Western University
SOCIOLOGY 2281A-001
International Migration in a Globalized World
Mondays 9:30am – 11:30am (SSC 2020) &
Wednesdays 9:30am – 10:30am (SSC 2020)
Fall 2015
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Course Description:
This course examines contemporary international migration from a sociological and demographic perspective. Topics covered include: migration theories; immigration trends and policies of developed nations; causes and consequences of migration; integration and citizenship; gender and migration; marriage and labour migration; refugees; transnationalism and networks; ethnic communities and multiculturalism.

Prerequisite(s): Sociology 1020, Sociology 1021E, or Sociology 1025A/B, 1026F/G &1027A/B
Antirequisite(s): Sociology 2232 or the former 232E

Learning Outcomes
In this course, students will:

• Acquire broad-based knowledge on theories, trends and issues related to human migration in a global context.
• Analyze sophisticated social, cultural and political issues in the migration context.

Required Text(s):
***The previous edition of this textbook is not recommended***
• Other readings are posted on OWL

Method of Evaluation:
• Mid-term exam (computer-marked multiple-choice, short essay) – Oct 19 30%
• Current Event Assignment – Due on Dec 7 in Class 20%
• Final exam (cumulative, computer-marked multiple-choice, short essay) –TBA 50%
Evaluation Breakdown:

Mid-term exam
• This 2-hour in-class closed-book exam will cover course material from September 14 up to October 7. You should use lecture slides and notes as your primary preparation materials. You can use the textbook/assigned articles as supplement to your exam preparation.
• Exam format will be multiple-choice questions and one short essay question.

Final exam
• This 2-hour closed-book exam will cover all the course material in this course. Although it is cumulative, 80% of the content will focus on everything after the mid-term test and 20% of the content will focus on the first-half of this semester. You should use lecture slides and notes as your primary preparation materials. You can use the reading as supplement to your exam preparation.
• Exam format will be multiple-choice questions and one short essay question.

Current Events Assignment
Students will submit hard copies of 2 different articles from reputable newspapers or magazines or posted special reports from major networks (e.g., Globe & Mail, McLean’s, CBC; the Economist; Time; Newsweek; BBC; not “rags”, not official policy documents, and not research journals) covering current events (as recent as possible and no more than two years old; either Canadian content or international content) that relate to the course themes. These could be news stories, cover stories, editorials, or opinion pieces. The key is that they are intended for a lay audience and presented by mass media outlets.

Students will briefly summarize the article they chose and then write a critical analysis of the 2 articles that are related to course themes. You should be explicit about how your articles are relevant to the course materials and whether any migration concepts you learned in class apply to your article content. A reference page with full citations (title, source, date, page number, internet site, date) must be included as part of your submission (see http://www.lib.uwo.ca/services/styleguides.html for APA or ASA guidelines).

This assignment should be 4 double-spaced typed pages (12-pitch font) in length and it is due on Monday, December 7 in class. Please include your articles with this assignment and submit all together to me.

How to Contact Me
• In person: by appointment / By email: slin0899@gmail.com
How to get important information:
Sakai OWL ([http://owl.uwo.ca](http://owl.uwo.ca)) will be used to post course information, content, reminders, and important instructions regarding deadlines, expectations, requirements, etc. It is expected that you check OWL regularly to ensure that you are kept up to date on new and revised course content. During the course, I may post or email additional content and/or materials that may aid in your learning and understanding of course topics.

Important Policies

Policies for Assignment Deadlines:
If you miss the due date for an assignment due to illness or for any other unforeseen reason, you must provide notification of and documentation for the reasons for your circumstances to your Academic Counselor within 48 hours. If your problem is medical in nature, you should be seen by your doctor on the date of the exam or on the date the assignment is due. If your Academic Counselor agrees that your reasons are legitimate and are supported by your medical doctor’s documentation, you will be allowed to hand in your assignment at a later date.

A Note on Plagiarism:
Students must write their assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major scholastic offence (the Scholastic Offence Policy can be viewed in the Western Academic Calendar).

Plagiarism Checking:
Students may be required to submit their assignments to turnitin.com on the class WebCT website after they are completed. These papers will be subject to submission for textual originality.

Policy on Laptops and other Electronics/Phones in Class:
Laptops are permitted in class but if it is observed that students are on social networking sites such as Facebook or Twitter, they will be told to close the lid and they will not be permitted to use it for the remainder of the class. Be sure that all cell phones are turned off at the beginning of class.

Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness
Western’s policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness can be found at [http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf). Students must see the Academic Counsellor and submit all required documentation in order to be approved for certain accommodation: ([http://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/procedures/medical_accommodation.html](http://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/procedures/medical_accommodation.html))

Accessibility Options:
Please contact the course instructor if you require material in an alternate format or if you require any other arrangements to make this course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation. ([http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/examinations/accommodated_exams.html](http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/examinations/accommodated_exams.html))
Scholastic offences
Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following web site: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

Mental Health
Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western (http://www.health.uwo.ca/mental_health/) for a complete list of options how to obtain help

Course Schedule and Readings:

PART 1. INTRODUCTION

September 14-16
Introduction & The Age of Migration
- Castles, Haas & Miller, Chapter 1

Overview of Theories of Migration: Explaining Why People Move
- Castles, Haas & Miller, Chapter 2

September 21-23
Globalization, Development and Migration
- Castles, Haas & Miller, Chapter 3 (in the middle of pp. 69 to pp. 80)

September 28-30
Immigration to Canada
- Castles, Haas & Miller, Chapter 4

Film: “In the Shadow of Gold Mountain”]
October 5-7

*Migration Policies in Western Countries: Settlement versus Temporary Labour Migration*
- Castles, Haas & Miller, Chapter 5

[Film: “El Contrato”]

October 12 Thanksgiving (No Class)/ October 14 (Exam Preparation Day -No Class)

October 19
- In-Class Midterm Exam (2 hours: 9:20am to 11:20am)

October 21

*Labour Needs, Low Fertility, and Imagined Homogenous Nations: Marriage Migration in the Asia-Pacific Region (part I)*
- Castles, Haas & Miller, Chapter 7

October 26-28

*Labour Needs, Low Fertility, and Imagined Homogenous Nations: Marriage Migration in the Asia-Pacific Region (part II)*

[Short documentary: “Asian Brides for Sale”]

November 2-4

*Unskilled Labour Migration in Asia-Pacific Region*
PART 2. IMPACT AND CONSEQUENCES OF MIGRATION

November 9-11

The State and the Quest for Control; Refugee Issues

- Castles, Haas & Miller, Chapter 10 (from pp.215- to the top of 230)
- A Path to Legalization for Illegal Immigrants by Jennifer McFadyen (PDF file)

[Short documentary: “One Family's Journey to a New Life”]

November 16-18

Migrants’ Integration: Migrants and Minorities in the Labour Force

- Castles, Haas & Miller, Chapter 11 (pp. 240- the top of 247)

November 23-25

Gender and Migration


November 30-December 2

Second Generation

PART 3. CURRENT PERSPECTIVES AND CONCLUSION

December 7

**Current Perspectives on International Migration: Transnationalism**

**Migration and Social Change: Co-development, Social and Economic Remittances**
- Current event Assignment Due in Class