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Sociology 236: Immigration

Our course offers a comprehensive overview of the key current theoretical debates in the study of international migration. Its central focus is to explore the possibilities of a comparative transatlantic research program in the field, linking the North American and European experiences of immigration. Each week we will attempt to construct a meaningful comparison across this often divided literature. The long term goal is to encourage students to undertake research in the field of migration research. This field is, perhaps, unique in its interdisciplinary and methodologically pluralist nature: stretching from the demography and economics of migration, through political science, sociological and geographical 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 immigration and immigrants in North America and Europe also offers opens up fresh perspectives on conceptions of nationhood, citizenship and the state.

The course is organized as a two quarter sequence. It is possible, with permission, to take just one part of the course. In the first part, the course offers a comprehensive overview of key issues in the comparative study of immigration. In the second part, the course covers a series of special issues. These sessions will be interspersed with sessions based on student presentations of their research projects.

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*. Every other week, we will ask each student to write one memo addressing key issues in one week's readings. These memos should be posted to the class web site by the Sunday evening prior to our class meeting. Although the memos will be ungraded, they will help shape our discussions. Every following week, we will ask two or three students to initiate the class discussion, with a brief 10-15 overview and critique of some key reading. All other students will be asked to write comments on the memos submitted by your colleagues for the *previous* week's reading. There will be a comprehensive, take-home final, due at the end of exam period.

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Week-by-week schedule

Session 1: Organizational meeting

General discussion on international migration studies as a comparative and multi-disciplinary field of study.
Allocation of tasks. Prepare by reading:

Caroline Brettell and James Hollifield (2000) 'Migration theory: talking across disciplines'

Alejandro Portes (1997) 'Immigration theory for a new century'

Stephen Castles (1993) 'Perspectives for the 1990s: eleven hypotheses'

Further reading (available on reserve):

Brettell and Hollifield (2000)

Session 2: Is this an age of migration?

Themes: history of migration, volume/types of migration, international data sources, migration and

globalization, refugee crisis

Comparison: The 'global' world today and at the end of 19th Century

David Held et al (2000) *Global Transformations*, 'People on the move', 283-326

Leslie Page Moch (1992) *Moving Europeans*, ch.1 + ch.4, pp.147-58

John Torpey (2000) *The Invention of the Passport*, ch.3 'The nineteenth century trend towards freedom of movement'

Lars Olsson (1996) Labor migration as a prelude to World War I', *IMR*

Rogers Brubaker (1996) 'Aftermaths of empire and the unmixing of people' pp.148-178 in *Nationalism Reframed*

Further reading:

Castles and Miller (1998), Hirschman (2000)

OECD/SOPEMI (2000) *Trends in International Migration* (annual report)

Session 3: Theories of migration

Themes: classic push-pull theories, explaining why people move/don't move, migration systems theory

Comparison: Mexican-US migration and South-North & East-West migration in Europe

George Borjas (1989) 'Economic theory and international migration'

Doug Massey et al (1993) 'Theories of international migration: a review and appraisal'

Tomas Hammar et al (1997) *International Migration, Immobility and Development*, Hammar and Tamas, 'Why do people go or stay?', pp.1-19

Doug Massey and Rene Zenteno (1999) 'The dynamics of mass migration'

Peter Fischer and Thomas Straubhaar (1996) 'Is migration into EU countries demand based?'

Russell King, Richard Black and Tony Fielding (1997) 'The international migration turnaround in Southern Europe'

Dietrich Thränhardt (1996) 'European migration from East to West'

Further reading:

Massey et al (1998), Boyle et al (1998), Hammar et al (1997), JEMS special on EU enlargement and migration (MSS)

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

Themes: sovereignty, border control, open/closed doors, explaining policy outcomes

Comparison: US, Canadian and European immigration policies

Aristide Zolberg (2000) 'Matters of state: theorizing immigration policy'

Douglas Massey (1999) 'International migration at the dawn of the twenty-first century: the role of the state'

John Torpey (2000) *The Invention of the Passport*, Intro + ch.1 'Coming and going'

Christian Joppke (1998) 'Immigration challenges the nation state' in Joppke 1998

Wayne Cornelius et al (1994) *Controlling Immigration: a Global Perspective*, ch.2-3

Grete Brochmann (1999) *Mechanisms of Immigration Control*, ch.1

Virginie Guiraudon (2001) 'De-nationalising control: analyzing state responses to constraints on migration control' in Guiraudon/Joppke, *Controlling a New Migration World*

Gary Freeman (1995) 'Modes of immigration politics in liberal democratic societies'

Further reading:

Joppke (1998), Joppke (1999), Guiraudon/Joppke (2001), Cornelius et al (1994)

Saskia Sassen (1998) 'The de facto transnationalizing of immigration policy' in Joppke 1998

Gary Freeman (1998) 'The decline of sovereignty?' in Joppke 1998

Sept 11 is also having a major impact on these questions. Download a recent discussion piece by Aristide Zolberg and other essays @

<http://www.ssrc.org/sept11/essays/zolberg.htm>

Session 5: Immigration and the state (2): Citizenship

Themes: naturalisation and nationality law, citizenship rights, nationhood, post-national citizenship
Comparison: Nationality law in US and European states

Patrick Weil (2001) 'Access to citizenship: a comparison of twenty-five nationality laws' in Aleinikoff/Klusmeyer 2001
Christian Joppke (1999) *Immigration and the Nation State*, ch.2 'The USA: A nation of immigrants again' pp.22-61
Rogers Brubaker (1992) *Nationhood and Citizenship in France and Germany*, ch.1
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

Further reading:

Brubaker (1989), Aleinikoff/Klusmeyer (2000), Aleinikoff/Klusmeyer (2001), Carnegie Comparative Citizenship Project (MSS)
Peter Schuck (1998) 'The re-evaluation of American citizenship' in Joppke 1998
Miriam Feldblum (2000) 'Managing membership: new trends in citizenship and nationality policy', pp.475-500 in Aleinikoff/Klusmeyer 2000

Session 6: Multicultural citizenship

Themes: normative philosophical debates, models of citizenship, polyethnic vrs multinational dilemmas
Comparison: US, Canadian, French and British approaches to multicultural citizenship

Will Kymlicka (1995) *Multicultural Citizenship*, pp.1-33
Christian Joppke/Steven Lukes (1999) *Multicultural Questions*, 'Introduction', pp.1-24
Nathan Glazer (1999) 'Multiculturalism and American exceptionalism' pp.183-198 in Joppke/Lukes 1999
Tariq Modood (1997) 'The politics of multiculturalism in the new Europe'
Adrian Favell (1998) 'Applied political philosophy at the Rubicon' (on Kymlicka)

Further reading:

Joppke/Lukes (1999), Favell (1998/2001)

Session 7: Assimilation/Integration

Themes: Conceptualisation/measurement of social change, construction of data, ethnic categories, politicized versus positivist approaches
Comparison: US research model compared to British, French and other European approaches

Milton Gordon (1965) *Assimilation in American Life*, ch.3
Richard Alba/Victor Nee (1997) 'Rethinking assimilation theory for a new era of immigration', *IMR*
Alejandro Portes/Min Zhou (1992) 'The new second generation: segmented assimilation and its variants among post-1965 youth'
Rogers Brubaker (2001) 'The return of assimilation? Changing perspectives on immigration and its sequels in France, Germany and the United States', *ERS*
Michael Banton (2001) 'National integration in France and Britain', *JEMS*
Tariq Modood (1997) *Ethnic Minorities in Britain* (PSI report), ch.1 + ch.9 'Culture and identity', pp.1-18, 290-338
Michele Tribalat (1995) *De l'immigration à l'assimilation*, extracts (in French!!)
Ron Lesthaeghe (2000) 'Transnational Islamic communities in a multilingual secular society' (on Turks and Moroccans in Belgium), pp.1-55

Further reading:

Favell (1998/2001), Waldinger (2001)
Barbara Schmitter Heisler (2000) 'The sociology of immigration: from assimilation to segmented integration, from the American experience

to the global arena' in Brettell/Hollifield 2000
Rainer Bauböck (1994) *The Integration of Immigrants* (report for Council of Europe)
download @
[http://www.coe.int/T/E/Social_Cohesion/Migration/Documentation/Publications_and_reports/Reports_and_proceedings/1994_Cdmg\(94\)25E.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.coe.int/T/E/Social_Cohesion/Migration/Documentation/Publications_and_reports/Reports_and_proceedings/1994_Cdmg(94)25E.asp#TopOfPage)
Adrian Favell (2001) 'Integration policy and integration research in Europe: a review and critique' (report for Carnegie Endowment) (MSS)
Dossier of European research and policy debates on integration (MSS)

Session 8: Ethnicity, race and migration

Themes: 2nd/3rd generation, identity, new ethnicities
Comparison: US race/identity issues with Britain

Rubén Rumbaut and Alejandro Portes (2001) *Ethnicities: Children of Immigrants in America*, ch.1
'Ethnogenesis:

coming of age in immigrant America', pp.1-19
Mary Waters (1999) *Black Identities: West Indian Immigrant Dreams and American Realities*, ch.3 + ch.8
David Lopez and Yen Le Espiritu (1990) 'Panethnicity in the United States: a theoretical framework'
Min Zhou and Carl Bankston (1998) *Growing Up American*, ch.4
Gerd Bauman (1996) *Contesting Culture*
Les Back (1995) *New Ethnicities and Urban Culture*, pp.14-26, 123-159

Further reading:

Rumbaut and Portes (2001)
Debates on US Census results
Dossier on Report on Multi-Ethnic Britain (2000)

Session 9: Ethnic niches and informal economy

Themes: niches, networks, social capital, post-industrial economy, informal business
Comparison: New York, Los Angeles with Dutch cities and London

Michael Piore (1979) *Birds of Passage*, ch. 2 + ch.3
Alejandro Portes (1995) *The Economic Sociology of Immigration*, ch.1
John Logan and Richard Alba (??) 'Minority niches and immigrant enclaves in New York and Los Angeles'
Roger Waldinger (1996) *Still the Promised City*, ch. 1-4, pp.1-136
Malcolm Cross and Roger Waldinger (1992) 'Migrants, minorities and the ethnic division of labor' (on London and NYC)
Robert Kloosterman and Jan Rath (1998) 'Across the border: immigrants' economic opportunities, social capital and informal business activities'
Pnina Werbner (1999) 'What color success? Distorting value in studies of ethnic entrepreneurship'

Further reading:

Portes (1995), Waldinger (2001), Hirschman et al (2000)
Malcolm Cross and Roger Waldinger (1997) 'Economic integration and labour market change: a review and re-appraisal'
download at:
http://www.international.metropolis.net/frameset_e.html
(select "Research and Policy" then scroll down to "Thematic papers")

Session 10: Transnational communities

Themes: remittances, transnational citizenship, networks, identities
Comparison: US transnational migrants, with transnational migrants in Italy

Alejandro Portes (1996) 'Transnational communities: their emergence and significance in the contemporary world-system'
Nina Glick Schiller, Linda Basch and Cristina Szanton Blanc (1995) 'From immigrant to transmigrant:

theorizing transnational migration'

Robert Smith (1998) 'Transnational public spheres and changing practices of citizenship, membership and nation: comparative

insights from the Mexican and Italian cases'

David Kyle (1999) 'The Otavolo trade diaspora: social capital and transnational entrepreneurship' in ERS, vol.22,2

Thomas Faist (2000) *The Volume and Dynamics of International Migration and Transnational Social Spaces*, ch.7 + ch.8, pp.195-290

Ralph Grillo/Bruno Riccio/Ruba Salih (2000) 'Here or there? Contrasting experiences of transnationalism: Moroccans and Senegalese in Italy', download @

<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/Units/CDE/Level2/Research/booklet.pdf>

Further reading:

Working papers on British ESRC Transnational Communities website

download @ <http://www.transcomm.ox.ac.uk/>

Spring Quarter

Special topics – to be finalized, readings are indicative. These will be interspersed with student project presentations.

Session 8: Cross-border labor markets

Themes: industrial/post-industrial scenarios, informal economy, bi-lateral labor accords

Comparison: Californian border with Mediterranean, German/Polish border

Readings from Portes, Waldinger, Pugliese, Quassoli, Wilpert, Menz

Session 10: Urban geography of migrants

Themes: Segregation, discrimination, race

Comparison: US and European cities

Readings from Wilson, Massey/Denton, Wacquant, van Kempen et al, Kesteloot,

Session 11: Political participation of migrants

Themes: citizenship, social movements, representation

Comparison: New York/Los Angeles with Brussels, Berlin, British, Dutch, Italian cities

Readings from Waldinger et al, Johnston, M.P.Smith, Katznelson, Boussetta, Vertovec, Favell/Martiniello, Jacobs, Danese, Saggat, Solomos/Back

Session 13: Trafficking and domestic work

Themes: gender, service economy, underground migration systems

Comparison: US/Latin America with European trafficking (Chinese, Filipino, African and Balkan)

Readings from Kyle, Phizacklea, Kofman, Campani, Engbersen,

Session 14: International political economy of migration

Themes: international governance, market and the state

Comparison: NAFTA and the EU

Readings from Guiraudon, Geddes, Lavenex, Koslowski

Books on Reserve (YRL) – 2 day loans max

Stephen Castles and Mark Miller. 1998. *The Age of Migration*

Paul Boyle, Keith Halfacree and Vaughn Robinson. 1998. *Exploring Contemporary Migration*

Tomas Hammar, Grete Brochmann et al. 1997. *International Migration, Immobility and Development*

- Caroline Brettell and James Hollifield (eds). 2000. *Migration Theory: Talking Across Disciplines*
- Christian Joppke (ed). 1998. *Challenge to the Nation-State: Immigration in Western Europe and the United States*
- Christian Joppke. 1999. *Immigration and the Nation State*
- Virginie Guiraudon and Christian Joppke (eds). 2001. *Controlling a New Migration World*
- Christian Joppke and Steven Lukes (eds). 1999. *Multicultural Questions*
- Yasemin Soysal. 1994. *Limits of Citizenship: Migrants and Post-National Membership in Western Europe*
- Wayne Cornelius, Philip Martin, James Hollifield (eds). 1994. *Controlling Immigration: a Global Perspective*
- Roger Waldinger (ed). 2001. *Strangers at the Gates*
- Alejandro Portes (ed). 1995. *The Economic Sociology of Immigration*
- Douglas Massey et. 1998. *Worlds in Motion: Understanding International Migration at the End of the Millenium*
- C. Hirschman et al. 2000. *The Handbook of International Migration*
- Alex Aleinikoff and Doug Klusmeyer (eds). 2000. *From Migrants to Citizens*
- Alex Aleinikoff and Doug Klusmeyer (eds). 2001. *Citizenship Today: a Global Perspective*
- Adrian Favell. 1998/2001 (2nd ed). *Philosophies of Integration: Immigration and the Idea of Citizenship in France and Britain*
- Rogers Brubaker (ed). 1989. *Immigration and the Politics of Citizenship in Western Europe*
- Andrew Geddes. 2000. *Immigration and European Integration: Towards Fortress Europe?*
- Rey Koslowski. 2000. *Migrants and Citizens: Demographic Change in the European State System*

Other useful references

- Baldwin-Edwards, Martin and Schain, Martin (eds). 1994. *The Politics of Immigration in Western Europe*. London: Cass. (also available as special edition in same year of *West European Politics*)
- Carmon, Naomi (ed). 1996. *Immigration and Integration in Post-Industrial Societies*. London. Macmillan.
- Cesarani, David and Fulbrook, Mary (eds). 1996. *Citizenship, Nationality and Migration in Europe*. London: Routledge.
- Cohen, Robin (ed). 1995. *The Cambridge Survey of World Migration*. Cambridge: CUP.
- Cross, Malcolm (ed). 1992. *Ethnic Minorities and Industrial Change in Europe and North America*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

- Dewitte, Philippe. 1999. *Immigration et intégration: l'état des savoirs*. Paris: La découverte.
- Geddes, Andrew and Favell, Adrian (eds). 1999. *The Politics of Belonging: Migrants and Minorities in Contemporary Europe*. Aldershot: Ashgate/ICCR.
- Hansen, Randall and Weil, Patrick (eds). 2000. *Towards a European Nationality?* London: Macmillan.
- Jacobson, David. 1996. *Rights Across Borders: Immigration and the Decline of Citizenship*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press.
- King, Russell. (ed). 1993. *Mass Migration in Europe: the Legacy and the Future*. London: Wiley.
- King, Russell (ed). 1993. *The New Geography of European Migrations*. London: Belhaven.
- King, Russell and Black, Richard (eds). 1997. *Southern Europe and the New Immigrations*. Brighton: Sussex Academic Press.
- King, Russell, Lazaridis, Gabriella and Tsardanidis, Charalambos (eds). 2000. *Eldorado or Fortress? Migration in Southern Europe*. London: Macmillan.
- Koopmans, Ruud and Statham, Paul (eds). 2000. *Challenging Immigration and Ethnic relations Politics: Comparative European Perspectives*. Oxford: oxford University Press.
- Koser, Khalid and Lutz, Helma (eds). 1998. *The New Migration in Europe: Social Constructions and Social Realities*. London: Macmillan.
- Kymlicka, Will and Norman, Wayne (eds). 2000. *Citizenship in Diverse Societies*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Martiniello, Marco (ed). 1995. *Migration, Citizenship and Ethno-National Identities in the European Union*. Aldershot: Avebury.
- Miles, Robert and Thrä nhardt, Dietrich (eds). 1995. *Migration and European Integration*. London: Pinter.
- Modood, Tariq and Werbner, Pnina (eds). 1997. *The Politics of Multiculturalism in the New Europe*. London: Zed Books.
- Papastergiadis, Nikos. 2000. *The Turbulence of Migration*. Cambridge: Polity 2000.
- Rath, Jan (ed). 2000. *Immigrant Businesses: The Economic, Political and Social Environment*. London: Macmillan.
- Rees, Peter et al (eds). 1996. *Population Migration in the European Union*. Chichester: Wiley.
- Rubio, Ruth. 2000. *Immigration as a Democratic Challenge: Citizenship and Inclusion in Germany and the United States*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Rumbaut, Rubén and Alejandro Portes. 2001. *Ethnicities: Children of Immigrants in America*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Sassen, Saskia. 1998. *Globalization and Its Discontents: Essays on the New Mobility of People and Money*. New York: The New Press.

Vertovec, Steve and Peach, Ceri. 1998. *Islam in Europe: The Politics of Religion and Community*. London: Macmillan.

Van Hear, Nicholas. 1998. *New Diasporas: The Mass Exodus, Dispersal and Regrouping of Migrant Communities*. London: UCL Press.

Weiner, Myron. 1995. *The Global Migration Crisis*. New York: Harper Collins.

Wrench, John and Solomos, John (eds). 1993. *Racism and Migration in Western Europe*. Oxford: Berg.

Other Resources

It is also essential to look for articles in the following leading journals on migration/ethnic studies (note how we abbreviate them in references below, i.e., JEMS). Some of the most important and up-to-date work is published here, and they are often worth browsing :

International Migration Review (IMR)
International Migration (IM)
New Community (NC), (until 1997 now known as...)
Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies (JEMS)
Ethnic and Racial Studies (ERS)
Migration
Revue européenne des migrations internationales
Migrantenstudies

Try also:

Nations and Nationalism
Nationalism and Ethnic Politics
Social Identities
Global Networks
Identities
Race and Class
Urban Studies
International Journal of Urban and Regional Research

The other very useful source of research and information is, of course, the internet. The following sites are all worth a look for new working papers, links to migrant organizations and researchers in the field, bibliographical searches, and data:

Metropolis - Research and Policy on Migrants in Cities
<http://www.international.metropolis.net>

Transnational Communities, ESRC Project, Oxford
<http://www.transcomm.ox.ac.uk>

(The *Traces* world news digest is particularly good for material)

ERCOMER - European Research Centre on Migration and Ethnic Relations, Utrecht
<http://www.ercomer.org>

CEMES - Centre for European Migration and Ethnic Studies
<http://www.cemes.org>
(includes large database on human rights and ethnic relations in 30 European countries)

IMES - Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies, Amsterdam
<http://www.pscw.uva.nl/imes>

Migration Research Centre, University of Bremen
<http://www.migration.uni-bremen.de>

European Migration Centre (EMZ)
<http://www.emz-berlin.de>

(includes a statistic database)

Migration Research Unit, UCL, London
<http://www.geog.ucl.ac.uk/mru>

Migration Dialogue, UC-Davis, California
<http://migration.ucdavis.edu/>
(includes the useful global newsletter *Migration News*)

Center for Comparative Immigration studies, UC-San Diego
<http://www.ccis-ucsd.org>
(check out their visiting fellowship program)

Center for Migration Studies, New York
<http://www.cmsny.org/index.htm>

Stichting VADA (Dutch multiculturalism site with many links)
<http://www.vada.nl>

UNESCO-MOST project, Multicultural Policies and Modes of Citizenship in European Cities
www.unesco.org/most/p97.htm

Migration Policy Group, Brussels
<http://www.migpolgroup.com>

Migration Policy Institute, Washington DC
<http://www.migrationpolicy.org/index.html>

Refugee Studies Centre, Oxford
<http://www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/rsc/>

Sussex Center for Migration Research, University of Sussex.
<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/Units/CDE/research/migration.html>