

GLOBALIZATION: EMPIRICAL & THEORETICAL ELEMENTS
Immigration Discussion Section
University of Chicago

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Please bring the books to class and attend the discussion section. Students will be expected to argue (to reflect, to criticize, to analyze, to examine) the required readings in the discussion section rather than to summarize the contents of the readings. The goal for this discussion is to help students utilize the class materials in order to develop their own arguments. The questions and extra readings intend to complement the lecture and stimulate discussion. Only in Weeks 5 and 9 do we depart significantly from lecture—though we will spend some time during that session to clarify those weeks' lectures. The extra readings will be scanned and put into e-reserve. Please feel free to email me if you have any question.

Week 4 (October 21) Introduction

The first half of class will be used to review and clarify the first three weeks of class. We will review some of the following questions. What is globalization? How can we specify globalization empirically and theoretically through particular processes and domains? We will discuss in detail all of the syllabus required readings and go over Prof. Sassen's lecture.

The second half of class will go more into issues of immigration. Some of the questions that we will review include. What is immigration? How is immigration related to globalization?

Section Readings:

- Castles and Miller Chapters 1-2.
- "From Immigrant to Transmigrant: Theorizing Transnational Migration" – Schiller, Basch, Blanc (available on chalk).

Week 5 (October 28) Citizenship and Immigration

This week departs from Professor Sassen's Week 5 lecture on Strategic Spaces in the Global Economy, as we seek a better understanding of citizenship—vital to understandings of immigration. Question for discussion include: What is citizenship? Do global processes create problems for the state in defining and regulating citizenship? What are the links between human rights, the state, and globalization?

Readings:

- Castles and Miller Chapter 5.

- Linda Bosniak, "Essay: Universal Citizenship and the Problem of Alienage" *Northwestern University Law Review*, Spring, 2000, 94 *Nw. U. L. Rev.* 963. (available on e-reserve).
- Sassen, *Guests and Aliens*, Chapters: Introduction, 6, and 7 (available on e-reserve).
- UN Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu3/b/o_c_ref.htm

Week 6 (November 4) Midterm Examination

Week 7 (November 11) Impact of Digitalization and Globalization on the Urban Immigrant

Discuss how globalization socially impacts urban space and the immigrant. Is globalization (specifically technological advances) changing the social space that immigrants occupy?

Readings:

- Castles and Miller Ch. 10. pp. 220-36.
- Torres, Ch. 23. "Analytic Borderlands: Race, Gender, and Representation in the New City." by Sassen.
- Roger Rouse, "Mexican Migration and the Social Space of Post Modernism." *Diaspora* 1(1). (available on e-reserve).

Week 8 (November 18) Race, Nationality and Citizenship in a Global Age

Readings:

- Castles and Miller Ch. 10 (read entire chapter).
- Torres, Chs. 16-18, and Ch. 24.

Week 9 (November 25) Citizenship, Sexuality, and Migration

This session departs from Professor Sassen's lecture (as we have discussed some migratory processes in Week 4). This section looks specifically at globalization and how it affects human rights issues surrounding migration and sexuality.

Readings:

- Marjan Wijers. "Women, Labor, and Migration: The Position of Trafficked women and Strategies for Support." P. 69 in *GLOBAL SEX WORKERS: RIGHTS RESISTANCE AND REDEFINITION*. (eds. Kempadoo and Doezema). (available on e-reserve)
- Satoko Watanabe. "From Thailand to Japan: Migrant Sex Workers as Autonomous Subjects." P. 114 in *GLOBAL SEX WORKERS: RIGHTS RESISTANCE AND REDEFINITION*. (eds. Kempadoo and Doezema). available on e-reserve)

Week 10 (December 2) Review Class/Final Project Presentation

