

University of California, Los Angeles
Department of Political Science
**Comparative Immigration Politics
in the Age of Trump and Brexit**
Political Science 169
2018 Winter Quarter

SYLLABUS

Meetings: Monday/Wednesday, 5:00 PM – 6:50 PM, Haines A18
Course Website: <https://moodle2.sscnet.ucla.edu/course/view/18W-POLSCI169-1>
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Course Description:

Immigration is a major (and polarizing) political issue in the wealthy democracies. Scholarly attention on migration has increased in the past couple years due to the presidential election victory of Donald Trump in the United States and the success of the Brexit referendum in the United Kingdom in 2017. These two events highlight the extent of anti-immigration sentiments and policy trajectories within their respective countries. Other countries such as France, the Netherlands, Germany, and Austria have seen the rise of anti-immigrant parties and sentiment in the past decade. This course will explore the politics of migration in receiving countries (North America and Europe) over the last 100 years with a focus on the United States and the United Kingdom. Topics in this course will include theories of migration, public opinion on immigration, the variety of policies involved in immigration control, and several other topics. The central questions the course will engage with: (1) what are the effects of immigration on the receiving country? and (2) how do these effects translate into policy changes?

Students will read theoretical and empirical work on immigration politics that is expected for upper-division undergraduates and graduate students. The readings will expose students to economic theory, statistical empirical analysis, and history of migration politics. While this course focuses on the United States, United Kingdom and select European countries, students will engage in comparative analysis through lecture, and through the course requirements. The first half of the course will be a survey of theoretical and empirical studies on immigration and its effects on the receiving countries. The second half of the course will address different types of immigration policies. The course concludes with an evaluation of the Trump, Brexit, and anti-immigrant populism in the wealthy democracies.

Course Requirements & Grading

Your grade will be based on following three items: an in-class midterm, a brief research paper, and a final paper. The grade distribution presented in the table below along with the due dates. I do not provide extra credit.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>% of Final Grade</i>
In-Class Midterm	February 7	20
Brief Research Paper	February 25	35
Reading Quiz	March 12	10
Final Paper	March 21	35

In-Class Midterm

The midterm will focus on the theoretical and empirical material from the readings from Week 1 to Week 5. The exam will be based on short-answer type of questions.

Brief Research Paper (400-500 words)

You will write a brief research paper examining immigration politics and policies outside of the United States and the United Kingdom. I will present a list of OECD countries and you will choose one country to write on. I will provide a set of questions your research paper must address. More details as the quarter begins. The research paper will be submitted via a turnitin link on the course website.

Reading Quiz (Multiple-Choice)

This reading quiz will be based on the readings from week 6 to week 8. This will be a multiple-choice reading quiz. Please bring a scantron.

Final Paper (500-600 words)

The take home final exam will require you to write an essay of 400-500 words. The final will be cumulative in the sense that you will need material from throughout the quarter to answer the question. There will be a set of questions your essay must address. More details to come. The final exam will be submitted via a turnitin link on the course website.

Exam Policy

Please contact the Center for Accessible Education (CAE) as soon as possible if you have any conditions that require special accommodation for the exams. Please note the exam dates. If you are involved in sports or other official campus activities, please send me the appropriate documentation in advance. If you are ill, please provide a doctor's note.

University policies regarding plagiarism and academy honesty apply to this course. If in doubt about something, ask an instructor. I will refer to the Dean of Students in the case cheating is suspected.

For grade disputes, please send an email explaining the parts of the exam that are in question and these will be the only parts of the exam that will be re-evaluated.

CLASS SCHEDULE & READINGS

Week 1

January 8: **Introduction: What is comparative immigration politics?**

January 10: **Economic Theories of Migration**

- Massey, Douglas S. et al. 1993 “Theories of International Migration”

Week 2

January 15: **NO CLASS**

January 17: **Non-Economic Theories of Migration**

- Reuveny, Rafael. 2007. “Climate change-induced migration and violent conflict”
- Clemens, Michael A. 2017. “Violence, Development, and Migration Waves”

Week 3

January 22: **History of Migration and Current Trends**

- Williamson, Jeffrey. 2005. *The Political Economy of World Mass Migration*
- United Nations. 2017. International Migration Report.
- Passel, Jeffrey et al. 2012. “Net Migration from Mexico Falls to Zero—and Perhaps Less”.

January 24: **Public Opinion and Nativism**

- Hainmueller, Jens and Daniel Hopkins. 2014. “Public Attitudes Toward Immigration”
- Huntington, Samuel. 2004. “The Hispanic Challenge.”

Week 4

January 29: **Labor Market and Union Politics**

- Card, David. 1990. “The impact of the Mariel Boatlift on the Miami Labor Market”
- The Economist. 2017. “A new paper rekindles a tiresome debate on immigration and wages”
- Briggs, Vernon M. 2001. American unionism and U.S. immigration policy.

January 31: **Firms and Fiscal Politics**

- Peters, Margaret. 2015. “Open trade, closed borders” Immigration in the era of globalization”.
- Hanson, Gordon H. et al. 2007. “Public finance and individual preferences over globalization strategies”

Week 5

February 5: **History of U.S. Immigration Policy: The Chinese Exclusion Act and The Quota Act**

- Tichenor, Daniel J. 2002. *Dividing Lines: The politics of immigration control in America*. Chapters 4 and 5.

February 7: **MIDTERM**

Week 6

February 12: **Policy I: Skills-based policies and Family Reunification**

- Wong, Tom. 2016. *The Politics of Immigration*. pp.32-49
- Immigration points-based systems compared <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-29594642>
- How will Meghan Markle become a British citizen? <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-42169602>

February 14: **Policy II: Undocumented Migration and Border Security**

- Cornelius, Wayne A. and Salehyan, Idean. 2007. “Does border enforcement deter unauthorized immigration? The case of Mexican migration to the United States of America”
- Joppke, Christian. 1998. “Why Liberal States Accept Unwanted Immigration”
- Andreas, Peter. “Yes, Trump will build his border wall. Most of it is already built”

Week 7

February 19: **NO CLASS**

February 21: ***Crimmigration, Detention, and Deportation***

- Wong, Tom. 2016. *The Politics of Immigration*. pp.77-98
- Stumpf, Julie. “The Crimmigration Crisis: Immigrants, Crime, and Sovereign Power”
- Aliverti, Ana. “Making people criminal: The role of the criminal law in immigration enforcement”
- Some data from: <http://trac.syr.edu/immigration/>

Week 8

February 26: **Refugees & Asylum: Concepts, History, and Trends**

- Gibney, Matthew. 2004. *The ethics and politics of asylum*. Intro chapter
- Chimni, B. 2000. *International Refugee Law: A Reader*. Chapter 1

February 28: **Refugees & Asylum: Politics**

- Gibney, Matthew. 2004. *The ethics and politics of asylum*. Chapter 4 and 5
- Salehyan, Idean and Marc R. Rosenblum. 2008. “International Relations, Domestic Politics, and Asylum Admissions in the United States”.

Week 9

March 5: **BREXIT: Campaign, Referendum Results, Policies**

March 7: **TRUMP: Campaign, Election Results, Policies**

Week 10

March 12: **Right-Wing Populism & Immigration Politics in Destination Countries**

March 14: **Wrap Up: What is immigration policy? What is the future of global migration and domestic immigration policies?**