

SOCIOLOGY 520
MIGRATION AND IMMIGRANT GROUPS
Fall 2016

Wednesdays 2:35 PM – 4:25 PM
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COURSE SUMMARY

This graduate seminar examines the patterns, processes, and consequences of international migration for immigrants and the receiving countries where they settle. We will review key theories of international migration, explore issues pertinent to contemporary immigration policy, and assess how migrants' characteristics and host country conditions affect integration. Comparisons across Canada, the United States, and Western Europe will be made throughout the course. This explicit cross-national framework will provide you with a better understanding of Canadian immigration and how it compares and contrasts with other immigrant-receiving countries.

REQUIREMENTS

Breakdown of assignments for final course grade:

Participation (including leading class discussion) 15%

Reflection Memos (3): 30%

IRE Workshop attendance & memos (2): 15%

Research paper: 40%

Participation

Your participation grade consists of two components.

A) Lead class discussions - One student per week will be assigned to lead class discussions. The student presenter will give a brief overview (**10 minutes max**) of the main themes/issues covered in the readings. Then s/he will present three questions for the class to discuss.

B) Active participation in class – This is a small, reading-intensive graduate seminar. As such, you are expected to do **all** the required readings assigned for each week and come to class prepared to contribute to class discussions. Please note that if you do not like discussion-based courses, you will likely not do well in this class. Furthermore, in the past, I have found

that students tend to get more out of the class if they are actively engaged in both the readings and class discussions.

Reflection Memos

You will write three reflection memos (3 pages max, double space) on any issue raised in the readings for weeks 4, 7 and 13. Memos must be of an *analytical* nature and not simply summaries of readings. Memos are due in hard copy at the beginning of class for the weeks they are due.

IRE Workshop Attendance & Memo

You will attend **two** Immigration, Race & Ethnicity (IRE) Workshop presentations. For each presentation, you will write a 1-page (double space) summary of the key findings in the paper that was circulated and identify and reflect on key issues that were brought up during the Workshop discussion. *You are also encouraged to participate in the Workshop discussions, too, as it is part of your learning experience.*

Research Paper

You will write a research paper (20-25 pages, excluding references, tables and figures) on any topic related to migration and immigrant groups in Canada or in other immigrant-receiving countries. You are expected to incorporate data **analysis** in your paper; **papers consisting only of literature reviews will not be accepted.**

A two page (double space) paper proposal is due at the beginning of class on October 19, 2016.

The final research paper is due by 5 PM on December 12, 2015. Method of submission for the final paper (electronic or hard copy) to be determined.

REQUIRED READINGS

A coursepack is required for this course. Additionally, we will draw on journal articles. All journal articles will be available for download as PDFs from *MyCourses*.

POLICY ON LATE ASSIGNMENTS

A full grade will be deducted for every 24 hours that the assignment is late. For example, if your research paper is submitted a day late, and you earn a B- on the assignment, your adjusted paper grade will be C+.

PLAGIARISM

McGill University values academic integrity. Therefore, all students must understand the meaning and consequences of cheating, plagiarism and other academic offences under the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures (see www.mcgill.ca/students/srr/honest/ for more information). (approved by Senate on 29 January 2003.)

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN WORK

In accord with McGill University's Charter of Students' Rights, students in this course have the right to submit in English or in French any written work that is to be graded. (approved by Senate on 21 January 2009 – see also the section in this document on Assignments and evaluations.)

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Note: The due dates for the various assignments may be subject to change, contingent on discussion and agreement from the entire class.

DETAILED COURSE OUTLINE

MyC = download from MyCourses

Week 1 – September 7: Introduction & Theories

Glick Schiller, Nina. 1999. "Transmigrants and Nation-States: Something Old and Something New in the U.S. Immigrant Experience." Pp. 94-119 in *The Handbook of International Migration: The American Experience*, edited by C. Hirschman, P. Kasinitz, and J. DeWind. New York: Russell Sage. [CP]

Massey, Douglas S. 1999. "Why Does Immigration Occur? A Theoretical Synthesis." Pp. 34-52 in *The Handbook of International Migration: The American Experience*, edited by C. Hirschman, P. Kasinitz, and J. DeWind. New York: Russell Sage. [CP]

Pessar, Patricia R. 1999. "The Role of Gender, Households, and Social Networks in the Migration Process: A Review and Appraisal." Pp. 5-70 in *The Handbook of International Migration: The American Experience*, edited by C. Hirschman, P. Kasinitz, and J. DeWind. New York: Russell Sage. [CP]

Recommended:

Ravenstein, E.G. 1885. "The laws of migration." *Journal of the Statistical Society of London* 48(2):167-235. [MyC]

Week 2 – September 14: Migration and Development

De Haas, Hein. 2010. "Migration and Development: A Theoretical Perspective." *International Migration Review* 44(1):227-64. [MyC]

Massey, Douglas S. 1988. "Economic Development and International Migration in Comparative Perspective." *Population and Development Review* 14:383-413. [MyC]

Sanderson, Matthew R. and Jeffrey D. Kentor. 2009. "Globalization, Development and International Migration: A Cross-National Analysis of Less-Developed Countries, 1970-2000." *Social Forces* 88:301-336. [MyC]

Skeldon, Ronald. 2008. "International Migration as a Tool in Development Policy: A Passing Phase?" *Population Development & Review* 34:1-18. [MyC]

Recommended:

Ratha, Dilip. 2007. "Leveraging Remittances for Development." *Policy Brief: Program on Migrants, Migration, and Development* (June). Washington D.C.: Migration Policy Institute. [MyC]

Vammen, Ida M. and Birgitte M. Bronden. 2012. "Donor-Country Responses to the Migration-Development Buzz: From Ambiguous Concepts to Ambiguous Policies?" *International Migration* 50:26-42. [MyC]

Other Resources:

Interactive maps of migration & remittances:

http://www.nytimes.com/ref/world/20070622_CAPEVERDE_GRAPHIC.html#

World Bank. 2011. Migration and Development Brief 17, Migration and Remittances Unit. <http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTPROSPECTS/Resources/334934-1110315015165/MigrationandDevelopmentBrief17.pdf>

Week 3 – September 21: Immigration Policies and Politics

Borjas, George J. 1999. *Heaven's Door: Immigration Policy and the American Economy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. Chs 1 & 10. [CP]

Challinor, A.E. 2011. "Canada's Immigration Policy: A Focus on Human Capital." Washington, DC: Migration Policy Institute. [MyC]

Freeman, Gary. 1995. Modes of Immigration Policies in Liberal Democratic States. *International Migration Review*. 29(4): 881-902. [MyC]

Zolberg, Aristide R. 1997. "Matters of State: Theorizing Immigration Policy." Pp. 71-93 in *The Handbook of International Migration: The American Experience*, edited by C. Hirschman, P. Kasinitz, and J. DeWind. New York: Russell Sage. [CP]

Recommended:

Ardittis, Solon. 2008. "How are the Costs and Impacts of Migration Policies Evaluated?" Washington, DC: Migration Policy Institute.

<http://www.migrationinformation.org/Feature/display.cfm?ID=677>

Week 4 – September 28: Contemporary Public Responses to Immigration**

Bloemraad, Irene. 2012. "Understanding Canadian Exceptionalism in Immigration and Pluralism Policy." Washington, DC: Migration Policy Institute. [MyC]

Brader, T., Nicholas Valentino and Elixabeth Suhay. 2008. "What triggers public opposition to immigration? Anxiety, group cues and immigration threat" *American Journal of Political Science* 52(4): 959-978. [MyC]

Page Ben. 2009. "British Attitudes to Immigration in the 21st Century." Migration Policy Institute, Washington, D.C. [MyC]

Semyonov, Moshe, Rebeca Raijman, and Anastasia Gorodzeisky. 2006. "The Rise of Anti-foreigner Sentiment in European Societies, 1988-2000." *American Journal of Sociology* 71:426-449. [MyC]

Recommended:

Ford, Robert. 2011. "Acceptable and Unacceptable Immigrants: How Opposition to Immigration in Britain is Affected by Migrants' Region of Origin." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 37:1017-1037. [MyC]

Hainmueller, Jens and Michael J. Hiscox. 2010. "Attitudes toward Highly Skilled and Low-skilled Immigration: Evidence from a Survey Experiment." *American Political Science Review* 104:61-84. [MyC]

Quillian, Lincoln. 1995. "Prejudice as a Response to Perceived Group Threat: Population Consumption and Anti-Immigrant and Racial Prejudice in Europe." *American Sociological Review* 60:586-611. [MyC]

Wilson, Thomas C. 2001. "Americans' Views on Immigration Policy: Testing the Role of Threatened Group Interests." *Sociological Perspectives* 44:485-501. [MyC]

****Reflection memo #1 due beginning of class**

Week 5 – October 5: Theories of Immigrant Integration

Alba, Richard D. and Victor Nee. 2003. *Remaking the American Mainstream: Assimilation and Contemporary Immigration*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. Chs 1 & 2. [CP]

Gordon, Milton M. 1964. *Assimilation in American Life: the Role of Race, Religion, and National Origins*. New York: Oxford University Press. Ch 3. [Available online as e-book via McGill library]

Joppke, Christian. 2007. "Beyond National Models: Civic Integration Policies for Immigrants in Western Europe." *West European Politics* 30(1): 1-22. [MyC]

Portes, Alejandro and Min Zhou. 1993. "The New Second Generation: Segmented Assimilation and Its Variants." *Annals of the American Political and Social Sciences* 530:74-96. [MyC]

Recommended:

Stepick, Alex and Carol D. Stepick. 2010. "The Complexities and Confusions of Segmented Assimilation." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 33:1149-1167. [MyC]

Week 6 – October 12: Transnationalism

Boccagni, Paolo, Jean-Michel Lafleur, and Peggy Levitt. 2015. "Transnational politics as cultural circulation: Toward a conceptual understanding of migrant political participation on the move." *Mobilities* 11:444-463.

Fokkema, Tineke, Eralba Cela, and Elena Ambrosetti. 2013. "Giving from the heart or from the ego? Motives behind remittances of the second generation in Europe." *International Migration Review* 47:539-572.

Levitt, Peggy, and Nina Glick Schiller. 2004. "Conceptualizing Simultaneity: A Transnational Social Field Perspective on Society." *International Migration Review* 38(3):1002-39. [MyC]

Vertovec, Steven. 2004. "Migrant Transnationalism and Modes of Transformation." *International Migration Review* 38(3):970-1001. [MyC]

Waldinger, Roger and David Fitzgerald. 2004. "Transnationalism in Question." *American Journal of Sociology* 109:1117-95. [MyC]

Recommended:

Portes, Alejandro, Luis E. Guarnizo, and Patricia Landolt. 1999. "The Study of Transnationalism: Pitfalls and Promise of an Emergent Research Field." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 22(2):217-37. [MyC]

Vertovec, Steven. 2001. "Transnationalism and identity." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 27:573-582. [MyC]

Week 7 – October 19: Multiculturalism**

Joppke, Christian. 2004. "The Retreat of Multiculturalism in the Liberal State: Theory and Policy." *British Journal of Sociology* 55(2):237-57. [MyC]

Koopmans, Ruud. 2010. "Trade-Offs between Equality and Difference: Immigrant Integration, Multiculturalism and the Welfare State in Cross-National Perspective." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 36(1): 1-26. [MyC]

Kremer, Monique. 2013. "The Netherlands: From National Identity to Plural Identifications." Migration Policy Institute, Washington, D.C. [MyC]

Kymlicka, Will. 2012. "Multiculturalism: Success, Failure and the Future." Migration Policy Institute, Washington, D.C. [MyC]

Recommended:

Bloemraad, Irene. 2011. "The Debate Over Multiculturalism: Philosophy, Politics, and Policy." Migration Policy Institute, Washington, D.C. [MyC]

Song, Sarah. 2010. Multiculturalism. In *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, edited by E. N. Zalta.

<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/multiculturalism/>

****Reflection memo #2 due beginning of class**

Week 8 – October 26: Temporary Workers

Basok, Tanya. 2000. "He Came, He Saw, He Stayed. Guest Worker Programmes and the Issue of Non-Return." *International Migration* 38(2): 215-238. [MyC]

Castles, Stephen. 2006. "Guestworkers in Europe: A Resurrection?" *International Migration Review* 40:741-766. [MyC]

Ilias, Shayerah, Katherine Fennelly, and Christopher M. Federico. 2008. "American Attitudes toward Guest Worker Policies." *International Migration Review* 42(4): 741-766. [MyC]

Lowell, B. Lindsay. 2010. "A Long View of America's Immigration Policy and the Supply of Foreign-Born STEM Workers in the United States." *American Behavioral Scientist* 53:1029-1044. [MyC]

Preibisch, Kerry. 2010. "Pick-Your-Own Labor: Migrant Workers and Flexibility in Canadian Agriculture." *International Migration Review* 44(2):404-441. [MyC]

Recommended:

Preibisch, Kerry and Leigh Binford. 2007. "Interrogating Racialized Global Labour Supply: An Exploration of the Racial/National Replacement of Foreign Agricultural Workers in Canada." *Canadian Review of Sociology* 44(1): 5-36. [MyC]

Week 9 – November 2: Undocumented/Unauthorized Immigrants

Golash-Boza, Tanya. 2009. "The immigration industrial complex: Why we enforce immigration policies destined to fail." *Sociology Compass* 3:295-309. [MyC]

Massey, Douglas S, Jorge Durand, and Karen A. Pren. 2014. "Explaining Undocumented Migration to the U.S." *International Migration Review* 48:1028-1061. [MyC]

Morehouse, Christal, and Michael Blomfield. 2011. "Irregular Migration in Europe." Washington D.C.: Migration Policy Institute. [MyC]

Sabater, Albert, and Domingo Andreu. 2012. "A New Immigration Regularization Policy: The Settlement Program in Spain." *International Migration Review* 46(1):191-220. [MyC]

Dougherty, Kevin J., Nienhusser, H. Kenny, and Blanca E. Vega. 2010. "Undocumented Immigrants and State Higher Education Policy: The Politics of In-State Tuition Eligibility in Texas and Arizona." *The Review of Higher Education* 34(1): 123-173. [MyC]

Recommended:

Donato, Katharine M., Brandon Wagner, and Evelyn Patterson. 2008. "The Cat and Mouse Game at the Mexico-U.S. Border: Gendered Patterns and Recent Shifts." *International Migration Review* 42(2):330-59. [MyC]

Jeffrey S. Passel and D’Vera Cohn. 2011. “Unauthorized Immigrant Population: National and State Trends, 2010.” Washington, DC: Pew Hispanic Center. [MyC]

Sanchez G, Sanchez-Youngman S. 2013. "The Politics of the HealthCare Reform Debate: Public Support of Including Undocumented Immigrants and Their Children in Reform Efforts in the U.S." *International Migration Review* 47(2):442-473. [MyC]

Statistics on enforcement in the US:

<http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/statistics/publications/ois-apprehensions-fs-2005-2010.pdf>

Week 10 – November 9: Refugees

Allen, Ryan. 2009. "Benefit or Burden? Social Capital, Gender, and the Economic Adaptation of Refugees." *International Migration Review* 43:332-365. [MyC]

Baban, Feyzi, Suzan Ilcan, and Kim Rygiel. 2016. "Syrian refugees in Turkey: Pathways to precarity, differential inclusion, and negotiated citizenship rights." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. Online first. DOI 10.1080/1369183X.2016.1192996. [MyC]

Gilbert, Liette. 2013. "The discursive production of a Mexican refugee crisis in Canadian media and policy." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 39:827-843. [MyC]

Loescher, Gil. 2001. "The UNHCR and World Politics: State Interests vs. Institutional Autonomy." *International Migration Review* 35(1): 33-56. [MyC]

Nail, Thomas. 2016. "A tale of two crises: Migration and terrorism after the Paris attacks." *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism* 16:158-167. [MyC]

Recommended:

Harris, H., & Zuberi, D. (2015). Harming Refugee and Canadian Health: the Negative Consequences of Recent Reforms to Canada’s Interim Federal Health Program. *Journal of International Migration and Integration*, 16, 1041-1055. [MyC]

Kibreab, Gaim. 2003. "Citizenship Rights and Repatriation of Refugees." *International Migration Review* 37(1): 24-73. [MyC]

Read CIC’s summaries of Canada’s refugee policy:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/refugees/canada.asp>

Week 11 – November 16: Economic Assimilation

Waters, Mary C. and M. G. Pineau. 2015. *The Integration of Immigrants into American Society*. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press. Chapter 6. [MyC]

Chiswick, Barry R. 1978. "The Effect of Americanization on the Earnings of Foreign-Born Men." *Journal of Political Economy* 86:897-921. [MyC]

Reitz, Jeffrey G. 2007. "Immigrant Employment Success in Canada, Part I: Individual and Contextual Causes." *Journal of International Migration and Integration* 8:11-36. [MyC]

Reitz, Jeffrey G. 2007. "Immigrant Employment Success in Canada, Part II: Understanding the Decline." *Journal of International Migration and Integration* 8:37-62. [MyC]

Van Tubergen, Frank, Ineke Maas, and Henk Flap. 2004. "The Economic Incorporation of Immigrants in 18 Western societies: Origin, Destination and Community Effects." *American Sociological Review* 69:704-727. [MyC]

Recommended:

Attewell, Paul, Philip Kasinitz, and Kathleen Dunn. 2010. "Black Canadians and Black Americans: Racial Income Inequality in Comparative Perspective." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 33:473-495. [MyC]

Kesler, Christel. 2006. Social Policy and Immigrant Joblessness in Britain, Germany and Sweden. *Social Forces* 85(2): 743-770. [MyC]

Picot, Garnett, Feng Hou, and Simon Coloumbe. 2008. "Poverty Dynamics among Recent Immigrants to Canada." *International Migration Review* 42(2): 393-424. [MyC]

Weeks 12 – November 23: Spatial Assimilation

Alba, Richard D., John R. Logan, Brian J. Stults, Gilbert Marzan, and Wenquan Zhang. 1999. "Immigrant Groups in the Suburbs: A Reexamination of Suburbanization and Spatial Assimilation." *American Sociological Review* 64(3): 446-460. [MyC]

Fong, Eric and Rima Wilkes. 1999. "The Spatial Assimilation Model Reexamined: An Assessment by Canadian Data." *International Migration Review* 33(3): 594-620. [MyC]

Massey, Douglas S. 1985. "Ethnic Residential Segregation: A Theoretical Synthesis and Empirical Review." *Sociology and Social Research* 69(3): 315-350. [MyC]

Musterd, Sako 2005 "Social and ethnic segregation in Europe: Levels, causes and effects." *Journal of Urban Affairs* 27: 331-348. [MyC]

Waters, Mary C. and M. G. Pineau. 2015. *The Integration of Immigrants into American Society*. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press. Chapter 5. [MyC]

Recommended:

Logan, John R., Richard D. Alba, and Wenquan Zhang. 2002. "Immigrant Enclaves and Ethnic Communities in New York and Los Angeles." *American Sociological Review* 67:299-322. [MyC]

Peach, Ceri. 1996. "Does Britain Have Ghettos?" *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* 21(1): 216-235. [MyC]

Simpson, Ludi. 2012. "More segregation or more mixing?" *The Dynamics of Diversity: Evidence from the 2011 Census*. University of Manchester. [MyC]

Weeks 13 – November 30: Migration and Health**

Landale, Nancy S., R. S. Oropesa, Daniel Llanes, and Bridget K. Gorman. 1999. "Does Americanization Have Adverse Effects on Health?: Stress, Health Habits, and Infant Health Outcomes among Puerto Ricans." *Social Forces* 78(2): 613-641. [MyC]

Waters, Mary C. and M. G. Pineau. 2015. *The Integration of Immigrants into American Society*. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press. Chapter 9. [MyC]

Vang, Zoua M., Sigouin, Jennifer, Flenon, Astrid, and Alain Gagnon. *Forthcoming*. "Are Immigrants Healthier than Native-born Canadians? A Systematic Review of the Healthy Immigrant Effect in Canada." *Ethnicity & Health*. [MyC]

Viruell-Fuentes, Edna. 2007. "Beyond Acculturation: Immigration, Discrimination, and Health Research among Mexicans in the United States." *Social Science & Medicine* 65:1524-1535. [MyC]

Recommended:

Antecol, Heather and Kelly Bedard. 2006. "Unhealthy Assimilation: Why Do Immigrants Converge to American Health Status Levels?" *Demography* 43(2): 337-360. [MyC]

Cunningham, Solveig A., Julia D. Ruben, and K. M. Venkat Narayan. 2008. "Health of foreign-born people in the United States: A review." *Health & Place* 14(4): 623-635. [MyC]

McDonald, James Ted and Steven Kennedy. 2004. "Insights into the 'Healthy Immigrant Effect': Health Status and Health Service Use of Immigrants to Canada." *Social Science & Medicine* 59(8): 1613-1627. [MyC]

Hunt, Linda M., Suzanne Schneider, and Brendon Comer. 2004. "Should 'Acculturation' Be a Variable in Health Research? A Critical Review of Research on US Hispanics." *Social Science & Medicine* 59:973-986. [MyC]

****Reflection memo #3 due beginning of class**