptance of immigration?

Dec. 6: Huntington, Samuel, 2004: “The Hispanic Challenge,” *Foreign Policy*, (March, April): 30-45.

SQ: Pick out at least two arguments from Huntington that you wish to contest, as well as two in which you think he brings up some important considerations.

Week 15 – Political Economy of Immigration

Dec. 9: Bean, Frank D. and Gillian Stevens, 2003: *America’s Newcomers and the Dynamics of Diversity* (New York: Russell Sage Foundation), Ch. 6 “Immigrant Economic Incorporation,” 114-42.

SQ: Generally speaking, how quick is the rise in immigrants’ economic fortunes?

*** Borjas, George, Richard Freeman and Lawrence Katz, 1996: “Searching for the Effect of Immigration on the Labor Market,” *The American Economic Review*, 86(2): 246-51.

Dec. 11: García y Griego, Manuel, 1998: “The Bracero Program,” in Mexico-United States Binational Migration Study, *Migration Between Mexico and the United States* (Austin, Texas: Morgan Printing): 1215-21. www.utexas.edu/lbj/uscir/binpapers/v3c-1garcia.pdf

Faux, Jeff, 2003: “How NAFTA failed Mexico,” *The American Prospect*, 14(7) July 1. <http://www.prospect.org/print/V14/7/faux-j.html>

SQ: What was the trade-off between the US and Mexico that NAFTA was intended to produce? Did it happen as planned?

Dec. 13: Light, Ivan and Edna Bonacich, 1988: *Immigrant Entrepreneurs: Koreans in Los Angeles, 1965-1982* (Los Angeles: University of California Press), Ch. 1, “Immigrant Entrepreneurs in America,” 3-24.

SQ: What in particular has fueled the success of Koreans in Los Angeles?