

**Pol S 345: Immigration Policy**  
**Spring 2012**  
**MWF 2:00-3:00 PM**  
**W0162 Lagomarcino**

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International labor flows (migration) receive significant attention in the media and political circles, but there is a lack of systematic and thorough analyses of the topic. The purpose of this class will be to provide the tools for such an analysis focusing on the political and economic aspects of immigration and other related topics such as remittances.

While most of the readings will be online there are two required books, available in the bookstore and Amazon:

- Hatton, Timothy J. and Jeffrey G. Williamson (2005) *Global Migration and the World Economy. Two Centuries of Policy and Performance*, Cambridge MA: MIT Press.
- Bodvarsson, Örn B. and Henrik Van den Berg (2009) *The Economics of Immigration. Theory and Policy*, New York, NY: Springer

There is also a recommended book:

- Tichenor, Daniel (2002) *Dividing Lines. The Politics of Immigration Control in America*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

The readings that do not come from the required books will be posted on Blackboard.

Requirements

<b>Midterm 1 (02/27)</b>	25%
<b>Midterm 2 (04/08)</b>	25%
<b>Class exercises and surprise quizzes</b>	15%
<b>Advance of case study (03/15)</b>	10%
<b>Final paper (country case study) (05/07)</b>	25%

Since it is hard to evaluate who has done the readings and I don't want to lose class time on taking attendance, I will have some surprise quizzes (don't know how many). They will consist of a handful of short questions about the reading. I also

plan to implement some in-class experiments and activities, and credit will be given for participating in them.

The midterm exams will consist of short answers and multiple-choice questions. It will test specific knowledge from the readings and lectures. We will have a review of the material before the exams.

Instead of a final exam, you will have to write a “case study” (5-10 pages long, double space) where you will have to analyze the immigration policies of a country and make proposals for reform. I would expect around 1/3 of the paper to describe the current immigration situation in the country, 1/3 to describe its current policies, and 1/3 stating your proposals for reform. The final paper is due the day the university scheduled the final: May 7<sup>th</sup>. It is due electronically (e-mail or Blackboard) at any time during that day. If I see anything suspicious, I will use anti-plagiarism software, so please consider yourself warned.

To make sure you start working on your case studies early on, I will ask you to turn in an advance. You will have to tell me the country case study you are going to analyze, describe it in 2-3 sentences, and list 1-3 bibliographic sources you have found about that policy (the class readings not included). They can be articles, books, government documents, etc. It is due electronically on March 15.

If you don't have much experience writing a paper, this is a very useful resource: <http://danieldrezner.com/teaching/writing.htm>.

If you are not sure how to cite your bibliographic sources, ISU bookstore sells a reference guide. For free, you can consult: [http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools\\_citationguide.html](http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html)

#### Academic Dishonesty:

All of the work you do in this course is expected to be your own, done exclusively for this course. This class has a zero tolerance policy for plagiarism. Any student who is found to have plagiarized will fail the class and will be reported to the Dean of Students. The Iowa State University Catalog states that:

*“Plagiarism occurs when a person does not credit the sources from which they borrow ideas, whether these ideas are reproduced exactly or summarized. The method of documentation will differ depending on whether the sources are written, oral, or visual. Ethically, communicators are responsible for providing accurate, detailed information about their sources. Practically, audiences need this information to comprehend and evaluate a message's content. The Student Guide: English 150 and 250, available for purchase at the University Book Store, describes the process of documenting source materials as do many other reference guides.*

*Academic dishonesty is considered to be a violation of the behavior expected of a student in an academic setting as well as a student conduct violation. A student found responsible for academic dishonesty or academic misconduct is therefore subject to appropriate academic penalty; to be determined by the instructor of the course, as well as sanctions under the university Student Disciplinary Regulations.”*

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### Students with disabilities:

Please address any special needs or special accommodations with me at the beginning of the semester or as soon as you become aware of your needs. Those seeking accommodations based on disabilities should obtain a Student Academic Accommodation Request (SAAR) form from the Student Disability Resource (SDR) office (phone 515-294-7220). SDR is located on the main floor of the Student Services Building, Room 1076.

### Final note

Every individual involved in the class deserves the uttermost respect. The opinion of every member of the class is valuable and deserves to be listened. If a student does not treat other members of the class with respect, I will ask him/her to leave. If this happens 3 times, the student will be asked not to come back for the rest of the semester. No exceptions.

### ***Readings***

#### **Week 1 (Jan 14): Introduction and the current situation in the United States**

Pew Research Center (2012) “Net Migration From Mexico Falls to Zero- and Perhaps Less”, Washington DC.

Illegal Border Crossings Dip Sharply:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/12/09/us/illegal-border-crossings-dip-sharply.html>

US Census (2012) “The Foreign Born Population in the United States: 2012”

Barone, Michael (2012) “Mass Migration from Mexico may be history” *American Enterprise Institute*, December 8, 2012. <http://www.aei.org/article/society-and-culture/immigration/mass-migration-from-mexico-may-be-history/>

## **Week 2 (Jan 21): Why do people migrate?**

*No classes on Monday because of MLK Day*

Bodvarsson, Örn B. and Henrik Van den Berg (2009) *The Economics of Immigration. Theory and Policy*, New York, NY: Springer. [“Introduction”](#)

Hatton, Timothy J. and Jeffrey G. Williamson (2005) *Global Migration and the World Economy. Two Centuries of Policy and Performance*, Cambridge MA: MIT Press. Chapter 4: [“What Drove European Mass Migration?”](#)

Hollifield, James F. (1992) *Immigrants, Markets, and States*, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. Chapter 2: [“The Political Economy of International Migration”](#)

## **Week 3 (January 28): Historical Global Migration**

Hatton and Williamson. Chapters 2, 3, 9

## **Week 4 (February 4): Current Global Migration**

Hatton and Williamson. Chapters 10, 11

Freeman, Richard B. (2006) “People Flows in Globalization” *The Journal of Economic Perspectives* 20(2): 145-170. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/30033654>

OECD (2012) *International Migration Outlook*. Section A. Pages 28-59

## **Week 5 (February 11): Historical US Immigration (Part 1)**

Tichenor, Daniel (2002) *Dividing Lines. The Politics of Immigration Control in America*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. Chapter 3: [Immigrant Voters in a Partisan Polity: European Settlers, Nativism, and American Immigration Policy, 1776-1896](#)

Tichenor, Daniel (2002) *Dividing Lines. The Politics of Immigration Control in America*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. Chapter 4: [Chinese Exclusion and Precocious State-Building in the Nineteenth-Century American Polity](#)

Kanazawa, Mark (2005) “Immigration, Exclusion, and Taxation: Anti-Chinese Legislation in Gold Rush California” *Journal of Economic History* 65(3): 779-805 <http://www.jstor.org/stable/3875017>

## **Week 6 (February 18): Historical US Immigration (Part 2)**

Tichenor, Daniel (2002) *Dividing Lines. The Politics of Immigration Control in America*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. Chapter 5: Progressivism, War, and Scientific Policy Making

Tichenor, Daniel (2002) *Dividing Lines. The Politics of Immigration Control in America*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. Chapter 7: Strangers in Cold War America

Tichenor, Daniel (2002) *Dividing Lines. The Politics of Immigration Control in America*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. Chapter 9: Two faces of expansion. The contemporary Politics of Immigration Reform

## **Week 7 (February 25): Midterm and immigration policy regimes**

Monday: Review

Wednesday 27: Midterm 1

Friday: Castles, Stephen (1995) "How nation-states respond to immigration and ethnic diversity" *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 21(3): 293-308

Freeman, Gary P. (1995) "Modes of Immigration Politics in Liberal Democratic States" *International Migration Review* 29(4): 881-992  
<http://www.jstor.org/stable/2547729>

## **Week 8 (March 4): Immigration policy in Schengenland (European Union)**

Bodvarsson, Örn B. and Henrik Van den Berg (2009) *The Economics of Immigration. Theory and Policy*, New York, NY: Springer. Chapter 15: Immigration Policy in Europe

Zaiotti, Ruben (2011) *Cultures of Border Control. Schengen & the Evolution of European Frontiers*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Chapter Five: Selecting a New Culture of Border Control: Schengen

Koslowski, Rey (2000) *Migrants and Citizens*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press. Chapter 6: "European Union Citizenship"

## **Week 9 (March 11): Immigration policy in Canada and selective immigration policies**

Bodvarsson, Örn B. and Henrik Van den Berg (2009) *The Economics of Immigration. Theory and Policy*, New York, NY: Springer. Chapter 14: Immigration Policy in Canada

Chaloff, Jonathan, and Georges Lemaitre (2009) "Managing Highly-Skilled Labour Migration: A Comparative Analysis of Migration Policies and Challenges in OECD Countries" *OECD Social, Employment, and Migration Working Papers* No. 79

Friday 15: Case study advance due

### **Spring Break March 18-22**

#### **Week 10 (March 25): Undocumented immigration**

Hanson, Gordon H. (2007) "The Economic Logic of Illegal Immigration" *Council of Foreign Relations* No. 26, March 2007

<http://i.cfr.org/content/publications/attachments/ImmigrationCSR26.pdf>

Bodvarsson, Örn B. and Henrik Van den Berg (2009) *The Economics of Immigration. Theory and Policy*, New York, NY: Springer. Chapter 11: "Unauthorized Immigration"

Enos, Ryan (2010) "Are Illegal Immigrants Everywhere? Will it change your vote?"

<http://today.yougov.com/news/2010/11/01/illegal-immigration-might-be-election-issue/>

Düvel, Franck (2008) "Clandestine migration in Europe" *Social Science Information* 47: 479-497

#### **Week 11 (April 1st): Guest Worker Programs**

Castles, Stephen (1986) "The Guest-Worker in Western Europe- An Obituary" *International Migration Review* 20(4):761-778

Castles, Stephen (2006) "Guestworkers in Europe: A Resurrection?" *International Migration Review* 40(4):741-766

Martin, Philip L. and Michael S. Teitelbaum (2001) "The Mirage of Mexican Guest Workers" *Foreign Affairs* 80(6):117-13

Friday: Review

#### **Week 12 (April 8): Forced migration**

Monday April 8: Midterm 2

Shacknove, Andrew E. (1985) "Who is a refugee?" *Ethics* 95(2): 274-284

Marx, Reinhard (1995) "Non-Refoulement, Access to Procedures, and Responsibility for Determining Refugee Claims" *International Journal of Refugee Law* 7(3): 383-406

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

*Suggested:*

Salehyan, Idean and Marc R. Rosenblum (2008) "International Relations, Domestic Politics, and Asylum Admissions in the United States" *Political Research Quarterly* 61(1): 104-121

Salehyan, Idean and Marc R. Rosenblum (2004) "Norms and Interests in US Asylum Enforcement" *Journal of Peace Research* 41(6): 677-697

### **Week 13 (April 15): Remittances**

Kapur, Devesh and John McHale (2003) "Migration's New Payoff" *Foreign Policy* No. 139: 48-57.

De Haas, Hein (2005) "International Migration, Remittances and Development: Myths and Facts" *Third World Quarterly*, 26(8): 1269-1284.

Ratha, Dilip (2007) "Leveraging Remittances for Development" *Migration Policy Institute Policy Brief*, June 2007.

Adida, Claire L. and Desha M. Girod (2011) "Do Migrants Improve Their Hometowns? Remittances and Access to Public Services in Mexico, 1995-2000" *Comparative Political Studies* 44(3): 3-27

### **Week 14 (April 22): Economic impact of immigration**

Hatton, Timothy J. and Jeffrey G. Williamson (2005) *Global Migration and the World Economy. Two Centuries of Policy and Performance*, Cambridge MA: MIT Press. Chapter 14: "The Labor Market and Fiscal Impact of Immigration"

Brücker, Herbert et. al. (2002) "Welfare State Provision" in *Immigration Policy and the Welfare System*, Tito Boeri, Gordon Hanson, and Barry McCormick eds., New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Fix, Michael E., Randy Caaps, and Neeraj Kaushal (2010) "Immigrants and Welfare: Overview" in *Immigrants and Welfare*, Michael Fix Ed., New York, NY and Washington D.C.: Russel Sage Foundation and Migration Policy Institute.

**Week 15 (April 29): The Future of immigration (Dead week)**

Hatton, Timothy and Jeffrey G. Williamson (2009) “ Vanishing Third World Emigrants” *NBER Working Paper No. 14785*

**Week 16 (May 6)**

Final paper (country case study) due May 7<sup>th</sup> electronically