Introduction

This course examines how countries are responding to, and being transformed by, immigration. It addresses the central questions in the study of the politics of immigration and provides a comprehensive overview of the debates that have arisen among scholars in the field. Topics addressed include why people migrate, the determinants of anti-immigrant sentiment, the politics and determinants of immigration control policies, and immigrant inclusion and exclusion. After examining these issues in comparative perspective, we will take a closer look at the United States.

Requirements

- 5% Assignment 1
  - Due Thursday 1/21 before the end of class
  - Prompt to be distributed Week 3
- 30% Midterm Exam
  - Tuesday 2/9
  - Multiple-choice, short-answer, and essay questions
- 20% Research Paper
  - Due Thursday 2/25 before the end of class
  - 5 single-spaced pages, 1-inch margins, 12 point Times New Roman Font
  - Prompt to be distributed Week 3
- 5% Assignment 2
  - Due Thursday 3/3 before the end of class
  - Prompt to be distributed Week 9
- 40% Cumulative Final Exam
  - Wednesday 3/16 3:00PM – 5:59PM
  - Multiple-choice, short-answer, and essay questions

Readings

*Understanding Contemporary International Migration: Theory and Evidence*


Recommended

**Anti-Immigrant Sentiment and the Contentious Politics of Immigration in Comparative Perspective**


Recommended
Eric Kaufmann and Gareth Harris. 2015. “‘White Flight’ or Positive Contact? Local Diversity and Attitudes to Immigration in Britain.” *Comparative Political Studies.*

**Anti-Immigrant Sentiment and the Contentious Politics of Immigration in the United States**


Recommended


The Determinants of Immigration Policy


Recommended


The Mechanisms of Immigration Control


Recommended


Far-Right Political Parties and Anti-Immigrant Politics


Recommended


Midterm 2/9

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


Recommended


Immigration Politics in the United States: Part 1


*U.S. Refugee Resettlement

Recommended


Recommended


Current Trends in Immigrant Incorporation in the United States


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

Final Review 3/10
Final 3/16