Introduction
This course examines how the United States and other immigrant-receiving countries are being transformed by, and are responding to, international migration. It addresses the central questions in migration studies and provides a comprehensive overview of the debates that have arisen among scholars in the field. We will address such topics as why people migrate, ethical debates related to efforts to control immigration, the politics and determinants of immigration policy, immigrant societal and political incorporation (and exclusion), the racialization of immigrants, and how immigration is affecting the meaning and practice of citizenship. After examining these key issues in comparative perspective, we will take a closer look at immigration policy in the U.S. and the incorporation (or lack thereof) of America’s diverse immigrant groups, focusing on Hispanics/Latinos and Asians.

Requirements
• Midterm, 11/8/13, (multiple-choice and short-answer questions) 30%
• Final Exam, 12/10/13 (11:30-2:30), (multiple-choice, short-answer, and essay questions) 40%
  (Comprehensive)
• Group Project 20% (census data analysis, prompt to be distributed during week 3)
• Participation 10%

Readings (all readings posted on TED)

A World in Motion: Migration in Historical Perspective


Recommended:

Theories of Migration

Recommended:


_Controlling Migration: Ethical Debates_


Recommended:


_The Determinants of Immigration Policy_


The Mechanisms of Immigration Control


Recommended:

No Class 10/25

The Politics of Exclusion I: Anti-Immigrant Sentiment


Recommended:

The Politics of Exclusion II: The Radical Right

Comparative Political Studies 30(5): 1176-1206.


Recommended:

Midterm Review 11/6

Midterm 11/8

Between Membership and Exclusion: Liminal “Illegality”


Recommended:

Immigration Policy and the Making of the “Other” in the United States

Recommended:

U.S. Immigration Policy and the Politics of Comprehensive Immigration Reform

CIR 2013 Blog. [Browse]
Benjy Sarlin. 2013. “Immigration Reformers Have a Plan to Win Over House Republicans.” MSNBC.

Recommended:
DREAM Act 2010. [Browse]
Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) 2012. [Browse]

Current Trends in Immigrant Incorporation


Recommended:
Pew Hispanic Center. 2012. A Record 24 Million Latinos Are Eligible to Vote, But Turnout Rate Has Lagged That of Whites, Blacks.
Political Behavior”


