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RETHINKING MIGRATION: AN APPROACH FROM CRITICAL BORDER THEORY

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In the course I will systematically relate border theory to migration theory. We start by exploring the border paradox: Borders are both arbitrarily drawn and can therefore always be challenged. At the same time they are at easily naturalized and essentialized. They are simultaneously extremely vulnerable and extremely persistent. I will ask what this paradox implies for the migratory experience for which border crossing and border management are central. I will also ask how immigrant societies conceptualize migration as a violation of borders and react to this by redrawing borders within the nation state and by reinforcing them (i.e. though securitization).

ASSIGNMENT

- active participation in class
- 1 presentation (10 – 15 minutes)
- 2 essays (each 6 pages in length)*

*Deadline for essays to be turned in is July 20, 2016.

GRADING

- presentation (20% of final grade)
- 2 essays (80% of final grade)

PLAGIARISM & ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

It is expected that all homework assignments, projects, papers, theses, and examinations and any other work submitted for academic credit will be the student's own. Students should always take great care to distinguish their own ideas and knowledge from information derived from sources. The term "sources" includes not only primary and secondary material published in print or online, but also information and opinions gained directly from other people. Quotations must be placed properly within quotation marks and must be cited fully. In addition, all paraphrased material must be acknowledged completely. Whenever ideas or facts are derived from a student's reading and research or from a student's own writings, the sources must be indicated. It is the expectation of every course that all work submitted for a course or for any other academic purpose will have been done solely for that course or for that purpose.¹

Students who violate University rules on scholastic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary penalties, including failure in the course and be remanded to the appropriate authorities of their home university for disciplinary action. This might lead up to a dismissal from the University.

¹ See Harvard Plagiarism Policy: <http://isites.harvard.edu/icb/icb.do?keyword=k70847&pageid=icb.page355322> (last accessed: 12.01.2016)

SCHEDULE

Session 1a	Border Theory:An Introduction	Werner Schiffauer (coordinator).2011. B/Orders in Motion. Initial Proposal for a Cluster of Excellence. Europa Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder. 7-28
Session 1b	Flight and the Social Organization of Human Rights	Arendt, Hannah. "The Decline of the Nation-State and the End of the Rights of Man." <i>Origins of Totalitarianism</i> . New York: Meridian, 1958. 267-302.
Session 2a	Humanitarianism: Governing the excluded	Fassin, D. (2012). <i>Ambivalent Hospitality. Governing the Unwanted. Humanitarian Reason. A moral history of the Present</i> . D. Fassin. Berkeley, Los Angeles, London, University of Californai Press: 133-160.
Session 2b	Beyond Humanitarianism: Shifting the boundaries of the Political	Nyers, P. (2010). "No one is illegal between City and Nation." <i>Studies in Social Justice</i> 4(2): 127-143.
Session 3a	The challenge of border crossing: Calculating benefits and risks	Kindler, M. (2011). <i>A Risky Business. Ukrainian Migrant Women in Warsaw's Domestic Work Sector</i> . Amsterdam, Amsterdam University Press. 63-103
Session 3b	Benefitting from Borders: Transnational Strategies of status management	Nieswand, B. (2011). <i>Theorising Transnational Migration. The Status Paradox of Migration</i> . New York and London, Routledge. 124-150
Session 4a	Cross border identities	Clifford, J. (1994) <i>Diasporas. Cultural Anthropology</i> , 9, 302-338.
Session 4b	Border configurations within Immigration Countries	Hüttermann, J. (2011). On the Sociogenesis of a culturalized immigration society (Pdf will be provided)
Session 5a	Governing the Non-nationals: Tolerance and the logic of border drawing	Brown, W. (2006). <i>Regulating Aversion</i> . Princeton, Princeton UP. 1-24 Schiffauer, W. 2013 <i>Logics of Toleration. Outline for a Comparative Approach of the Study of Tolerance</i> . In: Dobernack, Jan / Modood, Tariq: <i>Tolerance, Intolerance and Respect. Hart to Accept?</i> . Hampshire / New York. Palgarave Macmillan. S. 103-126.
Session 5b	Beyond borders: Migration, Postmigration and religion	Schiffauer, W. (2013). <i>Global Prayers Migration, Post Migration Global Prayers. Contemporary Manifestations of the Religious in the City</i> . Edited by Jochen Becker, Katrin Klingan,

		Stephan Lanz, Kathrin Wildner. Lars Müller Publishers. S. 49-63
Session 6a	Securitization and the strengthening of borders	Bigo, D. (2002) Security and Immigration: Toward a Critique of the Governmentality of Unease. <i>Alternatives</i> , 27 , 63 - 92. Schiffauer, W. 2008. Suspect Subjects: Muslim Migrants and the Security Agencies in Germany. <i>The Social Life of Anti-Terrorism Laws. The War on Terror and the Classification of the "Dangerous Other"</i> . J. M. Eckert. Bielefeld, transcript: 55-78.
Session 6b	Summing up: Border theory and migration theory	

COURSE READINGS

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