GOVT 414: Migration and Citizenship in a Global World

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Course Description

This course focuses on the explosion of migration that has occurred around the world over the past few decades. We will address such topics as the reasons why people choose to migrate, the various immigration and citizenship policies of both “sending” and “receiving” countries, and the xenophobia and racism associated with immigration. Geographically, the course will cover the entire world, but with emphasis on the situation in Europe. Thematically, we will pay particular attention to the concept and practice of citizenship—which refers not just to whether immigrants arrive in a country, but whether they stay in the long term and are able to integrate as well. The class will be conducted as a seminar, with extensive student interaction and discussion. During some class sessions, we will also be viewing brief video documentaries on topics closely related to the readings, for the purpose of further stimulating the class discussion.

Course Requirements

Students are required to attend all class meetings (only one unexcused absence will be tolerated; each additional absence will result in the final course grade being dropped by half a letter grade) and to participate actively in seminar discussions. They should also be prepared for occasional pop quizzes on the readings. The main written work will consist of two short papers (3-5 double-spaced pages each), and a longer final paper (10-12 pages). These should be submitted in hard copy in my box and as an email attachment by the date and time due. Late papers will be penalized by one full letter grade per day. In order to prevent any possible plagiarism, students should also upload a copy to Turnitin.com, under the class ID 3342837 and password “migration.”

Course grades will be determined according to the following formula:

20% = Class Participation
10% = Quizzes
15% = Short Paper #1
20% = Short Paper #2
35% = Final Paper
Readings

The following books are available for purchase at the Georgetown University Bookstore (and on reserve at Lauinger Library):


The other readings are available in PDF format on the Blackboard [Bb] website, under “Course Documents.” Several additional readings may be assigned and distributed occasionally.

Course Sequence

**September 2: Introduction**

**September 9: Migration in Historical Perspective**
- Castles and Miller, *The Age of Migration*, Chs. 1, 4, 5 (pp. 1-19, 79-124)

**September 16: Theories of Migration**
- Cornelius et al., *Controlling Immigration*, Ch. 1 (pp. 3-48)
- Castles and Miller, *The Age of Migration*, Chs. 2 and 8 (pp. 20-49, 181-206)

*** PAPER #1 DUE ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20! ***

September 23: Modes of Immigration
Jeannette Money, Fences and Neighbors: The Political Geography of Immigration Control (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1999), Chs. 1-3, 7 (pp. 1-65, 206-222) [Bb]
(in-class showing of “Facing up to Illegal Immigration”)

September 30: Theories of Citizenship
Benhabib, The Rights of Others, Introduction (pp. 1-24)
Rogers Brubaker, Citizenship and Nationhood in France and Germany. (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1992), Introduction, Ch. 1, and Conclusion (pp. 1-34, 179-189) [Bb]
Yasemin Nuhoglu Soysal, Limits of Citizenship: Migrants and Postnational Membership in Europe (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1994), Ch. 1 (pp. 1-12) [Bb]
Christian Joppke, Immigration and the Nation-State: The United States, Germany, and Great Britain (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1999), Ch. 1 (pp. 1-13) [Bb]
Howard, The Politics of Citizenship in Europe, Introduction (pp. 1-13)

October 7: Modes of Citizenship
Aleinikoff and Klusmeyer, Citizenship Policies for an Age of Migration (entire book—77 pp.)
Benhabib, The Rights of Others, Ch. 4 (pp. 129-169)
Castles and Miller, The Age of Migration, Ch. 11 (pp. 245-276)
Howard, The Politics of Citizenship in Europe, Chapters 1-3 (pp. 17-69)

October 14: The Sending Countries
Castles and Miller, The Age of Migration, Chs. 3, 6, 7 (pp. 50-78, 125-180)
(in-class showing of “Mexico City: The Largest City”)

**October 21: The (North) American Model**
Cornelius et al., *Controlling Immigration*, Chs. 2 and 3, plus “Commentaries” (pp. 51-139)
Samuel P. Huntington, “The Hispanic Challenge,” in *Foreign Policy* (March/April 2004), pp. 30-45 [Bb]
Patrick Weil, “All or Nothing? What the United States Can Learn from Europe as It Contemplates Circular Migration and Legalization for Undocumented Immigrants” (German Marshall Fund, 2010), 12 pp. [Bb]
(in-class showing of “New York: The World’s City”)

*** PAPER #2 DUE ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27 BY 10 AM! ***

*** NO CLASS ON OCTOBER 28 ***

**November 4: The French Model**
Cornelius et al., *Controlling Immigration*, Ch. 5, plus “Commentary” (pp. 183-218)

**November 11: The German Model**
Cornelius et al., *Controlling Immigration*, Ch. 6, plus “Commentaries” (pp. 221-260)
Howard, *The Politics of Citizenship in Europe*, Chapter 6 (pp. 119-147)
(in-class showing of “Frankfurt: The Euro-City”)

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November 18: The British Model
Cornelius et al., *Controlling Immigration*, Ch. 8, plus “Commentaries” (pp. 297-342)
Randall Hansen, *Citizenship and Immigration in Post-War Britain: The Institutional Origins of a Multicultural Nation* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000), Chs. 1 and 11 (pp. 3-34, 244-264) [Bb]
Erik Bleich, *Race Politics in Britain and France: Ideas and Policymaking since the 1960s* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003), Chs. 1 and 7 (pp. 1-16, 168-195) [Bb]
Howard, *The Politics of Citizenship in Europe*, Chapter 7 (pp. 148-168)
(in-class showing of “London: The Post-Imperial City”)

December 2: Latecomers to Immigration
Cornelius et al., *Controlling Immigration*, Chs. 9-12, plus “Commentaries” (pp. 345-516)
(in-class showing of “Tokyo: The Neon City”)

*** NO CLASS ON NOVEMBER 25—THANKSGIVING! ***

December 9: The Politics of Immigration and Citizenship
Castles and Miller, *The Age of Migration*, Chs. 12-13 (pp. 277-312)
Benhabib, *The Rights of Others*, Ch. 5 and Conclusion (pp. 171-221)
Howard, *The Politics of Citizenship in Europe*, Conclusion (pp. 193-205)

*** PAPER #3 DUE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17 BY 4:00 P.M. !!! ***