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Requested designation: Social and Behavioral Sciences-SB
Note: a separate proposal is required for each designation requested

Eligibility:
Permanent numbered courses must have completed the university's review and approval process.
For the rules governing approval of omnibus courses, contact Phyllis.Lucie@asu.edu or Lauren.Leo@asu.edu

Submission deadlines dates are as follows:
For Fall 2015 Effective Date: October 9, 2014
For Spring 2016 Effective Date: March 19, 2015

Area(s) proposed course will serve:
A single course may be proposed for more than one core or awareness area. A course may satisfy a core area requirement and more than one awareness area requirements concurrently, but may not satisfy requirements in two core areas simultaneously, even if approved for those areas. With departmental consent, an approved General Studies course may be counted toward both the General Studies requirement and the major program of study.

Checklists for general studies designations:
Complete and attach the appropriate checklist
- Literacy and Critical Inquiry core courses (L)
- Mathematics core courses (MA)
- Computer/statistics/quantitative applications core courses (CS)
- Humanities, Arts and Design core courses (HU)
- Social- Behavioral Sciences core courses (SB)
- Natural Sciences core courses (SO/SG)
- Cultural Diversity in the United States courses (C)
- Global Awareness courses (G)
- Historical Awareness courses (H)

A complete proposal should include:
- Signed General Studies Program Course Proposal Cover Form
- Criteria Checklist for the area
- Course Catalog description
- Course Syllabus
- Copy of Table of Contents from the textbook and list of required readings/books

Respectfully request that proposals are submitted electronically with all files compiled into one PDF. If necessary, a hard copy of the proposal will be accepted.

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Arizona State University Criteria Checklist for

SOCIAL-BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES [SB]

Rationale and Objectives

Social-behavioral sciences use distinctive scientific methods of inquiry and generate empirical knowledge about human behavior, within society and across cultural groups. Courses in this area address the challenge of understanding the diverse natures of individuals and cultural groups who live together in a complex and evolving world.

In both private and public sectors, people rely on social scientific findings to consider and assess the social consequences of both large-scale and group economic, technological, scientific, political, ecological and cultural change. Social scientists' observations about human interactions with the broader society and their unique perspectives on human events make an important contribution to civic dialogue.

Courses proposed for a General Studies designation in the Social-Behavioral Sciences area must demonstrate emphases on: (1) social scientific theories, perspectives and principles, (2) the use of social-behavioral methods to acquire knowledge about cultural or social events and processes, and (3) the impact of social scientific understanding on the world.

Revised April 2014
Proposer: Please complete the following section and attach appropriate documentation.

**ASU—[SB] CRITERIA**

A SOCIAL-BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES [SB] course should meet all of the following criteria. If not, a rationale for exclusion should be provided.

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**THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF COURSES ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE [SB] AREA EVEN THOUGH THEY MIGHT GIVE SOME CONSIDERATION TO SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE CONCERNS:**

- Courses with primarily arts, humanities, literary or philosophical content.
- Courses with primarily natural or physical science content.
- Courses with predominantly applied orientation for professional skills or training purposes.
- Courses emphasizing primarily oral, quantitative, or written skills.
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Studies in European History
Specialized topics in European history. Explores countries, cultures, and issues in history, and their interpretation in historical scholarship.

Allow multiple enrollments: Yes
Repeateable for credit: Yes

Primary course component: Lecture
Grading method: Student Option

Offered by: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences -- Historical, Philosophical & Religious Studies, Sch

Pre-requisites: ENG 102, 105 or 108 with C or better, Minimum 30 hours
HST 304: Migration in Modern European History  
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Migration has always been a fundamental component of human history. Nonetheless, historians have been slow to turn their attention to migratory processes, tending to view individuals as inherently sedentary. This course examines the role that migration and mobility have played in European history from the French Revolution to the present. It considers how both migration and emigration have transformed European societies in the modern era.

Primary emphasis will be placed on the period from the second half of the nineteenth century to the present. We will consider different kinds of voluntary migration, including local, circular, chain, and career; we will also look at forced migrations, a major feature of the twentieth century. We will examine the forces that encourage migration and the barriers to movement that Europeans have encountered. We will seek to understand migration from multiple perspectives, including those of migrants, host societies, and states.

Class sessions are a combination of lecture and discussion. Please note that discussion is a major component of the course and will be graded accordingly (see below).

There is a Blackboard website for this course at http://myasucourses.asu.edu.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

You are expected to:

- attend class regularly
- complete all readings on time
- bring the readings to class with you
- participate in class discussions
- complete all assignments on time

Your final grade will be based on attendance, discussion, and written assignments. Your grade for discussion will be based on both the frequency and the quality of your contributions to discussion, including small group discussion (see rubric below). Written assignments include five short response papers and five longer papers. All assignments will be posted on the course website. Unless otherwise noted, they are due in hard copy in class on the dates listed below. If you cannot attend class on the day an assignment is due, you may submit it by email as a temporary place holder, but it will not be graded until a hard copy has been turned in. In other words, only hard copies count. All assignments will be marked down 1% for each weekday they are late (weekends excluded). Extensions will only be given in exceptional circumstances such as documented medical or family emergencies. NO PAPERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER FRIDAY, MAY 1.
In addition to regular class sessions, there will be two film screenings. Each screening will replace one regular class session. Screenings will begin at 12 PM and will continue until the completion of the film. Run times are listed in the schedule. If you cannot stay until the end of a screening, you may view the rest of the film on reserve at Hayden Library. You may also skip the screening and watch the film on your own. If you miss part or all of a screening, you must provide documentation that you saw the film (library checkout slip, rental receipt, etc.); this will ensure that you are not marked as absent on the attendance sheet for that day.

Attendance is calculated separately from discussion. You are allowed three unexcused absences for the semester. More than three unexcused absences will result in a grade reduction of 3%. Students who do not come to class with the appropriate readings will automatically be marked absent. If you must miss class because of a medical or family emergency, I can also grant you an excused absence; however, you will need to provide documentation. You are expected to arrive and leave on time. If you are going to be more than 10 minutes late, do not come to class. If you have to leave early, please notify me before class starts. Please turn off cell phones and pagers before entering the classroom. I do not generally allow students to use their own computers in class. However, I am glad to accommodate students with disabilities who need a computer for note-taking, etc.

I do not tolerate plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty (aka cheating). **If you are caught cheating, you will at a minimum receive an E for the assignment and may, depending on the seriousness of the offense, receive an E or XE for the class. In other words, you risk failing the entire course, not just the assignment.** You are expected to familiarize yourself with the concept of plagiarism. A reading on this subject is available on the course website; it will be used as the benchmark against which all assignments will be evaluated. For more information on the university’s policy on academic dishonesty, see: [http://provost.asu.edu/academicintegrity/policy](http://provost.asu.edu/academicintegrity/policy).

Grades will be calculated as follows:

- **Discussion participation** 25%
- **Response papers (5 @ 5% each)** 25%
- **Immigrant letters paper** 10%
- **Torpey paper** 10%
- **Crabwalk paper** 10%
- **White Teeth paper** 10%
- **Headscarf debate paper** 10%

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Grades for discussion participation will be based on the following rubric:

A  Regularly offers comments and questions that demonstrate engagement with the reading; participates in group discussions
B  Irregularly offers comments and questions that demonstrate engagement with the reading; participates in group discussions
C  Only answers or poses questions 1-2 times per semester; participates in group discussions
D  Does not answer or pose questions but participates in group discussions
E  Does not participate in any way

READINGS

Readings for the course are a combination of primary and secondary sources. They include four books (see below) and various shorter readings. The books are available for purchase at the ASU bookstore. They will also be on reserve at Hayden Library. All other readings will be available on the Blackboard course website; they are marked “CW” on the schedule. Unless otherwise noted, all readings are required.

Günter Grass, Crabwalk (Orlando, FL: Harcourt, 2002)
Leo Lucassen The Immigrant Threat: The Integration of Old and New Migrants in Western Europe since 1850 (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2005)
Zadie Smith, White Teeth (New York: Knopf, 2001)

SCHEDULE

WEEK 1

January 12  Introduction to the Course
January 14  Migration Theory: Why Do People Migrate?
            Massey et al, “Theories of International Migration” (CW)

WEEK 2

January 19  NO CLASS
January 21  Migration Theory: How Do Migrants Relate to their New Homes?
            Glick Schiller, Basch, and Blanc, “From Immigrant to Transmigrant” (CW)
            Foner, “What’s New about Transnationalism?” (CW)
            RESPONSE PAPER #1 DUE
WEEK 3
January 26    Migration in the Age of Industrialization
Moch, Moving Europeans, 102-43 (CW)

January 28    The Immigrant Threat in the 19th Century: England
Lucassen, The Immigrant Threat, Introduction, Chap. 1
Engels, "Irish Immigration" (CW)

WEEK 4
February 2    The Immigrant Threat in the 19th Century: Germany
Lucassen, The Immigrant Threat, Chap. 2
Speech by Ludwik Jazdzewski (CW)

February 4    The Immigrant Threat in the 19th Century: France
Lucassen, The Immigrant Threat, Chap. 3-4
RESPONSE PAPER #2 DUE

WEEK 5
February 9    From Europe to America: Transatlantic Migration
Film: The Golden Door (dir. Emanuele Crialese, Italy, 2006, 118’)

February 11   From Europe to America: Transatlantic Migration
Moch, Moving Europeans, 147-58 (CW)
RESPONSE PAPER #3 DUE

WEEK 6
February 16   From Europe to America: Transatlantic Migration
Letters from German immigrants to the United States: Lenz, Möller (CW)

February 18   From Europe to America: Transatlantic Migration
Letters from German immigrants to the United States: Wiebusch, Winkelmeier (CW)
PAPER ON IMMIGRANT LETTERS DUE
WEEK 7
February 23  The State and the Control of Mobility
Torpey, *The Invention of the Passport*, Introduction, Chap. 1-2
February 25  The State and the Control of Mobility
Torpey, *The Invention of the Passport*, Chap. 3

WEEK 8
March 2     The State and the Control of Mobility
Torpey, *The Invention of the Passport*, Chap. 4
March 4     The State and the Control of Mobility
Torpey, *The Invention of the Passport*, Chap. 5, Conclusion
**TORPEY PAPER DUE**

WEEK 9
March 9     NO CLASS: SPRING BREAK
March 11    NO CLASS: SPRING BREAK

WEEK 10
March 16    Forced Migration: Questions of Definition
Zolberg et al, *Escape from Violence*, 3-33 (CW)
"Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees" (CW)
March 18    Forced Migration: World War I
Marrus, "The Nansen Era," 51-68, 86-96 (CW)
WEEK 11
March 23  Forced Migration: Refugees from Nazism
Film: The Last Chance (dir. Leopold Lindtberg, Switzerland, 1945, 104"
March 25  Forced Migration: Refugees from Nazism
Kreis, "Swiss Refugee Policy, 1933-1945" (CW)
RESPONSE PAPER #4 DUE

WEEK 12
March 30  Forced Migration: Postwar Expulsions
Jankowiak, "'Cleansing' Poland of Germans" (CW)
Grass, Crabwalk, 1-102
April 1  Forced Migration: Postwar Expulsions
Grass, Crabwalk, 103-234
PAPER ON CRABWALK DUE

WEEK 13
April 6  Postwar Migration: England
Lucassen, The Immigrant Threat, Chap. 5
Powell, "Rivers of Blood" (CW)
April 8  Postwar Migration: England
Smith, White Teeth, 1-217
RESPONSE PAPER #5

WEEK 14
April 13 Postwar Migration: England
Smith, White Teeth, 219-339
April 15 Postwar Migration: England
Smith, White Teeth, 341-448
PAPER ON WHITE TEETH DUE
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Response Paper #1

Reading:
- Massey et al, “Theories of International Migration”
- Glick Schiller, Basch, and Blanc, “From Immigrant to Transmigrant: Theorizing Transnational Migration”
- Foner, “What’s New about Transnationalism?”

In their essay, Glick Schiller, Basch, and Blanc outline a theory of “transnational migration.” What are the main postulates of this theory? How (if at all) is it different from the “world systems theory” outlined by Massey et al? How does Foner challenge Glick Schiller, Basch, and Blanc’s conclusions about transnationalism?
HST 304: Migration in Modern European History
Response Paper #2

Reading:
Lucassen, *The Immigrant Threat*, Introduction, Chaps. 1-4

Based on the three case studies Lucassen presents, what were the main factors inhibiting the integration of migrants in Europe in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries? In other words, what kinds of perceived “threats” shaped the integration process? How involved was the state in the integration process? Use examples from at least two case studies to illustrate your points.
What were the main factors inhibiting the integration of black migrants in Britain in the second half of the twentieth century? In other words, what kind of perceived "threat" did Black Britons represent? What is Powell's perspective on immigration to Britain? How would you situate his perspective in the context of Lucassen's argument?
HST 304: Migration in Modern European History
Torpey Paper

Reading:
Torpey, The Invention of the Passport

Based on your reading of the book, answer the following questions. Present your answers in the form of an essay. The essay should be about 4 double-spaced pages. Provide parenthetical citations for quotations and other key references to the text, using the guideline provided for the response papers.

1. How does Torpey approach the study of passports and mobility? How does he differentiate his approach from that of other scholars?

2. What were the major trends in the use of passports and other forms of control over movement during the nineteenth century? Sketch out the general changes during this time period and the situation in Germany more specifically.

3. What were the main trends in passport controls during the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries? Why did countries tighten their controls over movements and develop new ways of identifying people?

4. What were the major trends in the control of movement in Europe during the twentieth century? Identify and briefly outline what you see as the two most important trends.
HST 304: Migration in Modern European History
French Headscarf Debate Paper

Reading:
Scott, “Symptomatic Politics: The Banning of Islamic Head Scarves in French Public Schools”
Joppke, Veil: Mirror of Identity, Preface and Chap. 2

Since the 1980s, religion and gender have become focal points in discussions about immigration in Europe, replacing an earlier emphasis on men and cultural integration. Attention has focused in particular on headscarves and other headcoverings worn by Muslim women. For some, the headscarf is a symbol of the unwillingness of immigrants to integrate into their European host countries and to accept a secular, pluralistic society. For others, the hostility displayed towards women who wear the headscarf, and the concomitant lack of concern about and even privileging of symbols of Christianity, suggests that European societies are themselves intolerant of difference and privilege Christianity over other religions. Muslim women, and non-practicing women from Muslim families, have themselves taken widely different positions on the issue, some protesting and some supporting the headscarf.

Write an essay that addresses the following questions. The essay should be about 4 double-spaced pages. Provide parenthetical citations for quotations and other key references to the text, using the guideline provided for the response papers.

1. Outline each author’s main points, focusing on how each author explains the ban on headscarves. What is the ban about? What larger issues in society does it relate to? How far back in time does each author go to explain it?

2. What are the main differences between the three authors, in terms of methodology, primary sources, and conclusions?

3. Which author do you find most convincing and why? Support your conclusions by pointing to logical or evidentiary flaws.
The Immigrant Threat

The Integration of Old and New Migrants in Western Europe since 1850

LEO LUCASSEN

STUDIES OF WORLD MIGRATIONS
Donna R. Gabaccia and Leslie Page Moch, editors

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The vagabond is by definition a suspect.
Daniel Nordman

THE INVENTION OF
THE PASSPORT
Surveillance, Citizenship and the State

John Torpey
University of California, Irvine
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Transnationalism is not new, even though it often seems as if it were invented yesterday. Contemporary immigrant New Yorkers are not the first newcomers to live what scholars now call transnational lives. While there are new dynamics to immigrants’ transnational connections and communities today, there are also significant continuities with the past.

One would not know this from reading the scholarly literature. In much of what has been written on the subject, transnationalism is treated as a contemporary phenomenon; a common assumption is that earlier European immigration cannot be described in the transnational terms that apply today. Transnationalism refers to the processes by which immigrants “forge and sustain multi-stranded social relations that link together their societies of origin and settlement” (Basch et al. 7). In a transnational perspective, contemporary immigrants are seen as maintaining familial, economic, political, and cultural ties across international borders, in effect making the home and host societies a single arena of social action.

Perhaps, as Nina Glick Schiller notes, the excitement over the “first flurry of discovery of the transnational aspects of contemporary migration” led to a “tendency to declare ... transnational migration ... a completely new phenomenon” (4). A few years earlier, she and her colleagues had argued that transnationalism was a new type of migrant experience and that, therefore, a new conceptualization—indeed, the new term “transmigrant”—was needed to understand the immigrants of today (Glick Schiller et al., “Transnationalism” 1; Basch et al. 7). Comments like Elsa Chaney’s—that new Caribbean immigrants “apparently differ from the settler immigrants of another era who left their homelands permanently”—are typical, Glick Schiller says, of the way ethnographers of the post-1965 migration have viewed the past (4). For example, anthropologist Constance Sutton suggests that, unlike earlier European arrivals, recent Third World immigrants forge social practices and ethnic identities that have a transnational character; rather than becoming hyphenated Americans, they operate with a transnational bilocal identity. Alejandro Portes has
FROM IMMIGRANT TO TRANSMIGRANT: THEORIZING
TRANSNATIONAL MIGRATION

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Contemporary immigrants can not be characterized as the ‘uprooted.’ Many are trans-
migrants, becoming firmly rooted in their new country but maintaining multiple linkages
to their homeland. In the United States anthropologists are engaged in building a transna-
tional anthropology and rethinking their data on immigration. Migration proves to be an
important transnational process that reflects and contributes to the current political con-
figurations of the emerging global economy. In this article we use our studies of migration
from St. Vincent, Grenada, the Philippines, and Haiti to the U.S. to delineate some of the
parameters of an ethnography of transnational migration and explore the reasons for and
the implications of transnational migrations. We conclude that the transnational connec-
tions of immigrants provide a subtext of the public debates in the U.S. about the merits of
immigration. [transnationalism, immigration, nation-state, nationalism, identity]

In the United States several generations of re-
searchers have viewed immigrants as persons who
uproot themselves, leave behind home and country,
and face the painful process of incorporation into a
different society and culture (Handlin 1973[1951];
Takaki 1993). A new concept of transnational mi-
gration is emerging, however, that questions this
long-held conceptualization of immigrants, sug-
gesting that in both the U.S. and Europe, increas-
ing numbers of immigrants are best understood as
‘transmigrants.’ Transmigrants are immigrants
whose daily lives depend on multiple and constant
interconnections across international borders and
whose public identities are configured in relation-
ship to more than one nation-state (Glick Schiller
et al. 1992a; Basch et al. 1994). They are not so-
journers because they settle and become incorpo-
rated in the economy and political institutions, lo-
calities, and patterns of daily life of the country in
which they reside. However, at the very same time,
they are engaged elsewhere in the sense that they
maintain connections, build institutions, conduct
transactions, and influence local and national
events in the countries from which they emigrated.

Transnational migration is the process by
which immigrants forge and sustain simultaneous
multi-stranded social relations that link together
their societies of origin and settlement. In identify-
ing a new process of migration, scholars of transna-
tional migration emphasize the ongoing and contin-
uous ways in which current-day immigrants
construct and reconstitute their simultaneous em-
beddedness in more than one society. The purpose
of this article is to delineate the parameters of an
ethnography of transnational migration and use
this anthropology to explore the ways in which the
current debate on immigration in the U.S. can be
read as a nation-state building project that delimits
and constrains the allegiances and loyalties of
transmigrants. Once we reframe the concept of im-
migrant and examine the political factors which
have shaped the image of immigrants as the up-
rooted, a whole new approach to understanding im-
migrants and the current debate about immigration
becomes possible.

Three vignettes of discontinuities we have ob-
served between the transnational practices of immi-
grants and common assumptions about immigrants
made by scholars, members of the public, the me-
dia and public officials experts illustrate the myopic
view of immigrants demonstrated in much public
debate. The vignettes point to the need to redefine
our terminology and reformulate some of our basic
conceptualizations of the current immigrant
experience.

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Over the past 30 years, immigration has emerged as a major force throughout the world. In traditional immigrant-receiving societies such as Australia, Canada, and the United States, the volume of immigration has grown and its composition has shifted decisively away from Europe, the historically dominant source, toward Asia, Africa, and Latin America. In Europe, meanwhile, countries that for centuries had been sending out migrants were suddenly transformed into immigrant-receiving societies. After 1945, virtually all countries in Western Europe began to attract significant numbers of workers from abroad. Although the migrants were initially drawn mainly from southern Europe, by the late 1960s they mostly came from developing countries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, and the Middle East.

By the 1980s even countries in southern Europe—Italy, Spain, and Portugal—which only a decade before had been sending migrants to wealthier countries in the north, began to import workers from Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. At the same time, Japan—with its low and still declining birth rate, its aging population, and its high standard of living—found it turning increasingly to migrants from poorer countries in Asia and even South America to satisfy its labor needs.

Most of the world’s developed countries have become diverse, multiethnic societies, and those that have not reached this state are moving decisively in that direction. The emergence of international migration as a basic structural feature of nearly all industrialized countries testifies to the strength and coherence of the
underlying forces. Yet the theoretical base for understanding these forces remains weak. The recent boom in immigration has therefore taken citizens, officials, and demographers by surprise, and when it comes to international migration, popular thinking remains mired in nineteenth-century concepts, models, and assumptions.

At present, there is no single, coherent theory of international migration, only a fragmented set of theories that have developed largely in isolation from one another, sometimes but not always segmented by disciplinary boundaries. Current patterns and trends in immigration, however, suggest that a full understanding of contemporary migratory processes will not be achieved by relying on the tools of one discipline alone, or by focusing on a single level of analysis. Rather, their complex, multifaceted nature requires a sophisticated theory that incorporates a variety of perspectives, levels, and assumptions.

The purpose of this article is to explicate and integrate the leading contemporary theories of international migration. We begin by examining models that describe the initiation of international movement and then consider theories that account for why transnational population flows persist across space and time. Rather than favoring one theory over another a priori, we seek to understand each model on its own terms in order to illuminate key assumptions and hypotheses. Only after each theory has been considered separately do we compare and contrast the different conceptual frameworks to reveal areas of logical inconsistency and substantive disagreement. In undertaking this exercise, we seek to provide a sound basis for evaluating the models empirically, and to lay the groundwork for constructing an accurate and comprehensive theory of international migration for the twenty-first century.

The initiation of international migration

A variety of theoretical models has been proposed to explain why international migration begins, and although each ultimately seeks to explain the same thing, they employ radically different concepts, assumptions, and frames of reference. Neoclassical economics focuses on differentials in wages and employment conditions between countries, and on migration costs; it generally conceives of movement as an individual decision for income maximization. The “new economics of migration,” in contrast, considers conditions in a variety of markets, not just labor markets. It views migration as a household decision taken to minimize risks to family income or to overcome capital constraints on family production activities. Dual labor market theory and world systems theory generally ignore such micro-level decision processes, focusing instead on forces operating at much higher levels of aggregation. The former links immigration to the structural requirements of modern industrial economies, while the latter sees immigration as a natural consequence of economic globalization and market penetration across national boundaries.
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