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Sociology 236A: International Migration Syllabus

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This is the first part in a sequence of three courses that has been taught by a variety of Sociology faculty (Adrian Favell, Ruben Hernandez-Leon, Ivan Light, Don Treiman, Roger Waldinger). We seek to offer a comprehensive overview of the key current theoretical debates in the study of international migration. Our goal is to explore the possibilities of a comparative (historical and cross-national) research program in the field, linking North American, European and other global experiences of migration. The emphasis is on exploring both the theoretical debates of the field and the empirical data and case studies on which these debates hinge. The long term goal is to encourage students to undertake research in the field of migration research

The field of international migration studies in sociology is, perhaps, unique in its interdisciplinary and methodologically pluralist nature: stretching from the demography and economics of migration, through political science, geographical and mainstream sociological approaches, to the ethnography and oral history of migrants. Migration is also a crucial research site for exploring the possibility of doing sociology 'beyond' the bounded nation-state-society focus of most sociological research. And, while opening the door to a crucial dimension of globalization, the comparative study of migration and migrants in North America and Europe also offers opens up fresh perspectives on conceptions of nationhood, citizenship and the state.

This installment begins with an orientation to the field and is then split into two main components. International migration is an inherently political phenomenon. Consequently, we principally focus on the development and implementation of policies controlling movement across territorial borders and into the political communities that "immigrant" receiving states seek to enclose. Discussion of the political sociology of international migration is bracketed by study of the mechanisms of migration and conditions in the sending contexts, whether preceding or following the advent of mass migration. Though in theory I aspire to a global orientation, in the main I settle for a comparative focus on Europe and the United States.

I anticipate that the more 'classic' issues of im-migration -- assimilation, integration, race/ethnic relations, transnationalism -- will be encountered in Soc 236b, to be given in winter quarter, and with particular attention to the U.S. Soc 236c, to be given in spring quarter, will function as a research seminar, designed to facilitate the development of

empirical research projects on international migration, whether at M.A., Ph.D., or en route levels.

Course requirements

The basic requirement is to do the readings. There are plenty of them and you need to stay on top of the material at all times. The teaching style will be to have a structured discussion. This means that everyone participates; those who don't raise hands can expect to be called on, *in every class*.

Starting with session number two, I will ask each student to write a weekly memo addressing key issues in the readings. I will distribute memo questions for the *next* session early in the previous week. Your memos should be posted to the class web site by the Wednesday evening prior to our class meeting. Although the memos will be ungraded, they will help shape our discussions. In addition, every week, one reading apiece will also be assigned to students for a *brief* 3-5 minute summary and critique. As brevity will be the key to successful presentations, please be prepared for me to cut you off, it you go over the 5 minute mark. These assignments will rotate around the class.

There will be a comprehensive, take-home final, due at the end of exam period.

Readings

Many of the readings are available on line; some hypertext links are provided below, and can most conveniently be found in the html version of the syllabus. Remaining readings are available via the course web page. There are three required books, which should be available for purchase at UCLA bookstore:

Daniel Tichenor, *Dividing Lines: The Politics of Immigration Control in America*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2002

Christian Joppke, *Selecting by Origin: Ethnic Migration in the Liberal State*, Harvard University Press, 2005

Caroline Brettell and James Hollified, *Migration Theory: Debating Across Disciplines*, 2nd edition, Routledge, 2007

October 1: Session 1: Democracy, community, and freedom of movement

Walzer, Michael, 1983, *Spheres of justice : a defense of pluralism and equality*. New York: Basic

Joseph Carens, "Aliens and Citizens: The Case for Open Borders," *Review of Politics*, 49 (2), 1987: 251-73 (**JSTOR**)

Jean L. Cohen, "Changing Paradigms of Citizenship and the Exclusiveness of the Demos," *International Sociology*, Vol. 14, No. 3, 245-268 (1999), available on-line via UCLA library

Optional: Matthew Gibney, "Liberal Democratic States and Responsibilities to Refugees," *American Political Science Review*, 93: 169-181 (JSTOR)

October 8: Session 2: Theories of Migration

Alejandro Portes (1997) 'Immigration theory for a new century', *International Migration Review* (available at JSTOR)

Stephen Castles, "21st Century Migration as a Challenge to Sociology," *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, V 33, 3, 2007: 351-370 (available online via UCLA libraries)

Caroline Brettell and James Hollifield, "Introduction" in Brettell and Hollifield, eds

Chiswick chapter in Brettell and Hollifield

Timothy Hatton and Jeffrey G. Williamson, *Global Migration and the World Economy: Two Centuries of Policy and Performance*. Cambridge, MIT Press, 2005, pp. 51-62

Douglas Massey, et al. *Worlds in Motion*, Oxford: OUP, 1998: Chaps 1 & 2

or: Theories of International Migration: A Review and Appraisal

[Douglas S. Massey; Joaquin Arango; Graeme Hugo; Ali Kouaouci; Adela Pellegrino; J. Edward Taylor](#)

[Population and Development Review](#) > [Vol. 19, No. 3](#) (Sep., 1993), pp. 431-466

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Michael Piore, *Birds of Passage*, 1979, Chapters 1 and 2

Recommended: George J. Borjas, [Economic Theory and International Migration](#)

International Migration Review, Vol. 23, No. 3, Special Silver Anniversary Issue:

International Migration an Assessment for the 90's. (Autumn, 1989), pp. 457-485.

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October 15: Session 3: Mechanisms of Migration

Douglas Massey, et. al., 1987, [Return to Aztlan](#), Berkeley: University of California Press, Chapter 6;

Jacqueline Maria Hagan. 1998. "Social Networks, Gender and Immigrant Settlement:

Resource and Constraint." *American Sociological Review* 63(1):55-67; (JSTOR)

Charles Tilly, [Durable Inequality](#), UC Press, 1998, chapter 5

Roger Waldinger and Michael Lichter, *How the Other Half Works*, chaps 4-5

Curran, Sara R, and Estela Rivero-Fuentes. 2003. Engendering Migrant Networks: The Case of Mexican Migration. *Demography*. Volume 40(2):289-307.

Fussell, Elizabeth, and Douglas S. Massey. 2004. Limits to the Cumulative Causation of Migration: International Migration from Urban Mexico. *Demography* 41(1):151-171.

Cecilia Menjivar, *Fragmented Ties*, UC Press, 2000, pp. 26-36; chap 5.

Optional:

Monica Boyd, "Family and Personal Networks in International Migration: Recent Developments and New Agendas," *International Migration Review*, V. 23, 1989: 638-71 (**JSTOR**)

J.S. MacDonald and L. MacDonald, 1974, "Chain Migration, Ethnic Neighborhood Formation, and Social Networks," *The Milbank Memorial Fund Quarterly*, 1964 - JSTOR

October 22: Session 4: Immigration and the state (1): Immigration policy

Zolberg, "Matters of State: Theorizing Immigration Policy," in C. Hirschman, et. al., *The Handbook of International Migration*, New York: Russell Sage, 2000;

Gary Freeman, "Modes of Immigration Policies in Liberal Democratic Societies," *International Migration Review*, 1995, plus comment by Brubaker and Freeman response; (**JSTOR**)

Christian Joppke 'Immigration challenges the nation state' pp. 5-23 in Christian Joppke, ed., *Challenge to the nation-state: Immigration in Western Europe and the United States*, New York: Oxford, 1998.

Daniel Tichenor, *Dividing Lines: The Politics of Immigration Control in America*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2002, chapter 2

Wayne Cornelius and Takeyuki Tsuda, "Controlling Immigration: The Limits of Government Intervention," in Cornelius, Tsuda, Martin, and Hollifield, eds., *Controlling Immigration: A Global Perspective*, Stanford U Press, 2004: pp. 3-20

Saskia Sassen, *Losing control?: sovereignty in an age of globalization* New York: Columbia University Press, 1996 (chapter 3; available via UCLA libraries at:

<http://www.ciaonet.org/book/sassen/sassen13.html>)

Hollified chapter in Brettell and Hollifield.

Optional:

Douglas Massey, "International Migration at the Dawn of the Twenty-first Century: the Role of the State," *Population and Development Review*, June 1999. (**JSTOR**)

John Torpey, [Coming and Going: On the State Monopolization of the Legitimate" Means of Movement"](#) , *Sociological Theory*, 1998; **available online via UCLA libraries**

October 29: Session 5: U.S. Immigration Policy

Daniel Tichenor, *Dividing Lines*, Chapters 3-5, 7-9

Mae Ngai, *Impossible Subjects: Illegal Aliens and the Making of Modern America*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2004, Chapters 1 & 7

November 5: Session 6: Comparative Immigration Policy making

Christian Joppke, *Selecting by Origin: Ethnic Migration in the Liberal State*, Harvard University Press, 2005: whole book (skim chapter 1, material on U.S. in chapter 2)

November 12: Veterans' Day Holiday: no class

November 18: Session 7: Immigration and the state (2): Citizenship

Patrick Weil (2001) 'Access to citizenship: a comparison of twenty-five nationality laws' in Aleinikoff/Klusmeyer 2001

Rogers Brubaker (1992) *Nationhood and Citizenship in France and Germany*, preface, ch.1

Randall Hansen and Patrick Weil, "Introduction: Citizenship, Immigration and Nationality: Towards a Convergence in Europe?" in Hansen and Weil, eds. *Towards a European Nationality*, Palgrave, 2001.

Irene Bloemraad, *Becoming a Citizen: Incorporating Immigrants and Refugees in the United States and Canada*, Berkeley: UC Press, 2006, Chapters 1 & 3

Ruud Koopmans et al, *Contested Citizenship: Immigration and Cultural Diversity in Europe*, Minneapolis: U of Minnesota Press, 2005: Introduction, Chapter 1

Christian Joppke 'Immigration challenges the nation state' in Christian Joppke, ed., *Challenge to the nation-state: Immigration in Western Europe and the United States*, New York: Oxford, 1998, pp. 23-38 (continuation of article read for session 4)

Recommended:

T.H. Marshall, Robert Moore and Tom Bottomore (1987) Citizenship and Social Class (Pluto Press) (read pp. 8-51)

David Jacobson, *Rights Across Borders: Immigration and the Decline of Citizenship*, Johns Hopkins University Press, 1996, chapters 1 & 5

Miriam Feldblum, "Managing Migration: New Trends in Citizenship and Nationality Policy," Chapter 15 in Aleinikoff and Klusmeyer, eds. *From Migrants to Citizens*, Washington: Carnegie Endowment: 2000.

November 25 Session 8: Immigration and the state (3): rights and multiculturalism

Yasemin Soysal (1994) *Limits of Citizenship*, pp.1-8 + ch.2

Virginie Guiraudon (1998) 'Citizenship rights for non-citizens: France, Germany and the Netherlands' in Joppke 1998

Koopmans et al, chap 2

Bloemraad, Chapter 4 and conclusion

William Rogers Brubaker (1989) "Membership Without Citizenship: The Economic and Social Rights of Noncitizens" in William Rogers Brubaker ed. *Immigration and the Politics of Citizenship in Europe and North America* (New York: University Press of America) pp. 145-163.

Christian Joppke/Steven Lukes (1999) *Multicultural Questions*, 'Introduction', pp.1-24 (available online)

December 3: Session 9: Implementation, Policing, Bordering

Peter Andreas, *Border Games*, Cornell, 2000, chs 1, 5, 7

Wayne A. Cornelius, [Death at the Border: Efficacy and Unintended Consequences of US Immigration Control Policy](#)

Population and Development Review, Vol. 27, No. 4. (Dec., 2001), pp. 661-685.

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Audrey Singer; Douglas S. Massey [The Social Process of Undocumented Border Crossing among Mexican Migrants](#), *International Migration Review*, Vol. 32, No. 3. (Autumn, 1998), pp. 561-592.

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Antje Ellerman, Ellermann, Antje. 2005. ["Coercive Capacity and the Politics of Implementation: Deportation in Germany and the United States"](#) *Comparative Political Studies*, 38(10), 1219-1244

Torpey, chapter 5, 143-58

M.B. Salter, ["POLICY IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES Passports, Mobility, and Security: How smart can the border be?"](#) *International Studies Perspectives*, 2004 (available online via UCLA libraries)

or

R Koslowski, ["Intersections of Information Technology and Human Mobility: Globalization vs. Homeland Security,"](#)

http://tecn.rutgers.edu/cgcg/Papers/Koslowski_money_and_migration.pdf

Or

Eric Neumayer, Unequal Access to Foreign Spaces: How States Use Visa Restrictions to Regulate Mobility in a Globalised World, **Transactions of the British Institute of Geographers** 31 (1), pp. 72-84 (also:

[http://eprints.lse.ac.uk/archive/00000715/01/Transactions_of_the_BIG\(FINAL\).pdf](http://eprints.lse.ac.uk/archive/00000715/01/Transactions_of_the_BIG(FINAL).pdf))

Or

The last age of migration

Ewa Morawska, *With Bread and Butter*, Chapters 1 and 2.

Jose Moya, *Cousins and Strangers: Spanish Immigrants in Buenos Aires*, Chapter 1

Timothy Hatton, "The Age Of Mass Migration: What We Can And Can't Explain," 1999, <http://ecocomm.anu.edu.au/people/info/hatton/Kingston.pdf>

Adam McKeown, "Global Migration, 1846-1940," *Journal of World History*, June 2004, V. 15, 2 (available on-line via UCLA library)

John Torpey, *The Invention of the Passport*, chapter 4

Hatton and Williamson, *Global Migration*, Chapter 2; 62-76; chapter 8

Dudley Baines, "European Emigration, 1815-1930: Looking at the Emigration Decision Again," *Economic History Review*, New Series, Vol. 47, No. 3 (Aug., 1994), pp. 525-544

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