Migration has fundamentally altered the nature of Irish society. It is estimated that over 15% of the current workforce are non-Irish nationals. What is more striking is the short-time span within which these radical changes have taken place. This course looks at the profound consequences resulting from a shift from country of entrenched emigration to immigration. In order to examine the far reaching demographic, social, and cultural changes that have occurred in Ireland drawing on demographic data, theoretical analysis and policy documents. The course examines a number of topical areas including citizenship, asylum seeking, labour migration, labour segmentation, borders, and the nature of the state.

The module provides students with a foundation in (1) historical and contemporary theories and dynamics of migration in comparative contexts and (2) key topic areas such as gender, work, citizenship, and integration in Ireland and Europe. Students will develop the ability to critically assess a range of theoretical empirical and policy work, and gain a working knowledge of the research processes that underpin it.

Learning Outcomes

Students will develop an understanding of: historical processes of migration; theories of migration; patterns of migration in Europe and Ireland; Irish state immigration policy; and ethnic labour market segmentation. Students will learn to understand the mechanics behind migration processes, that is why people migrate. They will also become acquainted with the different approaches which explain this. Students will also be equipped to understand the formation of migration policy in Ireland and how this has unfolded historically.

Assessment:

The course will be given by Steven Loyal. The assessment for this course is a 3 – 4000 word essay handed in at the end of the course and preferably looking some aspect of migration within any country or between countries. It is hoped that the essay will provide a theoretically informed empirical case study. However, a title should be agreed with the course co-ordinator beforehand. Reading, attendance, and contribution in class will also be taken into account. Students should have a short summary of at least the set reading for each seminar and address the seminar question. One or two people will also have to present a short paper in relation to the seminar question. To facilitate this I have kept the readings short and simple.
Reading:

There are a number of short readings and easily accessible books which I have chosen for this course. The Koser, Legrain and Stalker book are under or around €15 so worth getting – especially first two.


Also look at the vast number of publications available from The Immigrant Council of Ireland, (www.immigrantcouncil.ie); Migrant Rights Centre Ireland (www.mrci.ie); and Integrating Ireland (www.integratingireland.ie)

G315 Tuesdays 2-4pm

Lecture 1: Introduction

Lecture 2: Mapping Immigrants in Ireland: Statistics and Legislation

http://www.cso.ie/releasespublications/non-irishnationals.htm


Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment
http://www.entemp.ie/labour/workpermits/statistics.htm

Employment Permits Bill (2006) see
*http://www.entemp.ie/labour/workpermits/elements/workinireland.htm

Immigrant Council of Ireland www.immigrantcouncil.ie/stats.pdf

Immigration and Residence Bill see www.immigrantcouncil.ie/briefing.pdf

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Seminar Question: Which nationalities live in Ireland? Where do they Live?

Lecture 3: Migration in Historical Context - SL
Legrain Introduction ch2
*Koser chapter 1 and 2
*Castles, S and Miller, M. Introduction pp1-18, ch.3

Seminar Question: How do we define a migrant? Is Migration a recent phenomenon?

Lecture 3: Conceptualising Migration - SL

* Castles and Miller Ch2 esp pp19-29

Seminar Question: Why do people migrate? Should more people be moving?

Lecture 4: Lecture 9: 1st April Refugees and Asylum Seekers SL

***Orac http://www.orac.ie/pages/Stats/statistics.htm

* Koser ch.6


Castles and Miller pp87-91

Loyal, S. ‘Immigration’ in O’Sullivan, Contemporary Ireland, Dublin: UCD
UNHCR www.UNHCR.org esp. Statistics and Facts

Irish Refugee Council http://www.irishrefugeecouncil.ie/pub.html
http://www.irishrefugeecouncil.ie/factsheets.html

Integrating Ireland (www.integratingireland.ie)

Seminar Question: Why did asylum seeking emerge as a new form of migration in the 1990s? Do you think they have been fairly treated in Ireland?

Lecture 5: Direct Provision

(NASC) 2007 *The Perspectives of Asylum Seekers on Direct Provision and the Asylum Legal System*: Cork: NASC available at www.nascireland.org


Seminar Question: Why was Direct provision introduced? What are its socio-psychological effects?

Lecture 6: Guest Lecture

Lecture 7 Citizenship


Legrain ch 1 and 2, 16
Castles and Miller ch 2 pp29-47, 93-103

* Harris, Thinking the unthinkable ch.3


Mann, M. 1984. ‘The autonomous power of the state: its origins, mechanisms and results’, European Archive of Sociology, XXV 185-213


Seminar Question:
Why are states unwilling to give people citizenship?

Lecture 8: Film

Lecture 9: Work and exploitation


Seminar Question: How are migrant workers treated in Ireland?
Reading:
Available at: http://www.mrci.ie/publications/index.htm
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Lecture 10 Integration in Ireland

** Legrain, ch 13 & 14


*MCRI (2006) Realising Integration, creating the conditions for economic, social, political, and cultural inclusion of migrant workers and their families in Ireland, Dublin: MRCI

Also see http://www.media-diversity.org/articles_publications/Media%20debates%20multi-culturalism.htm

Seminar Question: What do we mean by Integration?
Does increasing diversity mean a lack of social cohesion?
Lecture 11 Racism and discrimination

Reading:


Seminar Question: Is Ireland becoming increasingly racist?

Lecture 12: Open borders?


Seminar question: Is an open border policy feasible?