

# Migration, Citizenship and Political Participation

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**Module:** SpM Applied Theories and Methods Political Science I (1335MSTMP1)

## Course description

This course examines the intersections of migration, citizenship and political participation, exploring the complex dynamics that shape the experiences of individuals and communities in an increasingly globalised world through the lens of migration. We will look at the work of scholars exploring these themes and deepen our understanding by providing the latest trends within these themes.

The course is divided into four sessions. The first session of the course briefly explores theories and new approaches to migration, citizenship and political participation.

The next three sessions are structured to provide a more in-depth analysis of migration, citizenship and political participation. Recent debates on each theme will be discussed through selected case studies, focusing particularly on, but not limited to, the Global South and Germany. Through these case studies, we will critically analyse, for example, the understanding of migration, generational phenomena in migration studies, the use of the category "people with a migration background", the meanings of citizenship, "belonging", dual loyalties, the (non-)inclusion of migrants in political processes, the role of diaspora communities in shaping the political landscape of the country of residence, and the limits of political participation.

## Learning outcomes

The main objective of this course is to let students to have a greater familiarity with the different approaches to issues of migration, citizenship and political participation. By the end of the course, students who fully participate and contribute to the course will have a comprehensive understanding of these interrelated issues, migration, citizenship and political participation, from both theoretical and practical perspectives. Students will also be well prepared to contribute critically to academic and contemporary debates in the field.

## Prerequisite knowledge and skills

Proficiency in English is essential for comprehending the mandatory readings, audio-visual materials, and sessions as the course is conducted in English.

## **Assessment methods and criteria**

### **Presentation (%30)**

Presenting on one of the required readings (max. 15 minutes + 15 minutes discussion) that applies arguments or concepts central to the readings.

Format: PowerPoint slides must be submitted to my email address at least two days in advance.

In the event of delayed submission or nonattendance in the class, a deduction of 1/3 of the presentation grade will be applied.

### **Term paper (%70)**

Submitting a term paper that could either be a research paper or a literature review (%10 --, 3000 words -excluding references-).

## **Background readings**

Vertovec, S. (2010), "Conceiving and researching transnationalism" In: Martiniello and Jan Rath (eds). 2010. *Selected Studies in International Migration and Immigrant Incorporation*. Amsterdam University Press, pages 91-109.

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/014198799329558>

Faist, T. (2010), "Towards Transnational Studies: World Theories, Transnationalisation and Changing Institutions", *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 36:10, 1665-1687.

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/1369183X.2010.489365>

Carling, J. and Schewel, K. (2018), "Revisiting aspiration and ability in international migration," *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 44:6, pp. 945-963.

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Castles, S. (2010), "Understanding Global Migration: A Social Transformation Perspective," *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. 36(10): pp. 1565-1586.

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## **Course outline**

### **I. Theories and new approaches**

*Friday, April 12, 2024*

*Introduction: What is transnational migration, citizenship and political participation? Why do we study them?*

Castles, S., de Haas, H. & Miller, M. (2014) "Chapter 2. Theories of Migration" In: Castles, S. & Miller, M., *The Age of Migration*, Basingstoke : Palgrave : pp. 25-52.

<https://migrationmatters.me/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/AgeOfMigrationChapter1and.pdf>

Brettell, C. and Hollifield, J. (2015), "Introduction: Migration Theory: Talking across Disciplines" In: Brettell, C. and Hollifield, J. (eds.) *Migration Theory: Talking Across Disciplines*, London: Routledge. pp. 1-36.  
<https://estvitalesydemografia.files.wordpress.com/2013/04/introduccic3b3n-migration-theory-talking-across-disciplines.pdf>

Marta Bivand Erdal & Ceri Oeppen. 2018. "Forced to Leave? The Discursive and Analytical Significance of Describing Migration as Forced and Voluntary. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 44(6) 981-998

### ***Friday, 19.04.2024***

#### *Overview on migration, citizenship and political participation*

Carling, Jørgen. 2016. "Why Do People (Want to) Migrate?" (to watch in class)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jk3n\\_Bft7QI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jk3n_Bft7QI)

Wimmer, Andreas & Nina Glick Schiller. 2003. "Methodological Nationalism, the Social Sciences, and the Study of Migration: An Essay in Historical Epistemology." *The International Migration Review*, 37(3) 576-610

Adamson, Fiona B. & Gerasimos Tsourapas G. 2020. "The Migration State in the Global South: Nationalizing, Developmental, and Neoliberal Models of Migration Management." *International Migration Review*. 54(3) 853-882

Østergaard-Nielsen, Eva. (2003). The politics of migrants' transnational political practices. *International migration review*, 37(3), 760-786.

## **II. Migration**

### ***Saturday, 27.04.2024***

Ambrosini, Maurizio, Arno Van Hootegem, Pieter Bevelander, Priska Daphi, Elie Diels, Theodoros Fouskas, Anders Hellström et al. The refugee reception crisis: Polarized opinions and mobilizations. (2019) Éditions de l'Université de Bruxelles.

Meissner, Fran, and Tilmann Heil. (2021) "Deromanticising integration: On the importance of convivial disintegration." *Migration Studies* 9, no. 3: 740-758.

Will, Anne-Kathrin (2019). The German statistical category "migration background": Historical roots, revisions and shortcomings. *Ethnicities*, 19(3), 535-557.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/1468796819833437>

El-Tayeb, Fatima. (2014). Germany and Europe: Negotiating identity in a multicultural present. In *The Routledge handbook of German politics & culture* (pp. 285-300). Routledge.

Akgönül, S. (2016). 'Perpetual First Generation': A Strategy for a New Minority—People Originating from Turkey in France. *European Review*, 24(3), 405-416.

### III. Citizenship

*Saturday, 01.06.2024*

- Victoria Finn (2020) Migrant voting: here, there, in both countries, or nowhere, *Citizenship Studies*, 24:6, 730-750, DOI: [10.1080/13621025.2020.1745154](https://doi.org/10.1080/13621025.2020.1745154)
- Toivanen, M. (2014). The visual lexica of (national) belonging and non-belonging in the accounts of young Kurds in Finland. *Nordic Journal of Migration Research*, 4(4), 192–200.  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/48711535>
- Smith, Michael Peter. "The two faces of transnational citizenship." In *Anthropology of Migration and Multiculturalism*, pp. 139-159. Routledge, 2013.
- Hrag Papazian & Salim Aykut Öztürk (2023) Between Passports and Belongings: Armenian citizenship acquisition among Armenians of Turkey, *Citizenship Studies*, 27:4, 481-497, DOI: [10.1080/13621025.2022.2151571](https://doi.org/10.1080/13621025.2022.2151571)
- Laura Block (2021) 'I'm not entitled to be married in Germany? Am I German or am I not?' Narratives and discursive strategies of citizen sponsors in the German spousal migration context, *Identities*, 28:1, 56-73, DOI: [10.1080/1070289X.2020.1723327](https://doi.org/10.1080/1070289X.2020.1723327)
- Sadiq, Kamal. 2005. "When States Prefer Non-Citizens over Citizens: Conflict over Illegal Immigration into Malaysia." *International Studies Quarterly*, 49(1) 101–122
- Kristy Belton. 2016. "Rooted Displacement: The Paradox of Belonging among Stateless People." *Citizenship Studies* 19(8) 1362-1025

### IV. Political Participation

*Saturday, 15.06.2024*

- Martiniello, Marco. *Political participation, mobilisation and representation of immigrants and their offspring in Europe*. School of International Migration and Ethnic Relations, Malmö University, 2005.
- Baubock, Rainer. "Stakeholder citizenship and transnational political participation: a normative evaluation of external voting." *Fordham L. Rev.* 75 (2006): 2393.
- Boccagni, Paolo, Jean-Michel Lafleur, and Peggy Levitt. "Transnational politics as cultural circulation: Toward a conceptual understanding of migrant political participation on the move." In *Crossing Borders*, pp. 102-121. Routledge, 2018.
- Gamlen, Alan. 2006. "Diaspora Engagement Policies: What Are They, and What Kinds of States Use Them?." COMPAS Working paper 06. [https://www.compas.ox.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/WP-2006-032-Gamlen\\_Diaspora\\_Engagement\\_Policies.pdf](https://www.compas.ox.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/WP-2006-032-Gamlen_Diaspora_Engagement_Policies.pdf)
- de Heusch, F. (2021). Empowerment through the arts: rap music and clothing design by street vendor activists in Barcelona. In *AmeriQuests*, 16(1).
- Bivand Erdal, M., Szulecki, K., Bertelli, D., Coşciug, A., Kussy, A., Mikiewicz, G. & Tulbure, C. (2022). On the formation of content for 'political remittances': An analysis of Polish and Romanian migrants comparative evaluations of 'here' and 'there',

In *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 48:19, 4485-4502, DOI:  
10.1080/1369183X.2022.2077707

Bermudez, A. (2010). The transnational political practices of Colombians in Spain and the United Kingdom: Politics 'here' and 'there'. In *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 33: 75–91. doi:10.1080/01419870903125838.

Yener-Roderburg, Inci Öykü. (2020) "Party organizations across borders: top-down satellites and bottom-up alliances. The case of AKP and HDP in Germany." *Political parties abroad*. Routledge, 2020. 218-237.