

**Geography 320H1**  
**Geographies of Transnationalism, Migration, and Gender**  
**Fall Term, 2015**

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Lectures: Thursdays 10-12  
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Course website is on Blackboard. To login, first go to:

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Use your UTORid to access the page. Here, you will find the syllabus, course assignments, and a space to contribute optional responses to the readings.

We use the University's web-based **Blackboard Academic Suite**. Blackboard is a very user friendly web-based communication tool that allows broadcast e-mails, checking grades, tutorial management, lecture outlines/slides, and other tasks. You are **required** to use Blackboard in order to check course documentation, including assignments and other information.

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**Email policy:** Please use Blackboard and fellow students as first routes to get your questions answered. Professor Silvey will also be available after class and during her office hours for questions that cannot be answered through other avenues. You can expect your emails to Prof. Silvey ([Rachel.Silvey@Utoronto.ca](mailto:Rachel.Silvey@Utoronto.ca)) to be answered within 3 business days. However, because of email overload, we request that whenever possible these email exchanges be limited to very short 'yes or no' questions. Everything you need for the course is provided in class and on-line.

### **Course Goals**

This course examines recent changes in the politics and processes of global migration.

There are four main objectives:

- Develop an understanding of some connections between colonial histories, geopolitical dynamics, and contemporary migration patterns.
- Provide an introduction to recent theoretical work on the themes of mobility, the state, transnationalism, citizenship, and identity and difference (in relation to gender, ethnicity, nationality, race, and sexuality in particular).

- Cultivate an appreciation of the different theoretical, methodological, and analytical frameworks and approaches to research on migration and immigration.
- Examine the practical and theoretical implications of taking seriously the politics of difference, and of gender in particular, in the study migration.

The course addresses the transnationalization and feminization of migrant populations and various segments of the global labor force. The coursework focuses on analyzing classical paradigms as well as emerging theoretical approaches in immigration studies.

In addition, it traces the history of trends in global economic organization, international migration, and gendered employment and mobility patterns. It uses in-depth case study material to query the frameworks employed in migration studies and to understand the grounded implications of various forms of migration. It pays particular attention to the interventions made by feminist geographers in debates about race, gender, work, migration, place, and space.

### **Course Readings**

- All readings for this course are available in a course reading packet to be made available by Week 3 at the University of Toronto Bookstore under the course number. There are no readings assigned for the first week, and the readings to be completed prior to Lecture 2 (Week 2, September 18, 2014) will be posted to the course Blackboard site on September 11, 2014.

### **Course Policies and Evaluation**

Evaluation of student marks will be determined based on the following:

Midterm exam:	30%	In class ( <b>October 29th, 2015</b> )
One Short essay:	30%	Due <b>December 3rd</b> , in class
Final exam:	40%	During regular final exam schedule (to be posted on <a href="http://www.artsandscience.utoronto.ca/ofr/admin/">http://www.artsandscience.utoronto.ca/ofr/admin/</a> )

1. Make-up tests will not be administered except in the case of a documented medical emergency that has been approved by the instructor. University of Toronto medical note is required.

2. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. If a student is found to have cheated on an exam or plagiarized any work he/she will be reported to the FAS Dean's Office. If students would like clarification regarding definitions of academic dishonesty especially in regard to citation procedures, please consult the official FAS Academic Code of Conduct <<http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/policies/behaveac.htm>>, or meet with the instructor during office hours.

Students are strongly advised to keep draft copies of essays and assignments. These should be kept until the marked assignments have been returned and marks have been posted on Blackboard. The short essays should be handed in at the beginning of class on the due date. Late penalty: 5% per day.

***Regular attendance and participation are required.*** All readings must be completed prior to class, as they will be the focus of weekly discussions in class.

## **Lecture Schedule**

### **September 17: Introduction to the course**

### **September 24: Im/migration and Economic Globalization**

Saskia Sassen, *The Mobility of Labor and Capital* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1988), pp. 12-54.

Melissa Gilbert (1998), "Race, Space and Power: The Survival Strategies of Working Poor Women" *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, Volume 88, Number 4. Pp. 595-621.

### **October 1: The Global Context of Migration**

Michael Welch (2003). "Ironies of Social Control and the Criminalization of Immigrants," *Crime, Law & Social Change* 39: 319-337.

Joseph Nevins, *Operation Gatekeeper*, Introduction (pp. 1-14) Available via U of T library website, on-line.

Thobani, S. (2007). "Nationality in the Age of Global Terror" in *Exalted subjects: Studies in the making of race and nation in Canada*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

### **October 8: Migration Theories**

Arango, J. (2000), Explaining Migration: A Critical View. *International Social Science Journal*, 52: 283–296.

Brettell, C., & Hollifield, J. (2008). Introduction. In C. Brettell, & J. F. Hollifield (Eds.), *Migration theory: talking across disciplines* (2nd ed. ed., pp. 1-20). New York: Routledge.

Silvey, R. (2004). Power, difference and mobility: Feminist advances in migration studies. *Progress in Human Geography*, 28(4), 490-506.

### **October 15: Diasporas and Homeland Ties**

Kivisto, Peter, and Thomas Faist. "Transnationalism and the Persistence of Homeland Ties." In *Beyond a border: the causes and consequences of contemporary immigration*. Los Angeles: Pine Forge Press, 2010. 127-160.

Evans Braziel, Jana. "Preface: Between Homelands and Homelessness? New Diasporas, Global 6 Refugees." In *Diaspora: an introduction*. Oxford, UK: Blackwell Publishing, 2008. 1-10.

Evans Braziel, Jana. "Introducing Diaspora: Key Terms." In *Diaspora: an introduction*. Oxford, UK: Blackwell Publishing, 2008. 11-36.

### **October 22: The State and Immigration Control**

Kivisto, Peter, and Thomas Faist. "The State and Immigration Control." In *Beyond a border: the causes and consequences of contemporary immigration*. Los Angeles: Pine Forge Press, 2010. 195-224.

Martin, Susan. "The Politics of US Immigration Reform." In *The politics of migration: managing opportunity, conflict and change*. Malden, Mass: Blackwell, 2003. 132-149.

Aiyanas Ormond (2011), "The Mass Incarceration Agenda in Canada: The View from Vancouver" *BASICS Community News Service*. <http://basicsnews.ca/2011/12/the-mass-incarceration-agenda-in-canada-the-view-from-vancouver/>

### **October 29:Midterm Exam in class.**

The mid-term will include two short (one paragraph) essay questions and approximately 60 multiple choice questions. It will test students' understanding and knowledge of lecture material, class discussions, and course readings. A review for the midterm will be offered in class the week prior to the exam (Oct. 22), and a study guide will be provided on October 15<sup>th</sup> in class.

### **November 5: Migrants in the Labor Force & Racialization and Transnationalism**

Castles, Stephen, and Mark J. Miller (2009) "Migrants and Minorities in the Labour Force." In *The age of migration: international population movements in the modern world*. 4th ed. Basingstoke England: Palgrave Macmillan. 221-244.

Galabuzi, G. (2006). "Emerging Realities and Old Problems" In *Canada's economic apartheid : The social exclusion of racialized groups in the new century*. Toronto: Canadian Scholars's Press. 1-27

Rana, J. A. (2011). Introduction. *Terrifying Muslims: Race and labor in the South Asian diaspora* (pp. 1-21). Durham, NC: Duke University Press.

### **November 12: Gender and Migration**

Chapters 1-4 of Ehrenreich, Barbara and Arlie Russell Hochschild, eds. 2003. *Global Woman: Nannies, Maids, and Sex Workers in the New Economy*. New York: Metropolitan Books

### **November 19. Trafficking**

Rey Koslowski, "Economic Globalization, Human Smuggling, and Global Governance, Chapter 13 in *Global Human Smuggling*, (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2001) pp. 337-358.

Joyce Outshoorn, "The Political Debates on Prostitution and Trafficking of Women," *Social Politics*, Volume 12, Number 1 (Spring 2005) pp. 141-155.

Nancy Scheper-Hughes, "Parts Unknown: Undercover Ethnography of the Organs-Trafficking Underworld," *Ethnography*, Volume 5, Number 1 (2004), pp. 2-46. (77 pages)

**November 26: Migration and security issues**

Guild, Elspeth. "Sovereignty, security and borders." In *Security and migration in the 21st century*. Cambridge: Polity, 2009. EXCERPTS.

Castles, Stephen, and Mark J. Miller. "Migration and Security." In *The age of migration:*

Sara Ahmed (2004), "Affective Economies" *Social Text*, Volume 22, Number 2, pp. 117-139.

**December 3: Wrap-Up and Course Overview**

**Final essays due in class at beginning of lecture.**

**FINAL EXAM:** Time and date to be announced when U of T's final exam schedule is published (on October 9, 2015). To be posted at: <http://www.artsandscience.utoronto.ca/ofr/admin/>