

**CROSSING BORDERS:
MIGRATIONS IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE
(ILRIC 630)**

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Description

This seminar will examine the links between globalization and migration and explore the character and dimensions of “unauthorized” migration in several regions of the world. Drawing on in-depth regional case studies from Europe, North America, and Australasia, we will consider the implications of contemporary migrations for national immigration policies, border control, labor markets, human rights, development, asylum and refugee protection, and politics and citizenship.

Open to juniors, seniors, and graduate students only.

Objectives

The goals of this course are: 1) to better understand migration as a human and global phenomenon by examining its origins and dimensions in areas around the world; 2) to gain perspective on migration as a policy issue by comparing how different countries address unauthorized migration; and 3) to explore our own values as they relate to migration so as to more productively engage in policy debates and discussion.

Requirements & Assignments

This course will be run as a seminar, which means that its quality will rely in good measure on the quality of student preparedness and participation. Students are expected to complete all assigned reading before class and to come prepared to discuss the readings and to raise questions. In addition students will be asked to make presentations to the class at several points in the semester. Some of these will entail small group “mini-research” projects and presentations related to the week’s readings. Each student is also expected to make a formal presentation based on his or her final research paper for the course. Participation includes attendance and accounts for 20% of the course grade.

The following assignments are also required:

1) Media analysis assignment (15%): A 3-4 page paper that analyzes the terminology used when referring to unauthorized migration and which probes the implications (societal values, policy, author’s perspective, reader impact) of the language employed. The student should pick 3-5 news

articles from any part of the world—these can be a series from the same news outlet or contrasting media in which the terminology differs. **Due in Week 6.**

2) Reading Responses/Reflection (20%): Short essays of 2-3 pp. each reflecting on the weekly readings. What are the main arguments and points of view presented? How different or similar are the readings? How do the readings relate to previous weeks' articles? How do the readings change or shape your thinking on migration? A collection of reading responses will be **due in Week 13**. Students need only turn in responses for their choice of six weeks of readings throughout the semester. (You must still do the weekly readings.)

3) Final research paper (45%): An 18-20 research paper on a topic *related* to the course (it can be on any region in the world or on topics not directly covered in the seminar). Graduate students may opt for longer papers. The topic must be discussed with the professor as early in the semester as possible, but no later than Week 4. At this point, a **1-2 page prospectus** of the research topic is required. A **detailed bibliography** must be turned in in Week 5. A **detailed outline** is required in Week 7. The final class dates will be used for **student presentations**, and the **research paper is due on Monday, May 14.**

Readings

The following books have been ordered through the Campus Bookstore and also placed on reserve at the ILR (Catherwood) Library. Either the entire work or substantial portions of Castles and Miller, Ellingwood, Moorehead, and Manne are required reading. We will be reading several chapters from the other books on the list. You have the option of purchasing these, checking them out of the library, or reading them on reserve.

Stephen Castles and Mark J. Miller, *The Age of Migration: International Population Movements in the Modern World* (New York: The Guilford Press, 2003, 3rd edition).

Wayne A. Cornelius, Takeyuki Tsuda, Philip L. Martin, and James F. Hollifield, eds., *Controlling Immigration: A Global Perspective* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2nd edition, 2004).

Anthony M. Messina and Gallya Lahav, eds., *The Migration Reader: Exploring Politics and Policies* (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2006).

Ken Ellingwood, *Hard Line: Life and Death on the U.S.-Mexico Border* (New York: Pantheon Books, 2004).

Caroline Moorehead, *Human Cargo: A Journey Among Refugees* (New York: Henry Holt, 2nd edition, 2006).

Robert Manne with David Corlett, "Sending Them Home: Refugees and the New Politics of Indifference," *Quarterly Essay*, Issue 13, 2004, pp. 1-95.

In addition to these texts, a number of articles are also required reading. These are indicated in the syllabus, and many will be available online or through e-reserves on the course blackboard site (at www.blackboard.cornell.edu). Students should enroll in the course blackboard site and check it often for postings. Some readings and assignments may change as new materials come to our attention.

SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND READINGS

PART I. INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW

Week 1. Introduction to Course

January 24

Course mechanics/Goals and focus of the course

Week 2. Terms, Concepts, Theories

January 31

Messina and Lahav, eds., “Concepts and Trends,” (ch. 2.1) in *The Migration Reader* (pp.9-13).

Stephen Castles and Mark J. Miller, “Introduction,” and “The Migratory Process and the Formation of Ethnic Minorities,” chs. 1-2 in *The Age of Migration*, pp. 1-49.

Douglas S. Massey et al., “Theories of International Migration: A Review and Appraisal,” (ch. 3.2, pp. 34-50 only), in *The Migration Reader*.

Wayne A. Cornelius and Takeyuki Tsuda, “Controlling Immigration: The Limits of Government Intervention,” ch. 1 in Cornelius et al., *Controlling Immigration*, pp. 3-48.

Week 3. Globalization, Migration, and International Rights Instruments

February 7

Castles and Miller, “International Migration before 1945” and “Migration to Highly-developed Countries since 1945,” chs. 3-4 in *The Age of Migration*, pp. 50-93.

Castles and Miller, “The State and International Migration: The Quest for Control,” ch. 5 in *The Age of Migration*, pp. 94-117.

James F. Hollifield, “Migration, Trade and the Nation-State: The Myth of Globalization,” ch. 5.3 in *The Migration Reader*, pp. 170-198.

Gallya Lahav, “The Rise of Nonstate Actors in Migration Regulation in the United States and Europe: Changing the Gatekeepers or Bringing Back the State?” ch. 7.5 in *The Migration Reader*, pp. 290-314.

Demetrios G. Papademetriou, “The Global Struggle with Illegal Migration: No End in Sight,” Migration Information Source, September 1, 2005, at <http://www.migrationinformation.org/Feature/display.cfm?ID=336>

Stefanie Grant, “Migrants’ Human Rights: From the Margins to the Mainstream,” Migration Information Source, March 1, 2005, at <http://www.migrationinformation.org/Feature/display.cfm?id=291> (article includes links to International Conventions).

Jennifer Yau, “Promise and Prospects of UN’s Convention on Migrant Workers,” Migration Information Source, March 1, 2005, at <http://www.migrationinformation.org/Feature/display.cfm?id=288>

<http://www.picum.org> (Page on Basic Social Rights)

PART II. REGIONAL CASE STUDIES OF MIGRATION

MODULE I. MEXICO-UNITED STATES MIGRATION

Week 4. Crossing the Border

[RESEARCH PROSPECTUS DUE]

February 14

Joseph Nevins, “Introduction,” ch. 1 in *Operation Gatekeeper: The Rise of the “Illegal Alien” and the Making of the U.S.-Mexico Boundary* (New York: Routledge, 2002); pp. 1-13.

Ken Ellingwood, *Hard Line: Life and Death on the U.S.-Mexico Border* (read entire).

Wayne A. Cornelius, “Impacts of Border Enforcement on Unauthorized Mexican Migration to the United States,” Testimony prepared for the House Judiciary Committee Field Hearing on Immigration, San Diego, California, August 2, 2006, at <http://judiciary.house.gov/media/pdfs/cornelius080206.pdf>

Michael Marizco, “Clues from the dead,” *Arizona Daily Star*, at http://www.azstarnet.com/old_border/30620DESERTDETECTIVES2fgc2fs.html; also see related stories.

Week 5. Border Control & the Making of Immigration Policy

[RESEARCH PAPER BIBLIOGRAPHY DUE]

February 21

Video: *Crossing Arizona*

Philip L. Martin, “The United States: The Continuing Immigration Debate,” ch. 2 in Cornelius et al, *Controlling Immigration*, pp. 51-85.

Joseph Nevins, “The Ideological Roots of the ‘Illegal’: The ‘Other’ as Threat and the Rise of The Boundary as the Symbol of Protection,” ch. 5 in *Operation Gatekeeper*, pp. 95-122.

Jeffrey S. Passel, “The Size and Characteristics of the Unauthorized Migrant Population in the U.S.,” *Pew Hispanic Center Research Report*, March 7, 2006 at <http://pewhispanic.org/reports/report.php?ReportID=61>

Douglas Massey, “Backfire at the Border: Why Enforcement Without Legalization Cannot Stop Illegal Immigration”, *Trade Policy Analysis*, Center for Trade Policy Studies, Cato Institute, June 13, 2005, No. 29, at <http://www.freetrade.org/pubs/pas/tpa-029.pdf>, pp. 1-14.

Richard Alba, “Looking Beyond the Moment: American Immigration Seen from Historically and Internationally Comparative Perspectives,” at <http://borderbattles.ssrc.org/Alba/index2.html>

Mae Ngai, “How Grandma Got Legal” at <http://borderbattles.ssrc.org/Ngai/>

Arizona Daily Star investigative series on “Sealing Our Border: Why It Won’t Work”, at <http://www.azstarnet.com/secureborder/>

Recommended:

Washington Post articles on immigration debate: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/linkset/2006/04/10/LI2006041000789.html>

Week 6. Pro and Anti-Immigrant Movements/Detention and Deportation

[MEDIA ANALYSIS DUE]

February 28

“White Heat: What’s Fueling the New Nativism?” *The Nation* (August 28/September 4, 2006) at <http://www.thenation.com/issue/20060828>

Jonathan Fox, “Mexican Migrant Civic Participation in the U.S.” at <http://borderbattles.ssrc.org/Fox/index2.html>

Ruth Milkman, “Labor and the New Immigrant Rights Movement: Lessons from California,” at <http://borderbattles.ssrc.org/Milkman/index2.html>

Human Rights Watch, *Locked Away: Immigration Detainees in Jails in the United States* <http://www.hrw.org/reports98/us-immig/index.html>

Human Rights Watch, *Detained and Deprived of Rights*, at <http://www.hrw.org/reports98/ins2/index.htm#TopOfPage> re children in INS custody

“Deportation feeds a cycle of violence in Central America,” *IRC Americas Program Special Report*, March 14, 2006, at <http://americas.irc-online.org/am/3152>

Additional articles/sites TBA.

**MODULE II. MIGRATION TO EUROPE:
FOCUS ON AFRICA AND SPAIN/SOUTHERN EUROPE**

Week 7. Migration from Africa

[RESEARCH PAPER OUTLINE DUE]

March 7

Castles and Miller, “The Next Waves: The Globalization of International Migration”, ch. 6 in *The Age of Migration*, pp. 122-153.

Hein de Haas, “Trans-Saharan Migration to North Africa and the EU: Historical Roots and Current Trends,” Migration Information Source, November 1, 2006, at <http://www.migrationinformation.org/Feature/display.cfm?id=484>

Hein de Haas, “Morocco: From Emigration Country to Africa’s Migration Passage to Europe,” October 2005, at <http://www.migrationinformation.org/Profiles/display.cfm?ID=339>

Martin Baldwin-Edwards, “The Changing Mosaic of Mediterranean Migrations,” Migration Information Source, June 1, 2004, at <http://www.migrationinformation.org/feature/display.cfm?ID=230>

Ivan Briscoe, “Dreaming of Spain: Migration and Morocco,” Open Democracy, May 27, 2004, at <http://www.opendemocracy.net/debates/article-2-103-1919.jsp>

Aderanti Adepoju, “Changing Configurations of Migration in Africa,” Migration Information Source, September 1, 2004, at <http://www.migrationinformation.org/Feature/display.cfm?id=251>

Dominic Bailey, “Small Islands’ Migration Drama,” BBC News, September 7, 2006, at <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/5323246.stm> and related stories by BBC.

Lucy Fleming, “Gambia: New Front in Migrant Trade,” BBC News, October 2006, at <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/5383080.stm#upagain> and related stories.

“The New Middle Passage: Barcelona or Die,” Free Speech Radio News, January 1, 2007, available at <http://www.fsrn.org/specials.html> or http://www.fsrn.org/news/20070101_news.html.

Recommended sites and reports:

See also New York Times stories at

http://topics.nytimes.com/top/reference/timestopics/subjects/i/immigration_and_refugees/index.html?query=CANARY%20ISLANDS&field=geo&match=exact

CARIM, Euro-Mediterranean Consortium for Applied Research on International Migration, at <http://www.carim.org/index.php?areaid=1>

Week 8. Border Control

March 14

Wayne A. Cornelius, "Spain: The Uneasy Transition from Labor Exporter to Labor Importer," ch. 10 in Cornelius et al, *Controlling Immigration*, pp. 387-429.

Stefan Alscher, "Knocking at the Doors of 'Fortress Europe': Migration and Border Control in Southern Spain and Eastern Europe," *CCIS Working Paper 126*, November 2005 (29 pp.)

Maurizio Albahari, "Death and the Modern State: Making Borders and Sovereignty at the Southern Edges of Europe," *CCIS Working Paper 137*, May 2006 (41 pp.)

Human Rights Watch, "Spain: Deportations to Morocco Put Migrants at Risk," Human Rights News, Oct. 13, 2005, at <http://hrw.org/english/docs/2005/10/13/spain11866.htm>

Recommended sites and reports:

Human Rights Watch, *The Other Face of the Canary Islands: Rights Violations Against Migrants and Asylum Seekers*, Vol. 14, no. 1, February 2002, at <http://hrw.org/reports/2002/spain/Spain0202.pdf>

Human Rights Watch, *Nowhere to Turn: State Abuses of Unaccompanied Minor Migrant Children by Spain and Morocco*, Vol. 14, no. 4, May 2002, at <http://www.hrw.org/reports/2002/spain-morocco/>

Human Rights Watch, *Discretion Without Bounds: The Arbitrary Application of Spanish Immigration Law*, Vol. 14, No. 6, June 2002, at <http://www.hrw.org/reports/2002/spain2/>

Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants, at <http://www.picum.org/>

Week 9. SPRING BREAK

Week 10. (Undocumented) Migrants in the Labor Force/Sending-Country Development

March 28

Castles and Miller, “Migrants and Minorities in the Labor Force,” ch. 8 in *The Age of Migration*, pp. 178-197.

Demetrios G. Papademetriou, “The ‘Regularization’ Option in Managing Illegal Migration More Effectively: A Comparative Perspective,” Migration Policy Institute Policy Brief, No. 4, September 2005, at http://www.migrationpolicy.org/pubs/PolicyBrief_No4_Sept05.pdf

Joaquin Arango and Maia Jachimowicz, “Regularizing Immigrants in Spain: A New Approach,” September 1, 2005, Migration Information Source at <http://www.migrationinformation.org/Feature/display.cfm?ID=331#top>

Michael Collyer, “The Development Impact of Temporary International Labour Migration on Southern Mediterranean Sending Countries: Contrasting Examples of Egypt and Morocco,” Working Paper T6, Development Research Centre on Migration, Globalisation, and Poverty, August 2004, at http://www.migrationdrc.org/publications/working_papers/WP-T6.pdf (selections).

Migration and Co-Development: Social Remittances of the African Diasporas in Europe, North-South Center of the Council of Europe, August 2006, at http://www.coe.int/t/e/north-south_centre/Programmes/5_Europe-Africa_Dialogue/i_Publications/Social_Remittances_August2006.pdf (selections).

MODULE III. REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS: FOCUS ON AUSTRALIA

Week 11. Refugees and Asylum Seekers

April 4

Caroline Moorehead, *Human Cargo: A Journey Among Refugees* [read entire].

Castles and Miller, “New Migrations in the Asia-Pacific Region,” ch. 7 in *The Age of Migration*, pp. 154-177.

Sharon Stanton Russell, “Refugees: Risks and Challenges Worldwide,” November 1, 2002, at <http://www.migrationinformation.org/Feature/display.cfm?ID=64> (5 pp.)

Bill Frelick, “U.S. Detention of Asylum Seekers and Human Rights,” March 1, 2005, at <http://www.migrationinformation.org/Feature/display.cfm?id=296> (7 pp.)

Liza Schuster, “The Realities of a New Asylum Paradigm,” Centre on Migration, Policy, and Society, Working Paper No. 20, University of Oxford, 2005, at <http://www.compas.ox.ac.uk/publications/papers/Liza%20Schuster%20wp0520.pdf> (25 pp.)

Recommended:

“Why Am I Here: Children in Immigration Detention,” at http://www.amnestyusa.org/refugee/usa_children_summary.html

Week 12. Australia’s Treatment of Asylum Seekers

April 11

Stephen Castles and Ellie Vasta, “Australia: New Conflicts around Old Dilemmas,” ch. 4 in Cornelius, et al., *Controlling Immigration*; pp. 141-173.

Robert Manne with David Corlett, “Sending Them Home: Refugees and the New Politics of Indifference,” *Quarterly Essay*, Issue 13, 2004, pp. 1-95.

We’ve Boundless Plains to Share: The First Report of the People’s Inquiry into Detention, at <http://www.safecom.org.au/pdfs/peoples-inquiry-first-report.pdf> (selections).

From Nothing to Zero: Letters from Refugees in Australia’s Detention Centres (Melbourne: Lonely Planet Publications, 2003), selections.

Diane Gosden, “Asylum Seeker and Refugee Advocacy in Australia,” at <http://jmm.aaa.net.au/articles/15287.htm>

Video: *Australia’s Pacific Solution*

Recommended websites:

Project Safecom at <http://www.safecom.org.au/refugees.htm>

Amnesty International, “The Impact of Indefinite Detention: The Case to Change Australia’s Mandatory Detention Regime,” June 29, 2005, at <http://www.safecom.org.au/amnesty-report2005.htm>

**PART III. NEW REALITIES AND NEW PERSPECTIVES ON MIGRATION?:
FINAL REFLECTIONS**

Week 13. Toward New Perspectives on Migration?

[READING RESPONSES DUE]

April 18

Castles and Miller, “Migrants and Politics,” ch. 11 (pp. 258-277) and “Conclusion: Migration in the Post Cold-War Era,” ch. 12 in *The Age of Migration*, pp. 278-290.

Saskia Sassen, “The Bits of a New Immigration Reality: A Bad Fit with Current Policy” at <http://borderbattles.ssrc.org/Sassen/index.html>.

Joseph H. Carens, “Aliens and Citizens: The Case for Open Borders,” ch. 14.2 in *The Migration Reader*, pp. 619-638.

Christina Boswell, “The Liberal Dilemma in the Ethics of Refugee Policy,” ch. 14.4 in *The Migration Reader*, pp. 664-682.

Saskia Sassen, *Guests and Aliens* (New York: The New Press, 1999), ch. 7, “Making Immigration Policy Today,” pp. 133-158.

Additional readings TBA.

Week 14. Student Presentations

April 25

Week 15. Student Presentations

May 2