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:
http://www.portal.utoronto/
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.

You will need a UTOR login and password to have access to Blackboard. No other email address will be accepted.

Login, passwords, and tutorials can be accessed at:
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For help and information about Blackboard, please contact: blackboard@utoronto.ca.

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

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: Immigration and Economic Globalization**


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


**October 8: Migration Theories**


**October 15: Diasporas and Homeland Ties**


October 22: The State and Immigration Control


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 15th in class.

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


November 12: Gender and Migration


November 19: Trafficking


**November 26: Migration and security issues**


**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/