

Migration: Belonging, Dwelling and Laboring

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Description

This seminar engages contemporary questions of migration. It explores the global movement of people and their lifeworlds as migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers. It introduces students to critical work about mobilities, citizenship and developmentalism through examining the effects of these strategies on practices of belonging, dwelling and laboring in the everyday.

Requirements

1. Class attendance
2. Read readings assigned each week

Reading Schedule^{*†}

Week one: Introduction

Texts: Brum, E.(2018) “They owned an island, now they are urban poor: the tragedy of Altamira”, *The Guardian*; Pallister-Wilkins. (2011). “Entry denied: Revolution in North Africa and the continued centrality of migration to European responses,” *The Jadaliyya*; Kapur, R. (2003). “The ‘other’ side of the legal regulation of globalization” *Canadian Women’s Studies*, 22 (3/4).

Week two: Securitization and Trafficking

Texts: Andrijasevic, R (2007). “Beautiful Dead Bodies: Gender, Migration and Representation in Anti-Trafficking Campaigns.” *Feminist Review*, 86, 24-44; Asman, S. (2009) “ The Moral Order and Worries about Trafficking in Nepal.” *Pakistan Journal of Women’s Studies*, 16 (1&2), 207-211; Davidson, J. (2006), “Will the Real Sex Slave Please Stand Up?” *Feminist Review*, No. 83, 4-22.

Week three: The Refugee Complex

Texts: Agier, M. (2010). “Humanity as Identity and Its Political Effects (A Note on Camps and its Humanitarian Government) .” *Humanity*, 1(1), pp. 29-45; Jaji, R (2011) “Social Technology and Refugee Encampment in Kenya.” *Journal of Refugee Studies*, 25 (2), pp. 221-238; Latif, N. (2008). “Making refugees.” *CR: The New Centennial Review*, 8(2), 253-2; McKay, R.

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† All texts will be shared through Dropbox.

(2012). "Afterlives: Humanitarian histories and Critical Subjects in Mozambique." *Cultural Anthropology*, 27(2), 286-309.

Week four: Circuits of Laboring and Dwelling

Texts: DeRegt, M. (2010) "Ways to Come, Ways to Leave: Gender, Mobility, and Il/legality among Ethiopian Domestic Workers in Yemen." *Gender and Society*, 24 (2); Hoffman, E. (2001). "Moving and Dwelling: Building the Moroccan Ashelhi Homeland." *American Ethnologist*, 29(4), pp. 928-962; Mezzadra, S. & Nielson, B. (2013) "Figures of Labour" In *Border as Method, or, the Multiplication of Labor*, pp. 95-130; Moras, A. (2010). "Colour-blind discourses in paid domestic work: Foreignness and the delineation of alternative racial markers." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 33(2), 233-252.

Week five: Relationships: Development/Displacement/Migration

Texts: Escobar, A. (2003). "Displacement, development, and modernity in the Colombian Pacific." *International Social Science Journal*, 55(175), 157-167; Feldman, S., Geisler, C., & Silberling, L. (2003). "Moving targets: displacement, impoverishment, and development." *International Social Science Journal*, 55(175), 7-13; Ghosh, K. (2006). "Between global flows and local dams: Indigenosity, locality, and the transnational sphere in Jharkhand, India." *Cultural Anthropology*, 21(4), 501-534.

Week six: The Lifeworlds of Migration

Texts: McMurray, D. (2001). *In and Out of Morocco: Smuggling and Migration in a Frontier Boomtown*. University of Minnesota Press.

Week seven: Dispossession and Migration

Texts: Federici, S. "Women, Land Struggles and Globalization: An International Perspective" *Journal of Asian and African Studies* 39(1-2), pp. 47-62; Sassen, S. (2014) "The New Global Market for Land." in *Expulsions*, pp. 80-116; Vaz-Jones, L.(2018) "Struggles over Land, Livelihood, and Future Possibilities: Reframing Displacement through Feminist Political Ecology." *Signs*, 43(3), pp. 711-735.

Week eight: Transition Time and Place Making

Texts: Abourahme, N. (2011). "Spatial collisions and discordant temporalities: Everyday life between camp and checkpoint." *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 35(2), 453-6; Brun, C. (2015). "Active waiting and changing hopes: toward a time perspective on protracted displacement." *Social Analysis*, Volume 59, Issue 1, Spring; El-Shaarawi, N. (2015). "Living an uncertain future: temporality, uncertainty, and well-being among Iraqi Refugees in Egypt." *Social Analysis*, Volume 59, Issue 1, Spring; Harms, E. (2013). "Eviction time in the new Saigon: Temporalities of displacement in the rubble of development." *Cultural Anthropology*, Vol. 28, Issue 2, pp. 344-368.

Week nine: Politics of Belonging

Texts: Drotbohm, (2011) "On the durability and the decomposition of citizenship: The social logics of forced return migration in Cape Verde." *Citizenship Studies*, 15(3-4), 381-396;

Geschiere, P (2013) "Autochthony, Citizenship, and (In)security: New Turns in the Politics of Belonging in Africa and Elsewhere." in Gambetti, Z and Marcial Godoy-Anatvia. Eds., *Rhetorics of Security: Belonging and Violence in the Neoliberal Era*, pp. 40-68; Hickel, J. "Xenophobia in South Africa: Order, Chaos, and the Moral Economy of Witchcraft." *Cultural Anthropology* 29 (1), pp. 103-127; Grabska, K. (2013). "The Return of Displaced Nuer in Southern Sudan: Women becoming Men?" *Development and Change*, 44(5), 1135-115.

Week ten: Expulsion and Deportation

Texts: De Genova, N. (2009). "Conflicts of Mobility, and the Mobility of Conflict: Rightlessness, Presence, Subjectivity, Freedom." *Subjectivity*, 29(1), 445-46; Ghosh, S (2019) "Everything Must Match: Detection, Deception, and Migrant Illegality in the India-Bangladesh Borderlands." *American Anthropologist*, 121 (4), pp. 870-883; Walters, W. (2002). "Deportation, Expulsion, and the international police of Aliens." *Citizenship Studies*, 6(3), pp. 265-292.