SE "People on the Move": Migration and Diaspora in Modern History (1750-2000)

Typical migration experiences around 1900: Italian immigrants arriving in New York and registration photographs of 'indentured labourers' from India in Durban (South Africa).

TIME: Wednesday 10:15-11:45
LOCATION: ML H 41.1
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The massive intensification of long-distance migration processes and the almost ubiquitous emergence of worldwide diasporas are among the most obvious social expressions of globalisation. The course attempts to provide a historical perspective on these phenomena, thereby also exploring the important issues of cultural assimilation and social integration of immigrants. Through a number of case studies focusing mainly on the 19th and early 20th century, the participants will be acquainted with the historicity of issues surrounding transnational migration and the formation of diasporic communities and encouraged to relate the historical case studies to current debates revolving around these phenomena. In the process, they will be made familiar with the analysis of both historical sources as well as state of the art research literature.

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Attendance of the sessions (minimum 80%) and active participation
- Regular reading of the mandatory texts (a course reader with selected texts will be provided online)
- Presentation of 20-25 minutes on a selected topic, based on at least three of the readings listed below
- Link for online reader: [https://polybox.ethz.ch/index.php/s/CkQhQtz3x7UG2ok](https://polybox.ethz.ch/index.php/s/CkQhQtz3x7UG2ok)
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**OUTLINE OF THE SESSIONS**

(✪=mandatory readings)

**Session 1 (20.09.2017)**

**Introduction to the Course**


**Session 2 (27.09.2017)**

**Intro II & Themes and Concepts in Migration History**

Session 3 (04.10.27)  Forced Migration I: The Slave Trade

a) The European Slave Trade in the Atlantic and the Indian Ocean

b) The Lived Reality of Slavery: Work, Everyday Life and Identity
   - Jones, Cecily, “‘If this be living I’d rather be dead’: Enslaved youth, agency and resistance on an eighteenth century Jamaican estate’, *The History of the Family*, 12 (2), 2007, pp 92-103.

Session 4 (11.10.2017)  Film Screening “The Stuart Hall Project” (BBC documentary, 2013)
Session 5 (18.10.2017)  Forced Migration II: Convict Transportation
  a) A Continent as Penal Colony: Transportation to Australia (1788-1868)
     o DAMOUSI, Joy, Depraved and Disorderly: Female Convicts, Sexuality and Gender in Colonial Australia (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 1997), pp. 34-84.

(b) Victims of Empire? — South Asian Convicts in the Indian Ocean
  o ANDERSON, Clare, "The Ferringhees are flying—the ship is ours!" : The convict middle passage in South and South East Asia, 1790-1860', Indian Economic and Social History Review, 42 (2), 2005, pp. 143-186.
Postcard showing Indian ‘Coolies’ in Jamaica (c. 1900).

Session 6 (25.10.2017)  
Labour Migration in or from Europe

a) Irish Migration to Britain and North America in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries

a) Jewish Migration to Britain and North America in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries


**Session 7 (01.11.2017)**

Labour Migration from Asia: Chinese ‘Coolies’

(a) Chinese ‘Coolies’ in the Americas

Anti-immigration cartoon published in San Francisco (1880s).

(b) A Yellow Peril? – Anti-Chinese Clichés, Exclusionism and Attempts at Assimilation in North America


Labour Migration from Asia: South Asian ‘Coolies’

(a) The Indentured Labour System


(b) Struggling in and with the Host Society: The Case of Indians in South Africa


**Session 9 (15.11.2017)**

**Exclusion and Xenophobia I (pre-WWII)**

(a) *Exclusive 'Whiteness': Australia and the British Empire ca. 1880-1920*


(b) **Immigration Policy and Xenophobia in North America ca. 1870-1940**


Session 10 (22.11.2017) Exclusion and Xenophobia II (post-WW II)

(a) “The Empire is coming home“: Post-imperial Immigration and Xenophobia in Britain, 1948-1990


- **Lucassen, Leo**, *The Immigrant Threat: The Integration of Old and New Migrants in Western Europe since 1850* (Urbana and Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 2005) pp. 113-143.


(b) The last frontier: The US-Mexico-Border in the 20th Century


Session 11 (29.11.2017)  Controlling Mobility: Borders and Passports

(a) The Medicalisation of Border Control

- **BIRN, Anne E.,** ‘Six seconds per eyelid: The Medical Inspection of Immigrants at Ellis Island, 1892-1914’, *Dynamis*, 17 (1997), pp. 281-316.


Medical inspection of Chinese immigrants on San Francisco’s Angel Island (1920s).

(b) Ascertaining the Migrant’s Identity: The Spread of the Passport

Session 12 (06.12.2017)  Refugee Migration and the Problem of Integration: Political Asylum vs. Political Anxieties

(a) The Population Transfer between Turkey and Greece in the 1920s

(b) The Hungary Crisis 1956: Political Asylum in a Cold War Constellation
- SHERIDAN, Vera., "Support and surveillance: 1956 Hungarian refugee students in transit to the Joyce Kilmer Reception Centre and to higher education scholarships in the USA." History of Education, 45 (6), 2016, pp. 775-793.

Session 13 (13.12.2017) Imagined Homelands I: Diasporism and (Sub-)Nationalism

(a) Back to Africa! - Pan-Africanism, Garveyism and Rastafari Theology
- ECKERT, Andreas, 'Bringing the Black Atlantic into Global History: The Project of Pan-Africanism', in: Conrad, Sebastian/Sachsenmaier, Dominic (eds), Competing Visions of...
Session 14 (20. 12. 2017) Imagined Homelands II: Diasporism and Culture

(a) Language and Religion in Exile - Diaspora and identity in Mauritius


(b) Concluding Discussion