

PSCI 4396.003 Selected Topics in Government and Politics - Refugee & Asylum Policy

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General Course Information:

The course will offer students an understanding and overview of the complex nature of forced migration. The focus of this course is on international forced migration. The course will begin with explaining the core concepts of the forced migration literature and examining the current trends in forced migration. It will then examine the factors that lead forced migrants to leave their origin country and the decision of where to take refuge. The course will also focus on the policies of the receiving states, the regional concerns, and the movements between regions.

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of the course, the students should be able to:

- Understand the causes and consequences of refugee flows and policies.
- Will be able to understand the regional concerns
- Will be able to understand the adoption and impact of deterrence policies and other state policies.
- Will be able to engage in comparative analysis of the policies adopted by refugee sending and the destination countries and make policy recommendations regarding the same.
- The course assignments and tests will also help in developing students' analytical ability and oral presentation skills.

Attendance:

Class attendance is required. You are responsible for any announcements and information given in class.

Grading:

- Attendance and class participation: 15%
- Assignments: 15% (5% each for 3 short assignments)
- Tests: 40% (20% for mid-term test and 20% for final test)
- Presentation for the paper: 5%
- Paper: 25% (6 pages and one line spacing)

Late Work:

Extensions are granted only under extraordinary circumstances. Late assignments will be penalized 10 percent per day. However, in case of an emergency, contact the instructor as soon as possible to see if an exception can be made. Documentation will be required for any exception.

Make-up Exams:

There are no make-up exams. However, in case of any emergency proper documentation is required.

Required Textbook:

Fiddian-Qasmiyeh, Elena, Gil Loescher, Katy Long and Nando Sigona, eds. 2014. *The Oxford Handbook of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies*. New York: Oxford University Press.

The grading scale is the standard undergraduate A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D and F.

A = 94 and above

C = 74-76

A- = 90-93

C- = 70-73

B+ = 87-89

D+ = 67-69

B = 84-86

D = 64-66

B- = 80-83

D- = 60-63

C+ = 77-79

F = below 60

Style Expectation:**Format:**

1. Cite your work properly. (See *The APSA Style Basics* for details <https://www.csuchico.edu/lref/pols/APSA.pdf>). If in doubt consult me.
2. Use a 12-point font.
3. The text should be typed, single spaced, and have one-inch margins.
4. Do not add extra spaces between paragraphs.
5. Number the pages.
6. Include a title page with your name, course title, and date.
7. Include a reference list.
8. Start references on a fresh page at the end of document.

Style:

1. Include an introduction and conclusion in your documents outlining the main points of your paper.
2. Do not use too long (one or two pages) or too short (one or two sentence) paragraphs
3. Do not use a casual tone such as "can't" "couldn't" "wouldn't", etc.
4. Avoid speaking in the first person such as, "In this paper I will ..."
5. Grammar and spell check.

Citations:

1. If you are using someone else's idea you must give credit to her or him. Cite the author. If you are repeating an author verbatim, you must quote and cite the author. Failure to do this is plagiarism. For more information on avoiding plagiarism, see <http://www.utdallas.edu/library/help/PlagiarismTutorial/Plagiarism.htm>.

UTD course policies and procedures can be found here

<http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies>

Date	Readings
25 Aug 2017	<p>Syllabus and Discussion of possible topics</p> <p>Introduction</p>
1 Sep 2017	<p>Human Rights and Forced Migration</p> <p>Oxford Handbook Chapter 16</p> <p>Chapter 1 of <i>Human Rights Protection for Refugees, Asylum-Seekers, and Internally Displaced Persons</i></p> <p>Samuel Martinez (2009) "Introduction" in <i>International Migration and Human Rights</i> (ed. Samuel Martinez)</p> <p>Documentary: Salam Neighbor (https://vimeo.com/ondemand/salamneighbor)</p>
8 Sep 2017	<p>Push-Pull Factors and Deterrence Policies</p> <p>Yoo, Eunhye and Jeong-Woo Koo. 2014. "Love thy Neighbor: Explaining Asylum Seeking and Hosting, 1982-2008." <i>International Journal of Comparative Sociology</i> 55(February): 45-72.</p> <p>Davenport, Christian A., Will H. Moore and Steven C. Poe. 2003. "Sometimes You Just Have to Leave: Threat and Refugee Movements, 1964-1989." <i>International Interactions</i> 29(1): 27-55.</p> <p>Moore, Will H. and Stephen M. Shellman. 2004. "Fear of Persecution: Forced Migration, 1952-1995." <i>The Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> 48(October): 723-745.</p> <p>Moore, Will H. and Stephen M. Shellman. 2007. "Whither Will They Go? A Global Analysis of Refugee Flows, 1955-95." <i>International Studies Quarterly</i> 51(December): 811-834.</p> <p>Thielemann, Eiao R. 2004. "Does Policy Matter? On Governments' attempts to Control Unwanted Migration." Working Paper 112, The Center for Comparative Immigration Studies. San Diego: University of California.</p> <p>Schuster, Lisa. 2000. "A Comparative Analysis of the Asylum Policy of Seven European Governments." <i>Journal of Refugee Studies</i> 13: 118-32.</p>
15 Sep 2017	<p>International Migration</p> <p>Massey, Douglas S., Joaquin Arango, Graeme Hugo, Ali Kouaouci, Adela Pellegrino and J. Edward Taylor. 1993. "Theories of International Migration: A Review and Appraisal." <i>Population and Development Review</i> 19(3): 431-466.</p> <p>Massey, Douglas S. "The Political Economy of Migration in an Era of Globalization." in Samuel Martinez, ed., <i>International Migration and Human Rights: The Global Repercussions of US Policy</i>. Berkeley: University of California Press. 25-43.</p>

22 Sep 2017	<p>Policy Gap</p> <p>Massey, Douglas S. 1999. "International Migration at the Dawn of the Twenty-First Century: The Role of the State" <i>Population and Development Review</i> 25(2): 303-322.</p> <p>Wayne A. Cornelius and Takeyuki Tsuda (2004) "Controlling Immigration: The Limits of Government Intervention" in <i>Controlling Immigration: A Global Perspective</i> (edited by Cornelius et al.)</p> <p>Miller, Banks, Linda C. Keith and Jennifer S. Holmes. 2015. "The Policy Gap and Asylum Outcomes" in <i>Immigration Judges and U.S. Asylum Policy</i>. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.</p>
29 Sep 2017	<p>Americas</p> <p>Oxford Handbook: Chapter 51, Chapter 52</p> <p>Schmidt, Ron Sr. "Comparing Federal Government Immigrant Settlement Policies in Canada and the United States" <i>The American Review of Canadian Studies</i> 37.1 (Apr 2007): 103-122.</p> <p>Kruger, Erin; Mulder, Marlene; Korenic, Bojan. "Canada after 11 September: Security Measures and "Preferred" Immigrants" <i>Mediterranean Quarterly</i> 15.4 (Oct 2004): 72-87.</p>
6 Oct 2017	Midterm Exam
13 Oct 2017	<p>Americas</p> <p>Documentary and in-class activity Documentary: <i>Well-Founded Fear</i> (will watch in class—do not need to watch independently)</p>
20 Oct 2017	<p>Africa</p> <p>Oxford Handbook: Chapter 42, Chapter 43, Chapter 44</p> <p>Messari, Nizar; Van der Klaauw, Johannes. "Counter-Terrorism Measures and Refugee Protection in North Africa" <i>Refugee Survey Quarterly</i> 29.4 (2010): 83-103.</p> <p>Loren B. Landau and Roni Amit "Wither Policy? Southern African Perspectives on Understanding Law, 'Refugee' Policy and Protection" <i>Journal of Refugee Studies</i> (2014) 27 (4): 534-552.</p> <p>Recommended Readings: James Milner "Can Global Refugee Policy Leverage Durable Solutions? Lessons from Tanzania's Naturalization of Burundian Refugees" <i>Journal of Refugee Studies</i> (2014) 27 (4): 553-573.</p> <p>Amit, Roni. "No Refuge: Flawed Status Determination and the Failures of South Africa's Refugee System to Provide Protection" <i>International Journal of Refugee Law</i> 23.3 (2011): 458-488.</p>

27 Oct 2017	<p>Europe</p> <p>Oxford Handbook Chapter 53</p> <p>Eric Neumayer “Bogus Refugees? The Determinants of Asylum Migration to Western Europe” <i>International Studies Quarterly</i> (2005) 49 (3): 389-409.</p> <p>Eric Neumayer “Asylum Destination Choice: What Makes Some West European Countries More Attractive Than Others?” <i>European Union Politics</i> (2004) 5 (2):155-180.</p> <p>C. Kaunert, S. Léonard “Venue-Shopping and the Role of Non-governmental Organisations in the Development of the European Union Asylum Policy” <i>Comparative Migration 2013, VOL. 1, NO. 1</i>. http://imiscoe.org/journal-cms-2/2013-1/19-cms1-1-venue-shopping-and-the-role-of-non-governmental-organisations-in-the-development-of-the-european-union-asylum-policy/file</p> <p>Mainwaring, Cetta. “Constructing a Crisis: The Role of Immigration Detention in Malta” <i>Population, Space and Place</i> 18.6 (Nov 2012): 687-700.</p> <p>Recommended Readings: Sigona, Nando. “Refugee Integration(s): Policy and Practice in the European Union” <i>Refugee Survey Quarterly</i> 24.4 (2005): 115-122.</p> <p>Lawler, Peter. “Janus-Faced Solidarity: Danish Internationalism Reconsidered” <i>Cooperation and Conflict</i> 42.1 (Mar 2007): 101-126.</p> <p>Documentary: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o8KR4Bry2kA</p>
3 Nov 2017	<p>Asia and the Pacific</p> <p>Crock, Mary. “Shadow Plays, Shifting Sands, and International Refugee Law: Convergence in the Asia-Pacific” <i>International & Comparative Law Quarterly</i> 63.2 (Apr 2014): 247-280.</p> <p><i>Protection of Refugees and Displaced Persons in the Asia Pacific Region</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 1 • Chapter 2 • Chapter 3 • Chapter 4 <p>Recommended Readings: Pieke, Frank N. “Immigrant China” <i>Modern China</i> 38.1 (2012): 40-77.</p> <p>Opeskin, Brian. “Managing International Migration in Australia: Human Rights and the ‘Last Major Redoubt of Unfettered National Sovereignty’” <i>International Migration Review</i> 46.3 (Sep 2012): 551-585.</p>

10 Nov 2017	<p>Climate, Gender, and Children</p> <p><i>Protection of Refugees and Displaced Persons in the Asia Pacific Region</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 12 <p><i>The Oxford Handbook of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 28 • Chapter 30 • Chapter 31 • Chapter 35 <p>Gerard, Alison, and Sharon Pickering. 2013. "Gender, Securitization, and Transit: Refugee Women and the Journey to the EU." <i>Journal of Refugee Studies</i> 27 (3): 338-359.</p> <p>Recommended Readings:</p> <p><i>Protection of Refugees and Displaced Persons in the Asia Pacific Region</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 13
17 Nov 2017	Presentations
24 Nov 2017	Thanksgiving Holiday
1 Dec 2017	<p>Paper Submission</p> <p>Asylum Comparative: Comparative Empirical Studies on Asylum Systems and Issues</p> <p>Hamlin, Rebecca. 2012. "International Law and Administrative Insulation: A Comparison of Refugee Status Determination Regimes in the United States, Canada, and Australia." <i>Law and Social Inquiry</i> 37 (4): 933-968.</p> <p>Adam Saltsman. 2014. "Beyond the Law: Power, Discretion, and Bureaucracy in the Management of Asylum Space in Thailand." <i>Journal of Refugee Studies</i> 27(3): 457-476.</p> <p>Andersson, Hans E., and Susanna Nilsson. 2011. "Asylum Seekers and Undocumented Migrants' Increased Social Rights in Sweden." <i>International Migration</i>. 49(4): 167-188.</p> <p>Recommended Reading:</p> <p>Holzer, Thomas, Gerald Schneider and Thomas Widmer. 2000. "Discriminating Decentralization: Federalism and the Handling of Asylum Applications in Switzerland, 1988-1996," <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> 44: 250-276.</p>
8 Dec 2017	Final Exam

NOTE: The instructor reserves the right to make modest changes to the course schedule as necessary.