

Sociology 282: IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP

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Citizenship has long been a hallmark of liberal modernity—it is *the* modern form of membership linking individuals to a state. Yet increasingly, some scholars argue that citizenship is being weakened, eroded or devalued by today's patterns of human migration. In turn, scholars question whether the sovereignty of the state is also weakening or even in its twilight. The issue driving this inquiry is simple: it appears that more and more people live, work and receive government benefits in places far from home. Human rights increasingly trump citizen rights. That is, there are more immigrants, and whether documented or undocumented, the state seems powerless to stop the movement or even (some of) the rights claims made. Others argue that the nation state is alive and well, and if mass deportations are a thing of the past, the state can still exert its powerful force on outsiders when it so wishes. The mass migration of the contemporary period may reflect not the freedom of immigrants to pursue opportunity but the demands of capitalist production and services for cheap labor and the government's role in aiding economic growth. In this seminar, we use a comparative perspective to examine this debate. We provide background for the major concepts, touching on core areas of political sociology, historical, cultural and comparative sociology, race and ethnic relations, international relations, and law.

Course organization and requirements: Participation: Students will be required to submit a 2 to 3 page analyses of the week's readings to me by Tuesday at noon before each class. In addition, students will be required to do short, five to ten minute presentations of readings throughout the quarter (the exact number of times will in part be determined by the number of students in the seminar). It is hoped that these summaries will be useful for later research or comprehensive exams, as well as preparing students for the week's seminar. The larger point of all of this is to encourage graduate students to be active rather than passive learners, and to form their own (informed) opinions on seminar topics.

Paper: One 20-page paper due during finals week. The paper can be either a research papers, complete with thesis/argument and support for that position, or it can be a research proposal, similar to what you would send as a grant application. Either should be focused on a topic decided between each student and myself. Topics should be chosen at least by week 7 if not earlier.

Required texts:

Assigned texts will be made available in the Department of Sociology mail/copy room for students to copy. Many are also available through the UCSD library. If this is inconvenient, a reader can be made as well.

Week 1: Introduction

Basic orientation: what is migration? how is it studied? what is citizenship? Political implications of immigration. Course organization.

Week 2: What is the nation?

Ernest Gellner, *Nations and Nationalism*, chapter 1 "Definitions"

Craig Calhoun, "Nationalism and Ethnicity," *Annual Review of Sociology* 19(1993): 211-39

Anna Triandafyllidou, "National Identity and the 'Other'" *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 21 (1998):

593-612

Rogers Brubaker, "Rethinking Nationhood: Nation as Institutionalized Form, Practical Category, Contingent Event." *Contention* 4 [1] (Fall 1994):3-14

Week 3: What is citizenship?

J.G.A. Pocock, "The Ideal of Citizenship since Classical Times" from Shafir, ed., *The Citizenship Debates* (University of Minnesota Press, 1998)

Max Weber, "Citizenship in Ancient and Medieval Cities" in *The Citizenship Debates*

T.H. Marshall, "Citizenship and Social Class" in *The Citizenship Debates*

Rogers Brubaker, "Immigration, Citizenship, and the Nation-State in France and Germany" in *The Citizenship Debates*

Will Kymlicka, "Multicultural Citizenship" in *The Citizenship Debates*

Week 4: What is immigration? Why do people move?

Doug Massey, et al., *Worlds in Motion*, chapters 1 "New Migrations, New Theories" and 2 "Contemporary Theories of International Migration"

Michael Piore, *Birds of Passage*, chapter 2 "The Jobs"

Peter A. Fischer, et al., "Should I Stay or Should I Go?" in *International Migration, Immobility and Development*, edited by Tomas Hammar, et al. (New York: Berg, 1997), pp. 49-91

Week 5: Immigration, human rights and challenges to the nation state

Yasemin Soysal, "Toward a Postnational Model of Membership," in *The Citizenship Debates*

T. Alexander Aleinikoff, "Between National and Postnational: Membership in the United States," *Michigan Journal of Race and Law* 4 (1999): 241-62

Michael Jones Correa, "Seeking Shelter: Immigrants and the Divergence of Social Rights and Citizenship in the United States"

Aihwa Ong, *Flexible Citizenship*, chapter 4 "The Pacific Shuttle: Family, Citizenship, and Capital Circuits"

Week 6: States, choosing immigrants and return migration

Mae M. Ngai, "The Architecture of Race in American Immigration Law: A Reexamination of the Immigration Act of 1924," *Journal of American History* 86 (1999): 67-92

John Skrentny, *The Minority Rights Revolution*, chapter 2, pp. 37-57

Christian Joppke, *Selecting By Origin*, chapter 1

John Skrentny, Stephanie Chan, Jon Fox and Denis Kim, "Defining Nations Across Borders: State Preferences for Co-Ethnic/Return Migrants in Europe and East Asia" forthcoming in *Diasporic Homecomings*

Week 7: Immigration control and undocumented immigration

John Torpey, *The Invention of the Passport* chapter 1 "Coming and Going: On the State Monopolization of the Legitimate 'Means of Movement'"

Grete Brochmann (1999) *Mechanisms of Immigration Control*, pp.1-27

Wayne Cornelius, Philip L. Martin, and James F. Hollifield, "Introduction: The Ambivalent Quest of Immigration Control," in Cornelius, Martin and Hollifield, eds., *Controlling Immigration* (Stanford University Press, 2004)

Christian Joppke, "Why Liberal States Accept Unwanted Immigration," *World Politics* 50 (January 1998): 266-93

Week 8: Incorporation

Mary C. Waters and Tomás Jiménez, "Assessing Immigrant Assimilation: New Empirical and Theoretical Challenges" *Annual Review of Sociology* 31 (2005): 105-25.

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

Adrian Favell, "Integration policy and integration research in Europe: a review and critique" in *Citizenship Today: Global Perspectives and Practices*, edited by T. Alexander Aleinikoff and Doug Klusmeyer, Washington, DC: Brookings Institute/Carnegie Endowment for International Peace 2001 <http://www.sscnet.ucla.edu/soc/faculty/favell/CARN-PUB.htm>

Week 9: Dual Citizenship and Transnationalism

Irene Bloemraad, Who Claims Dual Citizenship? The Limits of Postnationalism, the Possibilities of Transnationalism, and the Persistence of Traditionalism. *International Migration Review* 38(2): 389-426.

Peggy Levitt, "Keeping Feet in Both Worlds: Transnational Practices and Immigrant Incorporation in the United States" in *Toward Assimilation and Citizenship*"

Luin Goldring, "The Power of Status in Transnational Social Fields," in *Transnationalism from Below*

Smith, Robert C. "Diasporic Memberships in Historical Perspective: Comparative Insights from the Mexican and Italian Cases," *International Migration Review*, Fall 2003, 37 (3): 722-757.

Week 10: Review, make-up, summary