INTRODUCTION TO THE POLITICS OF INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

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Academic Year: 2017/2018: Fall Semester

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Session 1:
- Theoretical approaches to migration

Session 2:
- Migrants, forced migrants and refugees

Session 3:
- The ‘migration crisis’: Controlling migration or ‘losing control’?

Session 4:
- Open borders’ and ethical approaches to migration

Session 5:
- Migration and international human rights law

Session 6:
- Skilled migration and the ‘brain drain’

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- Migration, development and remittances

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- International organizations and the governance of migration

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- Discourses and practices of migration management
Session 12:

- Conclusion – general discussion

The main purpose of this essay is to engage critically with available data, theoretical arguments, discourses and ideological positions concerning the politics of migration, while displaying autonomy in the selection of the topic.

Students are expected to consult with the instructor about the topic of their essay. A paper outline (1 page, with abstract and bibliographical references) is due on week 3.

Papers are due in class by week 11, for discussion in the concluding session of week 12 (please bring a printed copy)

BOOKS

- T. Bastia (Eds.), Migration and Inequality, Routledge, 2013
• Steve COHEN, Beth HUMPHRIES and Ed MYNOTT (eds.), *From Immigration Controls to Welfare Controls*, London: Routledge
• Nina Glick Schiller and Thomas Faist, *Migration, Development, and Transnationalization*.
• A Critical Stance, Berghahn, 2010
Ines Hasselberg, Enduring Uncertainty. Deportation, Punishment and Everyday Life
Berghahn, 2016.


Claudia Liebelt, Caring for the 'Holy Land'. Filipina Domestic Workers in Israel, Berghahn, 2011.

Anna Lindley, The Early Morning Phonecall. Somali Refugees’ Remittances, Berghahn, 2010


McADAM, Jane (2012) Climate Change, Forced Migration and International Law, Oxford UP

Christopher McDowell and Gareth Morrell, Displacement Beyond Conflict. Challenges for the 21st Century, Berghahn, 2010


Mezzadra, Sandro and Brett Neilson, Border as Method or the Multiplication of Labor, Duke UP, 2013.


Pierre Monforte, Europeanizing Contention. The Protest Against ‘Fortress Europe’ in France and Germany, Berghahn, 2014
LITERATURE

Session 1: Theoretical approaches to migration

Support paper

• Robin Cohen (ed.) (1996) Theories of Migration, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar

Session 2: Migrants, forced migrants and refugees

Support paper

Further reading suggestions


Session 3: Skilled migration and the ‘brain drain’

Support paper


Further reading suggestions

Session 4: Migration, development and remittances

Support paper
• Hein de Haas (2007) Remittances, Migration and Social Development, Geneva: UNRISD.

Further reading suggestions
• Carling, Jorgen (2006) Interrogating remittances: Core questions for deeper insight and better policies, mimeo

Session 5: Human smuggling and trafficking

Support paper:

Further reading suggestions

Session 6: ‘Open borders’ and the ethics of migration policy

Support paper

Further reading suggestions

Session 7: Migration and international human rights law

Support paper

Further reading suggestions
• Special issue of the International Migration Review on the UN Convention on Migrant Workers’ Rights, 25(4), 1991

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Session 12 : Conclusion - general discussion