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This is an advanced level graduate seminar designed to cover the main areas of social science research on migration and migrants. Migration is a phenomenon of central interest and an important topic of study in all the disciplines in social science. These days it has become a hot political topic as well, in the United States and worldwide. We will focus on sociological, demographic, and economic approaches to the study of migration and migrants. The literature on migration and migrants is vast; we will only have time to scratch the surface and cover the main themes. We will start by examining theories of migration (who migrates, why, where do they go) and attempts to answer these questions empirically using macro and micro level approaches. We will then look at some case studies of migration systems, with one week devoted to US-Mexico migration and one week to contemporary patterns in Europe. From there we will turn to examining the experiences of migrants and consequences of migration, with particular attention to the United States. First, we'll discuss theories of immigrant incorporation and assimilation. Next we will consider economic, socio-cultural, and demographic realms of immigrant experience in the US. Then we will examine comparative approaches to these questions. We'll analyze key debates about the consequences of migration for sending countries and for the United States. We will conclude by looking at studies of immigration policies, the state, and refugees.

Each week, all students are responsible for *completing the required readings* (those listed *without any asterisks* below) and *participating in class discussions*. Twelve class sessions will be run by student teams of 2-3 people. Each student will participate in *two* of these teams during the course of the semester. I will ask you to send me your top five preferences (in rank order) and I will assign groups on that basis. The teams are responsible for preparing discussion questions regarding the assigned readings in advance, providing a short introductory presentation about the readings, and running the discussion. They should also report in detail on *at least one* of the optional readings and relate it to the mandatory readings.

A seminar writing assignment (roughly 15-20 pages) is due at the end of the semester. The writing should reflect your interests in and understanding of migration and migrants. I propose three different formats, but I am open to alternative suggestions:

1. An original research paper on a topic of interest to you. This might serve as the basis for an MA thesis, a journal submission, or a chapter of your dissertation.

2. A detailed proposal for a research project, including an extensive and critical review of the existing literature on the topic. This might serve as the basis for a grant proposal to support your dissertation research or future work.

3. A thorough, critical analysis of the literature and state of theory in a broad topic area (theories of migration, illegal migration in the US, assimilation patterns in the US, political struggles over immigrants in Europe, economic well-being of immigrants, analyses of particular case studies) including both the readings from the syllabus and additional readings, in which you lay out the key issues, the primary arguments and perspectives, assess the various contributions to the literature, and indicate what needs to be done further.

Finally, I will be taking volunteers who will present their paper topics and findings and the last class. This is not mandatory, but those who participate will find it very helpful to get feedback and the whole class will benefit from hearing about the interesting work that you are all doing on the broad topics of migration and migrants. Depending on the number of volunteers, we may start the presentations the week before the last session.

Six required books are available at the University bookstore:

- Castles, Stephen and Mark J. Miller. 2003. *The Age of Migration: International Population Movements in the Modern World*. Guilford Press.
- Foner, Nancy. 2005. *In a New Land: A Comparative View of Immigration*. NYUP.
- Massey, Douglas S., Joaquin Arango, Graeme Hugo, Ali Kouauchi, Adela Pellegrino, and J. Edward Taylor. 1998. *Worlds in Motion: Understanding International Migration at the End of the Millenium*. Oxford UP.
- Massey, Douglas S., Jorge Durand, and Nolan J. Malone. 2002. *Beyond Smoke and Mirrors: Mexican Immigration in an Era of Economic Integration*. Russell Sage Foundation.
- Portes, Alejandro and Ruben G. Rumbaut. 2006. *Immigrant America: A Portrait*. University of California Press.
- Zolberg, Aristide. 2008. *A Nation by Design: Immigration Policy in the Fashioning of America*. (Paperback Edition) Harvard UP.

Most of the article and chapter readings can be obtained electronically via JSTOR or another UW library-subscribed electronic service. I will have the other items scanned and stored in an electronic reserve.

Schedule

Note: required readings are listed first. Readings marked with * are “recommended.”
IMR means “International Migration Review,” AJS means “American Journal of Sociology,” and ASR means “American Sociological Review.”

Week 1 (9/2): Introduction

Week 2 (9/9): International migration: trends and theories

Castles and Miller, chs. 1, 3, 6, 7

Worlds in Motion, chs. 1-3, 6

- *Greenwood, Michael J. 1997. “Internal Migration in Developed Countries.” Pp. 648-720 in Mark R. Rozenzweig and Oded Stark. *Handbook of Population and Family Economics*. Vol. 2. New York: Elsevier.
- *Sjastaad, Larry A. 1962. “The Costs and Returns of Human Migration.” *Journal of Political Economy*. 70: S80-S89.
- *Stark, Oded and David E. Bloom. “The New Economics of Labor Migration.” *American Economic Review*. 75: 173-8.
- *Stark, Oded and J. Edward Taylor. 1989. “Relative Deprivation and International Migration.” *Demography*. 26: 1-14.
- *Todaro, Michael P. 1969. “A Model of Labor Migration and Urban Unemployment in Less Developed Countries.” *American Economic Review*. 59: 138-48.

Week 3 (9/16): Modelling migration: regional approaches (Group 1)

Herting, Jerald R., David B. Grusky, and Stephen E. Van Rompaey. 1997. “The Social Geography of Interstate Mobility and Persistence.” *American Sociological Review*. 62: 267-87.

Lin, Ge and Yu Xie. 1998. “Comment: The Loglinear Modeling of Interstate Migration: Some Additional Considerations.” *American Sociological Review*. 63: 900-906.

Grusky, David B., Jerald R. Herting, and Stephen E. Van Rompaey. 1998. “Reply: The Simple Virtues of Descriptive Modeling.” *American Sociological Review*. 63: 907-13.

Andrienko, Yuri and Sergei Guriev. 2004. “Determinants of Interregional Mobility in Russia: Evidence From Panel Data.” *Economics of Transition*. 12: 1-27.

Gerber, Theodore P. 2006. “Regional Economic Performance and Net Migration Rates in Russia, 1993-2002.” *International Migration Review*. 40: 661-97.

- *Greenwood, Michael J. and Gary L. Hunt. 1984. “Migration and Interregional Employment Redistribution in the United States.” *American Economic Review*. 74: 957-69.
- *Johnson, Kenneth M., Paul R. Voss, Roger B. Hammer, Glenn V. Fuguitt, and Scott McNiven. 2005. “Temporal and Spatial Variation in Age-Specific Net Migration in the United States.” *Demography*. 42: 791-812.
- *Juarez, Juan P. 2000. “Analysis of Inter-regional Labor Migration in Spain Using Gross Flows.” *Journal of Regional Science*. 40: 377-99.

- *Treyz, George I., Dan S. Rickman, Gary L. Hunt, and Michael J. Greenwood. 1993. "The Dynamics of U.S. Internal Migration." *Review of Economics and Statistics*. 75: 209-14.

Week 4 (9/23): Modelling migration: individual-level approaches (Group 2)

- Feliciano, Cynthia. 2005. "Educational Selectivity in U.S. Immigration: How Do Immigrants Compare to Those Left Behind?" *Demography*. 42: 131-52.
- Kritz, Mary M. and June Marie Nogle. 1994. "Nativity Concentration and Internal Migration among the Foreign-Born." *Demography*. 31: 509-24.
- Palloni, Alberto, Douglas S. Massey, Miguel Ceballos, Kristin Espinosa, and Michael Spittel. 2001. "Social Capital and International Migration: A Test Using Information on Family Networks." *AJS*. 106: 1262-98.
- White, Katherine J. Curtis, Kyle Crowder, Stewart E. Tolnay, and Robert M. Adelman. 2005. "Race, Gender, and Marriage: Destination Selection During the Great Migration." *Demography*. 42: 215-41.

- *Chiswick, Barry R. 2000. "Are Immigrants Favorably Self-Selected? An Economic Analysis." Chapter 3 in Caroline B. Bretell and James Hollifield (eds.) *Migration Theory: Talking Across Disciplines*. Routledge.
- *Long, Larry. 1992. "Changing Residence: Comparative Perspectives on its Relationship to Age, Sex, and Marital Status." *Population Studies*. 46: 141-58.
- *Rosenzweig, Mark R. and Oded Stark. 1989. "Consumption Smoothing, Migration, and Marriage: Evidence From Rural India." *Journal of Political Economy*. 97: 905-26.
- *Sandefur, Gary D. and Wilbur J. Scott. 1981. "A Dynamic Analysis of Migration: An Assessment of the Effects of Age, Family and Career Variables." *Demography*. 18: 355-68.

Week 5 (9/30): Case study: Mexican migration to the United States (Group 3)

Massey et al., *Beyond Smoke and Mirrors*

- *Curran, Sara R. and Estela Rivero-Fuentes. 2003. "Engendering Migrant Networks: The Case of Mexican Migration." *Demography*. 40: 289-307.
- *Donato, Katherine M. 1993. "Current Trends and Patterns of Female Migration: Evidence from Mexico." *International Migration Review*. 27: 748-71.
- *Kanaipuni, Sean. 2000. "Reframing the Migration Question: An Analysis of Men, Women, and Gender in Mexico." *Social Forces*. 78: 1311-48.

Week 6 (10/7): More case studies: Contemporary European and post-Soviet patterns (Group 4)

Castles and Miller chs. 4, 8, 9, 11

Worlds in Motion, ch. 4

- Zayonchkovskaya, Zhanna. 1999. "Recent Migration Trends in Russia." Chapter 7 in George J. Demko, Grigory Ioffe, and Zhanna Zayonchkovskaya (eds.) *Population Under Duress: The Geodemography of Post-Soviet Russia*. Boulder: Westview.

- *Arango, Joaquin and Philip Martin. 2005. "Best Practices to Manage Migration: Morocco-Spain." *IMR*. 39: 258-69.
- *Huntoon, Laura. "Immigration to Spain: Implications for a Unified European Union Immigration Policy." *IMR*. 32: 423-50.
- *Koopmans, Ruud and Paul Statham. "Challenging the Liberal Nation-State? Post-Nationalism, Multiculturalism, and the Collective Claims Making of Migrants and Ethnic Minorities in Britain and Germany." *AJS*. 105: 652-96.
- *Vitkovskaya, Galina. "Potential Migration of Russia-Speaking Populations from Central Asia to Russia." Chapter 8 in Demko et al. (eds.)

Week 7 (10/14): Theories of incorporation and assimilation (Group 5)

- Alba, Richard and Victor Nee. 1997. "Rethinking Assimilation Theory for a New Era of Immigration." *IMR*. 31:826-74.
- Nee, Victor, Jimmy M. Sanders, and Scott Sernau. 1994. "Job Transitions in an Immigrant Metropolis: Ethnic Boundaries and the Mixed Economy." *ASR*. 59: 849-72.
- Portes, Alejandro and Lief Jensen. 1989. "The Enclave and the Entrants: Patterns of Ethnic Enterprise in Miami Before and After Mariel." *ASR*. 54: 929-49.
- Portes, Alejandro and Min Zhou. 1993. "The New Second Generation: Segmented Assimilation and Its Variants." *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. 530: 74-96.
- *Glazer, Nathan. 1993. "Is Assimilation Dead?" *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. 530: 122-136.
- *Hirschman, Charles. 2001. "The Educational Enrollment of Immigrant Youth: A Test of the Segmented-Assimilation Hypothesis." *Demography*. 38: 317-36.
- *Sanders, Jimmy M. and Victor Nee. 1987. "Limits of Ethnic Solidarity in the Enclave Economy." *ASR*. 52: 745-73.
- *Zhou, Min. 1997. "Segmented Assimilation: Issues, Controversies, and Recent Research on the New Second Generation." *IMR*. 31: 975-1008.

Week 8 (10/21): Economic experiences of US immigrants (Group 6)

- Portes and Rumbaut, Chapters 4, 8
- Bean, Frank D. and Gillian Stevens. 2003. *America's Newcomers and the Dynamics of Diversity*. Russell Sage Foundation, Chapter 6.
- Borjas, George J. 1999. *Heaven's Door: Immigration Policy and the American Economy*. Princeton UP, Chapters 7-8.
- Waldinger, Roger. 2001. "Up From Poverty? 'Race,' Immigration, and the Fate of Low-Skilled Workers." Ch. 3 in Roger Waldinger (ed.) *Strangers at the Gates: New Immigrants in Urban America*. UC Press.
- *Chiswick, Barry R., Yew Liang Lee, and Paul W. Miller. 2005. "A Longitudinal Analysis of Immigrant Occupational Mobility: A Test of the Immigrant Assimilation Hypothesis." *IMR*. 39: 332-53.
- *Light, Ivan and Edna Bonacich. 1988. *Immigrant Entrepreneurs: Koreans in Los Angeles, 1965-1982*. UC Press. Chs. 1, 4-7, 11, 12.

*Tienda, Marta and Franklin D. Wilson. 1992. "Migration and the Earnings of Hispanic Men." *American Sociological Review*. 57: 661-78.

Week 9 (10/28): Demographic and socio-cultural experiences (Group 7)

Portes and Rumbaut chs. 3, 5-7, 9

Antecol, Heather and Kelly Bedard. 2006. "Unhealthy Assimilation: Why Do Immigrants Converge to American Health Status Levels?" *Demography*. 43: 337-60.

Parrado, Emilio and A. and Chenoa A. Flippen. 2005. "Migration and Gender among Mexican Women." *ASR*. 70: 606-32.

Waters, Mary C. 1994. "Ethnic and Racial Identities of Second-Generation Black Immigrants in New York City." *IMR*. 28: 795-820.

* Espiritu, Yen Le. 1999. "Gender and Labor in Asian Immigrant Families." *American Behavioral Scientist*. 42: 628-47.

*Landale, Nancy S., R.S. Oropesa, and Bridget K.Gorman. 2000. "Migration and Infant Death: Assimilation or Selective Migration Among Puerto Ricans?" *American Sociological Review*. 65: 888-909.

*Lindstrom, David P. and Silviu Giorguli Saucedo. 2002. "The Short- and Long-Term Effects of US Migration Experience on Mexican Women's Fertility." *Social Forces*. 80: 1341-68.

*Waldinger, Roger and Jennifer Lee. 2001. "New Immigrants in Urban America." Ch. 2 in Roger Waldinger (ed.) *Strangers at the Gates: New Immigrants in Urban America*. UC Press.

*Waters, Mary C. 1999. *West Indian Immigrant Dreams and American Realities*. Russell Sage Foundation. Chapters 1-5, 9.

*Zhou, Min and Carl L. Bankston III. 1994. "Social Capital and the Adaptation of the Second Generation: The Case of Vietnamese Youth in New Orleans." *IMR*. 28: 821-45.

Week 10 (11/4): Comparative approaches (Group 8)

Foner, *In a New Land*.

*Brubaker, Rogers. 2001. "The Return of Assimilation? Changing Perspectives on Immigration and its Sequels in France, Germany, and the United States." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. 24: 531-48.

*Semyonov, Moshe, Rebecca Raijman, and Anastasia Gorodzeisky. 2006. "The Rise of Anti-Foreigner Sentiment in European Societies, 1988-2000." *ASR*. 71: 426-49.

*Van Tubergen, Frank, Ineke Maas, and Henk Flap. 2004. "The Economic Incorporation of Immigrants in 18 Western Societies: Origin, Destination, and Community Effects." *ASR*. 69: 704-27.

Week 11 (11/11): Economic impact of migration in the US (Group 9)

Borjas, George J. 1999. *Heaven's Door: Immigration Policy and the American Economy*. Princeton UP, Chapters 2-5.

Bean, Frank D. and Gillian Stevens. 2003. *America's Newcomers and the Dynamics of Diversity*. Russell Sage Foundation, Chapter 9.

Card, David. 1990. "The Impact of the Mariel Boatlift on the Miami Labor Market." *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*. 43: 245-57.

*Card, David. 2001. "Immigrant Inflows, Native Outflows, and the Local Market Impacts of Higher Immigration." *Journal of Labor Economics*. 19: 22-64.

*Hao, Lingxin and Yukio Kawano. 2001. "Immigrants' Welfare Use and Opportunity for Contact with Co-ethnics." *Demography*. 38: 375-89.

*Lim, Nelson. 2001. "On the Back of Blacks? Immigrants and the Fortunes of African Americans." Ch. 6 in Roger Waldinger (ed.) *Strangers at the Gates: New Immigrants in Urban America*. UC Press.

*Reed, Deborah. 2001. "Immigration and Males' Earnings Inequality in the Regions of the United States." *Demography*. 38: 363-73.

Week 12 (11/18): Impact of out-migration on sending areas/countries (Group 10)

Worlds in Motion, chs. 8, 9

Durand, Jorge, Emilio A. Parrado, and Douglas S. Massey. 1996. "Migradollars and Development: A Reconsideration of the Mexican Case." *IMR*. 30: 423-444.

Kanaiapuni, Shawn and Katherine M. Donato. 1999. "Migradollars and Mortality: The Effects of Migration on Infant survival in Mexico." *Demography*. 36: 339-54.

*Durand, Jorge, William Kandel, Emilio A. Parrado, and Douglas S. Massey. 1996. "International Migration and Development in Mexican Communities." *Demography*. 33: 249-64.

*Keely, Charles B. and Bao Nga Tran. 1989. "Remittances from Labor Migration: Evaluations, Performance, and Implications." *IMR*. 23:500-25.

*Semyonov, Moshe and Anastasia Gorodzeisky. 2005. "Labor Migration, Remittances, and Household Income: A Comparison Between Filipino and Filipina Overseas Workers." *IMR*. 39: 45-68.

Week 13 (11/25): Migration, Policy, and the State (Group 11)

Zolberg, Aristide. *A Nation by Design* (chapters TBA)

*Bloemraad, Irene, Anna Korteweg, and Gokce Yurdukul. 2008. "Citizenship and Immigration: Multiculturalism, Assimilation, and Challenges to the Nation-State." *Annual Review of Sociology*. 34: 153-79.

*Massey, Douglas S. 1999. "International Migration at the Dawn of the Twenty-First Century: The Role of the State." *Population and Development Review*. 25: 303-22.

*Hollifield, James F. 2000. "The Politics of International Migration: How Can We 'Bring the State Back In'?" Chapter 6 in Caroline B. Bretell and James Hollifield (eds.) *Migration Theory: Talking Across Disciplines*. Routledge.

*Portes and Rumbaut, ch. 10.

Week 14 (12/2): Refugees (Group 12)

Castles and Miller, ch. 5

Bakewell, O. 2002. "Returning Refugees or Migrating Villagers? Voluntary Repatriation Programmes in Africa Reconsidered." *Refugee Survey Quarterly*. 21: 42-72.

Keely, Charles B. 1996. "How Nation-States Create and Respond to Refugee Flows." *IMR*. 30: 1046-66.

*Stepputat, F. 1994. "Repatriation and the Politics of Space: the Case of the Mayan Diaspora and Return Movement." *Journal of Refugee Studies*. 7: 175-85.

*Warner, D. 1994. "Voluntary Repatriation and the Meaning of Return to Home: A Critique of Liberal Mathematics." *Journal of Refugee Studies* 7:160-174.

*Zaloznaya, Marina and Theodore P. Gerber. "Voluntary Group Migration: Theoretical Considerations and Case Study." Typescript.

*Zolberg, Aristide R., Astri Suhrke, and Sergio Aguayo. 1989. *Escape From Violence: Conflict and the Refugee Crisis in the Developing World*. Oxford UP. Chapters 1-3, 9, 10.

Week 15 (12/9): Student Presentations