Citizenship, Immigration & the Nation-State

COURSE OVERVIEW
Immigration is one of the most pressing—and controversial—issues today; our political discourse is inundated with talk of citizenship. States are struggling to address the tensions and conflicts created by the increasingly complex and multicultural societies. Confronted with the reality of increasingly deterritorialized politics, the conventional understanding of citizenship must be reassessed. The objectives of this course are to explore the intersection of ethnic politics, nationalism and citizenship; examine how different conceptions of citizenship address the challenges raised by both global and local forces; and debate the impact of globalization on citizenship, immigration and ethnic identities. What should be the criteria for citizenship? Does citizenship require boundaries? Do current confusions in Europe over the relationship between the nation and citizenship support the separation of nation from the state? Can there be global or transnational citizenship? Though the primary focus is on the European Union and the United States, the reading material is both cross-disciplinary and comparative. The main goal is for students to gain a strong foundation, which will enable them to pursue their own research agendas.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS
- Take-Home Midterm: 40%
- Paper (20-25 pages): 50%
- Active participation in class discussions: 10%

REQUIRED TEXT: Readings from additional sources may also be assigned.
- Ronald Beiner, ed., Theorizing Citizenship
- Ruud Koopmans, Contested Citizenship
- Gershon Shafir, ed., The Citizenship Debates
- Spencer, Philip & Howard Wollman, eds., Nations and Nationalism.
- Carol M. Swain, ed., Debating Immigration

CALENDAR OF ASSIGNMENTS
This calendar may be revised as the semester goes on.

Introduction to the Course
- Review of the objectives and expectations of the course.
What is a Nation?
- Ernest Renan, “What is a Nation?”
- Walker Connor, “A Nation is a Nation, is a State, is an…” in John Hutchinson & Anthony D. Smith, eds., *Nationalism*.

Origins of Nationalism

Nationalism, Ethnicity and Statehood

Conceptualizing Citizenship

Liberal Democracy & Citizenship

Citizenship Rights
Normative Theories of National Citizenship

Normative Theories Challenging National Citizenship

Civic/Constitutional Patriotism, National Identity and Citizenship

Democracy, Patriotism and Citizenship

The Foreigner as Citizen
- Michael Walzer, What It Means To Be an American, pp. 23-49.

Recommended:
- Judith Shklar, American Citizenship: The Quest for Inclusion, pp. 1-23.
Immigration and Citizenship
- Peter Schuck, “The Immigration System Today” in *Citizens, Strangers, and In-Betweens*.

Supranational Governance and Migrants’ Rights

Rights of Aliens, Incorporation and Contestations of Citizenship
- Ruud Koopmans, *Contested Citizenship: Immigration and Cultural Diversity in Europe*.

Citizenship and Politics of Restriction: a Comparative View

Gender and Citizenship
- Susan M. Okin, “Is Multiculturalism Bad for Women?” in Joshua Cohen and Matthew Howard (eds) *Is Multiculturalism Bad for Women?*.

Citizens and Transnationalism