

**Comparative Social Research:
International Migration & Transnationalization**

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This course is about the responses of agents, organisations and states to processes usually labelled as “globalization”. We focus on international migration and its consequences, more specifically on “globalization from below”, namely how geographically and socially mobile persons – their networks, groups, communities and organizations – entertain and use social and symbolic ties within and across borders of nation-states. We thus deal with a fundamental incongruence in the contemporary world between the “world of societies” on the one hand and the “world of states” on the other hand. The mobility of people is not simply viewed as a set of uni-directional movements. Rather, the point of departure is transnational social spaces or border-crossing formations where people on the move and migrants weave new ties of political, cultural and economic relations. In the first part of the course we survey the growing literature on transnational communities, diasporas, and transnational spaces. In the second part we turn to selected examples dealing with transnational relations within Europe and between Europe and other regions of the world, looking at issues such as political participation and, above all, economic development. Students will form small working groups to analyse empirically transnational relations & development issues across a range of cases.

Introductory Literature: Website of the Transnational Communities Programme at Oxford University: <http://www.transcomm.ox.ac.uk>, especially the Working Paper Series (WPTC)

COURSE OUTLINE

Items marked with an asterisk (*) are required readings all students should read. Other items are recommended readings and are helpful for writing research papers.

WEEK ONE, April 18

Introduction

WEEK TWO, April 25

Approaches to International Migration

- * Steven Castles and Mark J. Miller, 2003: *The Age of Migration*. Chapters 1, 3, 4 and 5
- David Held, Anthony McGrew, David Goldblatt and Jonathan Perraton, 1999: *Global Transformations: Politics, Economics and Culture*, Cambridge: Polity Press, Chapter 6 on International Migration
- Thomas Faist, 2000: *The Volume and Dynamics of International Migration and Transnational Social Spaces*. Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4

WEEK THREE, May 2

The Transnational Perspective in Migration Research (1): Transnational Social Spaces

- * Thomas Faist, 1998: Transnational social spaces out of international migration: evolution, significance and future prospects, *Archives Européennes de Sociologie* 39, 2: 213-247
- Thomas Faist, 2004: The Border-Crossing Expansion of Social Space: Concepts, Questions and Topics, in Thomas Faist and Eyüp Özveren, *Transnational Social Spaces. Actors, Networks and Institutions*. Aldershot: Ashgate, 1-36
- Thomas Faist, 2000: Grenzen überschreiten. Das Konzept Transstaatliche Räume und seine Anwendungen, in Thomas Faist (ed.), *Transstaatliche Räume. Politik, Wirtschaft und Kultur in und zwischen Deutschland und der Türkei*. Bielefeld: transcript, 9-56
- Linda Basch, Nina Glick Schiller and Cristina Szanton Blanc, 1994: *Nations Unbound: Transnational Projects, Postcolonial Predicaments, and Deterritorialized Nation-States*. Langhorne, PA: Gordon and Breach
- Ludger Pries, 2001: The Approach of Transnational Social Spaces: Responding to new Configurations of the Social and the Spatial, in Ludger Pries (ed.), *New Transnational Social Spaces: International Migration and Transnational Companies in the Early Twenty-First Century*. London: Routledge, 3-36

WEEK FOUR, May 9

The Transnational Perspective in Migration Research (2): Implications

- * Peter Kivisto, 2001: Theorizing Transnational Migration: A Critical Review of Current Efforts, *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 24, 4: 549-577
- * Roger Waldinger and David Fitzgerald, 2004: Transnationalism in Question, *American Journal of Sociology* 109, 5: 1177-1195
- Alejandro Portes, et al. 1999. Introduction: Pitfalls and Promise of an Emergent Research Field, *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 22, 2: 217-237
- Alejandro Portes, 2003: Conclusion: Theoretical Convergencies and Empirical Evidence in the Study of Immigrant Transnationalism, *International Migration Review* 37, 3: 874-885
- Peggy Levitt, 2001: Transnational Migration: Taking Stock and Future Directions, *Global Networks* 1, 3: 195-216
- Thomas Faist, 2000 Transnationalization in international migration: implications for the study of citizenship and culture, *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 23, 2: 189-222
- Andreas Wimmer and Nina Glick Schiller, 2003: Methodological Nationalism, the Social Sciences, and the Study of Migration: An Essay in Historical Epistemology, *International Migration Review* 37, 3: 576-610

- Adrian Favell, 2003: Games without Frontiers? Questioning the Transnational Social Power of Migrants in Europe, *Archives Européennes de Sociologie* 44, 3: 397-427

South-North

East-West

- Markus Kaiser, ???

East-East

- Markus Kaiser, ???

South-South

- Heidi Østbø and Jørgen Carling, 2005: On the edge of the Chinese diaspora: The surge of Bbihuo business in an African city, *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 28, 4: 639-662

- Mara A. Leichtmann, 2005: The legacy of transnational lives: Beyond the first generation of Lebanese in Senegal, *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 28, 4: 663-686

WEEK FIVE, May 23

Migrant Transnational Politics and State Responses

* Rainer Bauböck, 2003: Towards a Political Theory of Migrant Transnationalism, *International Migration Review* 37, 3: 700-723

* Thomas Faist, 2004: Towards a Political Sociology of Transnationalization. The State of the Art in International Migration, *Archives Européennes de Sociology* (forthcoming)

- Gabriel Sheffer, 2003: *Diaspora Politics: At Home Abroad*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Chs. 1 & 10

- Eva Østergard-Nielsen, 2003a: The Politics of Migrants' Transnational Political Practices, *International Migration Review* 37, 3: 760-786

- Eva Østergard-Nielsen, 2003b: *Transnational Politics: Turks and Kurds in Germany*. London: Routledge

- Anna Paula Beja Horta, 2003: Transnational Networks and the Local Politics of Migrant Grassroots Organizing in Post-Colonial Portugal, WPTC-02-03

WEEK SIX, May 30

Transnationalization, Immigrant Integration and Diaspora Formation

* Ewa Morawska, 2005: Exploring Diversity in Immigrant Assimilation and Transnationalism: Poles and Russian Jews in Philadelphia, *International Migration Review* 38, 4: 1372-1412

* Arjun Appadurai, Disjuncture and Difference in the Global Cultural Economy, in Jana Evans Braziel and Anita Mannur (eds.), *Theorizing Diaspora. A Reader*. Oxford: Blackwell, 2003, 25-48

- Thomas Faist, 2000: *The Volume and Dynamics of International Migration and Transnational Social Spaces*, Chapter 8

- Luis Guarnizo, 2003: The Economics of Transnational Living, *International Migration Review* 37, 3: 666-699

- Peggy Levitt and Mary C. Waters (eds.), *The Changing Face of Home: The Transnational Lives of the Second Generation*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation, Chapters 1 and 9
- Robin Cohen, 1997: *Global Diasporas: An Introduction*. London: University College of London (UCL) Press
- Bundeszentrale für Politische Bildung, *Afrikanische Diaspora*, http://www.bpb.de/themen/X5FI94,0,0,Afrikanische_Diaspora_in_Deutschland.html

WEEK SEVEN, June 6

Transnational Social Formations and Development

- * Peggy Levitt & Ninna Nyberg-Sorensen, 2004: The Transnational Turn in Migration Studies. *Global Migration Perspectives*, No. 6. <http://www.gcim.org>
- * *Entwicklung und Zusammenarbeit (E+Z)*, 45, 10; contributions by Rita Süßmuth, Hans Werner Mundt, Tarek Al-Wazir, Faruk Sen, 364-379
- * Nyberg-Sørensen, Ninna, Nicholas Van Hear & Poul Engberg-Pedersen, 2002: The Migration-Development Nexus: Evidence and Policy Options. State-of-the-Art Overview, *International Migration* 40, 5: 3-47
- Alan Findlay, 2003: Skilled Transients: The Invisible Phenomenon? In Robin Cohen (ed.), *The Cambridge Survey of World Migration*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 515-523
- Reginald Appleyard (ed.), 1999: *Migration and Development*. New York: United Nations
- Drinkwater, Stephen et al. (2002), *The Economic Impact of Migration: A Survey*, Second Workshop of the Fifth Framework Programme project “European Enlargement: The Impact of East-West Migration on Growth and Employment

WEEK EIGHT, June 13

Case Studies 1: Transnational Communities and Development

- * Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) & International Labour Organization (ILO), 2003/2004: *Migration and Development*, <http://www.gtz.de/migration-and-development>
- Cindy Horst, 2004: Money and mobility: transnational livelihood strategies of the Somali diaspora, *Global Migration Perspectives*, No. 9, <http://www.gcim.org>
- Dharam Ghai, 2004: Diasporas and development: the case of Kenya, *Global Migration Perspectives*, No. 10, <http://www.gcim.org>
- Dhume, Sadanand, 2002: “From Bangalore to Silicon Valley and Back: How the Indian Diaspora in the United States Is Changing India”, in: Ayres, Alissa/Oldenburger, Philip (eds.): *Quickening the Pace of Change*, India Briefing 9/2002, Armonk, NY: Sharpe, 91-120

WEEK NINE, June 20

Field Research, Part 1 (Student Groups)

Background Literature:

- Tremblay, Karine, 2002, "Student Mobility between and towards OECD countries: A Comparative Analysis," OECD (ed.) *International Mobility of the Highly skilled*. Paris: OECD, 39-67
- Kuptsch, Christiane, 2003: Foreign Students in Europe: Between Red Carpet and Red Card, Paper prepared for the ILS/ILO workshop "Temporary Migration – Assessment and Practical Proposals for Overcoming Protection Gaps", Geneva, 18-19 September 2003
- Madl, Benedikt, 2002: *Auslandsstudium, Brain-Drain und Regierungspolitik am Beispiel der VR China*, Frankfurt: Peter Lang Verlag
- Steven Vertovec, 2002: Transnational Networks and Skilled Labour Migration, WPTC-02-02
- Arno Tanner, 2004: Brain drain and beyond: returns and remittances of highly skilled migrants, *Global Migration Perspectives*, No. 24, <http://www.gcim.org>
- Regets, Mark C., 2001: Research and Policy Issues in Highly-Skilled International Migration: A Perspective with Data from the United States, *IZA-Diskussions-Papier* No. 366, Bonn: Forschungsinstitut zur Zukunft der Arbeit (IZA)

WEEK TEN, June 27
Field Research, Part 2 (Student Groups)

WEEK ELEVEN, July 4
Presentation of Students' Projects (1)

WEEK TWELVE, July 11
Presentation of Students' Projects (2)

WEEK THIRTEEN, July 18
Concluding Discussion

Seminar Presentation – Feedback against Assessment Criteria

Student Name:

Preparation						
Well prepared						Lack of preparation
Well organised						Poorly organised
Structure						
Clear Structure						Unclear structure
Logical Structure						Illogical structure
Coherent Structure						Incoherent structure
Content						
Relevancy						Irrelevant content
In-depth						Content too shallow
Analysis						Content lacks analysis
Evidence						
Evidence pertinent						Evidence irrelevant
Evidence Illuminating						Evidence weak
Conclusion						
Conclusion Focused						Conclusion lacks focus
Conclusion thought-provoking						Conclusion unimaginative
Presentation						
Lively Presentation						Presentation boring
Good visual aids						Poor visual aids
Co-operation						
Where relevant, Good Teamwork						No evidence of co-Teamwork

ExcellentPoor

Provisional Grade:

Advice: How this Seminar Presentation could be improved:

Date:

Signature: