

## **Political Science 150 A, Summer Session I**

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### **Introduction**

This course explores how the United States and other immigrant-receiving countries are responding to, and being transformed by, international migration. It addresses many key questions in migration studies and provides a comprehensive overview of the debates that have arisen among scholars and policymakers in the field. We will address many topics, including why people migrate, ethical debates related to efforts to control immigration, the politics and determinants of immigration policy, immigrant societal and political incorporation (and exclusion), and the relationship between immigration and national security.

The first half of the class will provide an overview of migration control policies in the U.S. and other receiving countries. We will discuss why people migrate and debate the merits of various theories of migration policymaking.

In the second half of the class, we will discuss the complex ethical challenges inherent in managing migratory flows. We will then shift our discussion from policies of admission and control to policies of integration and citizenship—policies concerning migrants that are already present in their host countries. Finally, we will discuss potential implications of migratory flows for international security.

The course readings will include both academic texts and policy reports.

By the end of this course, students will develop a nuanced understanding of migration debates in the United States and beyond.

### **Course Materials**

It is recommended that you purchase the following textbook:

**Stephen Castles, Hein de Haas, and Mark Miller. 2014. *The Age of Migration: International Population Movements in the Modern World, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition*. New York: The Guilford Press.**

All readings are posted online on the course website on TED in the 'Contents' folder.

## **My Expectations**

Come to class prepared to discuss the readings. Immigration is an extremely complex issue and we will engage with a variety of perspectives. I urge you to read each piece with an open and reflective mind.

Your papers should demonstrate not only that you read and understood the readings, but that you have thought about them critically and formed an opinion. I expect you to be able to articulate your opinion in a thoughtful, balanced way, acknowledging the pros and cons of your argument. You should also demonstrate that you can integrate concepts from the readings in an organized, succinct manner.

As you work on your papers, I am always available to read drafts and will also post writing tips online.

## **Grading**

You will be graded based on your participation, a 2-3 page policy memorandum, and a 7-8 page final paper.

The policy memorandum will be collected at the beginning of class on July 24<sup>th</sup>. On July 17<sup>th</sup>, you will be presented with 3 policy scenarios (within the broader context of immigration policy) to choose among. You will put yourself in the shoes of an immigration policymaker, briefly proposing a solution to the policy problem of your choice. Drawing from the readings, you will weigh the pros and cons of your argument in a succinct manner. You should write as if you are writing for government audiences – a template and sample memoranda will be provided.

Your final paper will be due on July 31<sup>st</sup>. You will be given a prompt on July 24<sup>th</sup> with 4-5 questions pertaining to the course readings. I expect you to write a 7-8 page paper answering one of these questions to the best of your ability, keeping in mind the expectations stipulated above.

Your grade will be calculated as follows:

20% Participation.

30% Policy Memo, 2-3 pages, due July 24<sup>th</sup>.

50% 7-8 page final paper – July 31<sup>st</sup>

## **Late Policy**

Your grade will drop one half a letter grade (e.g. A to A-) for each day you are late. After one week, I will not accept papers without a documented medical or family excuse.

## Course Schedule

### **July 1: Course Overview: Why do People Migrate?**

David Held et al. 1999. *Global Transformations: Politics, Economics, and Culture*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press. **Read chapter 6, “People on the Move,” p. 283-326.**

### **July 3: Theories of Migration**

*Key Question: Why do people migrate across borders?*

Douglas Massey et al. 1993. “Theories of International Migration: A Review and Appraisal,” *Population and Development Review* 19(3): 431-466.

Wayne Cornelius and Takeyuki Tsuda. 2004 (2nd edition). “Controlling Immigration: The Limits of Government Intervention.” In *Controlling Migration: A Global Perspective*, Wayne Cornelius et al. (eds). Stanford CA: Stanford University Press. **Read Chapter 1.**

### **July 8: Sources of Migration Policy**

*Key Question: What social forces shape immigration policy?*

Gary Freeman. 1995. “Modes of Immigration Policy in Liberal Democratic States.” *International Migration Review* 29 (4): 881-902.

Jeannette Money. 1997. “No Vacancy: The Political Geography of Immigration Control in Advanced Industrial Countries.” *International Organization* 51:4.

### **July 10: Migration Policy in the U.S.**

*Key Question: How has U.S. immigration policy evolved over time?*

David FitzGerald and David Cook-Martin. 2014. *Culling the Masses: The Democratic Origins of Racist Immigration Policy in the Americas*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. **Read Chapter 3, “The United States.”**

Marc Rosenblum. 2011. “U.S. Immigration Policy since 9/11: Understanding the Stalemate over Comprehensive Immigration Reform.” Washington, DC: Migration Policy Institute.

### **July 15: Immigration: A Global Concern**

*Key Question: How have other countries responded to immigrant inflows?*

Stephen Castles, Hein de Haas, and Mark Miller. 2014. *The Age of Migration: International Population Movements in the Modern World, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition*. New York: The Guilford Press. **Read Chapter 5 and Chapter 7 OR 8.**

Rogers Brubaker. 1992. *Citizenship and Nationhood in France and Germany*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. **Read Conclusion (pp. 179-189).**

Christian Joppke. 2007. "Transformation of Immigrant Integration: Civic Integration and Antidiscrimination in the Netherlands, France and Germany." *World Politics*. 59:2, pp.243-273

### **July 17: The Ethics of Migration Control**

*Key Question: What responsibility do states have toward migrants?*

Michael Walzer. 1983. *Spheres of Justice: A Defense of Pluralism and Equality*. New York, NY: Basic Books. **Read chapter 2, "Membership," p. 31-63.**

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

### **July 22: Undocumented Migration**

*Key Question: What rights should the U.S. government grant undocumented migrants?*

Jeffrey Passel et al. 2013. "Population Decline of Unauthorized Immigrants Stalls, May Have Reversed." Washington, DC: Pew Research Center.

Joseph Carens, 2008. "The Rights of Irregular Migrants," *Ethics and International Affairs* 22 (2): 163-186.

David Miller, 2008. "Irregular Migrants: An Alternative Perspective," *Ethics and International Affairs* 22(2): 193-7.

### **July 24: Political Integration**

*Key Question: What factors determine immigrants' civic and political integration into their host countries?*

Rafaela Dancygier. 2010. *Immigration and Conflict in Europe*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press. **Read Chapter 2.**

Karthick Ramakrishnan and Thomas Espenshade. 2001. "Immigration Incorporation and Political Participation in the United States." *International Migration Review* 35:3, pp. 870-909.

Meindert Fennema and Jean Tillie. 1999. "Political Participation and Political Trust in Amsterdam: Civic Communities and Ethnic Networks." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 24:4, pp. 703-726.

## **July 29 Societal Responses to Migration**

*Key Questions: How do people react to migratory inflows? How can anti-immigrant sentiment be explained? What explains the rise of extreme right parties in Europe?*

Jens Hainmueller and Dominik Hangartner. 2013. "Who Gets a Swiss Passport? A Natural Experiment in Immigrant Discrimination." *American Political Science Review* 107:1, pp. 159-187.

Gordon Hanson, Kenneth Scheve, Matthew Slaughter. 2007. "Public Finances and Individual Preferences over Globalization Strategies." *Economics and Politics* 19:1, pp. 1-33. Read sections on immigration ONLY.

Herbert Kitschelt. 2007. "Growth and Persistence of the Radical Right in Postindustrial Democracies: Advances and Challenges in Comparative Research." *West European Politics* 30:5, pp. 1176-1206.

## **July 31 Forced Migration ; Migration and Security**

*Key Questions: How does migration impact international security? What responsibilities do states have towards refugees and asylum seekers? Is a multilateral approach to refugee flow management possible?*

Christopher Rudolph 2006. *National Security and Immigration: Policy Development in the United States and Western Europe since 1945*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press. **Read Chapter 2.**

Matthew J. Gibney. 2004. *The Ethics and Politics of Asylum: Liberal Democracy and the Response to Refugees*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. **Read "Introduction," p. 1-22.**

Alexander Betts. 2011. "International Cooperation in the Refugee Regime." In Alexander Betts and Gil Loescher, eds., *Refugees in International Relations*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.