

International Migration

Fall 2020 semester

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Meeting day and time: Wednesdays, 14:45 – 16:15*

**This class will be conducted fully online for the Fall 2020 term with pre-recorded lectures uploaded every Wednesday*

Goals: As the world becomes increasingly globalized and interconnected, international movements of people have likewise increased. This course aims to introduce migration studies as a subfield of political science (although it can sometimes overlap with sociology), providing a brief history of migration in the modern world, an overview of what current migratory patterns look like, and a discussion of current problems nations face in terms of international migration. Given that many international students at Nagoya University likely have some immigration experience, a deeper understanding of international migration patterns can be enlightening.

Objectives:

Stemming from comparative politics, this course aims give students a broad understanding of international migration and its surrounding issues. We will discuss migration theory, review the history of modern migration movements, and focus on the migration issues affecting several different regions.

Course Text:

Age of Migration: International Population, by Castles, Haas & Miller, 5th edition (2014), Palgrave Macmillan.

NOTE: you will not be required to purchase the textbook. Scanned copies of the readings will be uploaded on NUCT each week.

Additional course materials will be distributed online as necessary.

Requirements for taking the course: No prerequisites are required. However, students should have a good command of the English language and come to class willing to discuss the week's topic.

Grading:

Participation :	20%
Midterm exam:	25%

Report	:	20%
Final exam	:	35%

Course Schedule:

1. October 7

Course introduction, guidance

2. October 14

Migration theory

Reading: Castles, chapter 2, “Theories of migration”, pp. 25-54

3. October 21

How migration transforms societies

Reading: Castles, chapter 3, “How migration transforms societies”, pp. 55-83

4. October 28

International migration before 1945

Reading: Castles, chapter 4, “International migration before 1945”, pp. 84-101

5. November 4

International migration after 1945

Reading: Castles, chapter 5, “Migration in Europe since 1945”, pp. 102-125

6. November 11

Migration in the Americas

Reading: Castles, chapter 6, “Migration in the Americas”, pp. 126-146

7. November 18

Midterm exam

8. November 25

Migration in the Asia Pacific region

Reading: Castles, chapter 7, “Migration in the Asia-Pacific region”, pp. 147-171

9. December 2

Migration in Africa and the Middle East

Reading: Castles, chapter 8, “Migration in Africa and the Middle East”, pp. 172-197

10. December 9

Migration and minorities in the labor force

Reading: Castles, chapter 11, “Migrants and minorities in the labour force”, pp. 240-263

11. December 16

New ethnic minorities and society

Reading: Castles, chapter 12, “New ethnic minorities and society”, pp. 264-295

12. December 23

Immigrants and Politics

Reading: Castles, chapter 13, “Immigrants and politics”, pp. 296-316

December 30 – no class

January 6 – no class

13. January 13

Migration and control

Reading: Castles, chapter 10, “The state and international migration: the quest for control”, pp. 215-239

14. January 20

Course review

Report Due

15. January 27

Final exam