

# INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION COMPREHENSIVE EXAM READING LIST

MANDATE: For lists that mix articles and books, lists should be in the range of 40-50 readings. Book heavy lists could be in the range of 25-30 readings. Students then may tailor the list to their specific research interests—adding another 10-12 readings or about 15% of the total.

## Historical perspectives on migration

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Amrith, Sunil S. 2011. *Migration and Diaspora in Modern Asia*. Cambridge University Press.

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## Theories of migration

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- Portes, Alejandro and Ruben Rumbaut. 2014. *Immigrant America: A Portrait, Updated and Expanded*. Los Angeles, University of California Press. Select chapters.
- Favell, A. 2015. "Rebooting Migration Theory: Interdisciplinarity, Globality, and Postdisciplinarity in Migration Studies." in *Migration theory: talking across disciplines*, edited by C. Brettell and J.F. Hollifield. New York: Routledge.
- Haas, Hein de, Stephen Castles, and Mark J. Miller. 2020. *The Age of Migration: International Population Movements in the Modern World*. Bloomsbury Publishing. Sixth Edition, Chapter 3
- Cook-Martin D. 2024. Sojourners, Not Settlers: Temporary Labor Migration Since the Nineteenth Century. *Annual Review of Sociology*
- Kim J. 2018. Migration-Facilitating Capital: A Bourdieusian Theory of International Migration. *Sociological Theory*. 36(3):262–88
- Waldinger, Roger, and Michael I. Lichter. 2003. *How the Other Half Works: Immigration and the Social Organization of Labor*. University of California Press.
- Hunter, Lori M., Jessie K. Luna, and Rachel M. Norton. 2015. "Environmental Dimensions of Migration." *Annual Review of Sociology* 41(1):377–97. doi: [10.1146/annurev-soc-073014-112223](https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-soc-073014-112223).
- Riosmena, F. "Environmental change, its social impacts, and migration responses within and out of Latin America: a review and theoretical inquiry." In press. In Feldman, Andreas E., Jorge Durand, Stephanie Schütze, and Xóchitl Bada (Eds.). *The Routledge History of Modern Latin American Migration*. New York: Routledge.
- Riosmena, Fernando, Raphael Nawrotzki, and Lori Hunter. 2018a. "Climate Migration at the Height and End of the Great Mexican Emigration Era." *Population and Development Review* 44(3):455–88. doi: [10.1111/padr.12158](https://doi.org/10.1111/padr.12158).
- FitzGerald, David and Rawan Arar. 2018. The sociology of refugee migration. *Annual Review of Sociology*. 44:387- 406.
- Hamlin, Rebecca. 2021. *Crossing: How We Label and React to People on the Move*. Stanford University Press.

Cassarino, Jean-Pierre. 2004. Theorising Return Migration: The Conceptual Approach to Return Migrants Revisited. SSRN Scholarly Paper. ID 1730637. Rochester, NY: Social Science Research Network.

Levitt, Peggy. 2012. "What's Wrong with Migration Scholarship: A Critique and a Way Forward." *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power*. 19(4): 493-500.

Xiang, Biao, and Johan Lindquist. 2014. "Migration Infrastructure." *International Migration Review* 48(s1):S122–48. doi: [10.1111/imre.12141](https://doi.org/10.1111/imre.12141).

## Theories of assimilation, incorporation, and transnationalism

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Brubaker, Rogers. 2001. "The Return of Assimilation? Changing Perspectives on Immigration and Its Sequels in France, Germany, and the United States." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 24(4):531–48. doi: [10.1080/01419870120049770](https://doi.org/10.1080/01419870120049770).

Portes, Alejandro and Min Zhou. 1993. "The New Second Generation: Segmented Assimilation and Its Variants." *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 530:74-96.

Zolberg, Aristide R., and Long Litt Woon. 1999. "Why Islam Is Like Spanish: Cultural Incorporation in Europe and the United States." *Politics and Society* 27(1):5–38.

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Jung, Moon-Kie. 2009. "The Racial Unconscious of Assimilation Theory." *Du Bois Review* 6(2):375-95.

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Smith, Robert C. 2005. *Mexican New York: Transnational Lives of New Immigrants*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Levitt, Peggy and Jaworsky, Nadya. 2007. "Transnational Migration Studies: Past Developments and Future Trends." *Annual Review of Sociology*. 33(1): 129-156.

Chávez, Sergio. 2016. *Border Lives: Fronterizos, Transnational Migrants, and Commuters in Tijuana*. Oxford University Press.

## Migration, states, citizenship, and law

Zolberg, Aristide R. 1999. *Matters of State: Theorizing Immigration Policy*. edited by C. Hirschman. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

Tichenor, Daniel J. 2002. *Dividing Lines: The Politics of Immigration Control in America*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Calavita, Kitty. 1992. *Inside the State: The Bracero Program, Immigration, and the I.N.S.* New Orleans, Louisiana: Quid Pro Books.

Cook-Martin, David. 2013. *The Scramble for Citizens: Dual Nationality and State Competition for Immigrants*. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

Joppke, Christian. 2013. *Citizenship and Immigration*. John Wiley & Sons.

Bloemraad, Irene, Anna Korteweg, and Gökçe Yurdakul. 2008. "Citizenship and Immigration: Multiculturalism, Assimilation, and Challenges to the Nation-State." *Annual Review of Sociology*, 34:153-79.

Abrego, Leisy. 2014. *Sacrificing Families: Navigating Laws, Labor, and Love Across Borders*. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

Gleeson, Shannon. 2012. *Conflicting Commitments: The Politics of Enforcing Immigrant Worker Rights in San Jose and Houston*.

García, Angela S. 2019. *Legal Passing: Navigating Undocumented Life and Local Immigration Law*. Univ of California Press.

De Genova, Nicholas. 2005. *Working the Boundaries: Race, Space, and "Illegality" in Mexican Chicago*. Durham: Duke University Press.

Menjívar, Cecilia. 2006. "Liminal Legality: Salvadoran and Guatemalan Immigrants' Lives in the United States." *American Journal of Sociology*, 111(4):999-1037.

Nakano-Glenn, Evelyn. 2011. "Constructing Citizenship: Exclusion, Subordination, and Resistance." *American Sociological Review*. 76(1):1-24.

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## Migration and race

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Brown, Hana E. 2013. "Race, Legality, and the Social Policy Consequences of Anti-Immigrant Mobilization." *American Sociological Review*, 78(2):290-314.

Rosenberg, Andrew S. 2019. "Measuring Racial Bias in International Migration Flows." *International Studies Quarterly* 63(4):837–45. doi: [10.1093/isq/sqz039](https://doi.org/10.1093/isq/sqz039).

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## Normative views of migration control

Carens, Joseph. 2013. *The Ethics of Immigration*. OUP USA.

Motomura, Hiroshi. 2014. *Immigration Outside the Law*. Oxford University Press.

## Migration and gender, sexuality, and family

Carrillo, Héctor. 2018. *Pathways of Desire: The Sexual Migration of Mexican Gay Men*. University of Chicago Press.

Hirsch, Jennifer. 2003. *A Courtship after Marriage: Sexuality and Love in Mexican Transnational Families*. University of California Press.

Hondagneu-Sotelo, Pierrette. 2007. *Doméstica: Immigrant Workers Cleaning and Caring in the Shadows of Affluence, With a New Preface*. University of California Press.

Parreñas, Rhacel. 2015. *Servants of Globalization: Migration and Domestic Work*, Second Edition. Stanford University Press.

Riosmena, Fernando, and Mao-Mei Liu. 2019. "Who Goes Next? The Gendered Expansion of Mexican and Senegalese Migrant Sibling Networks in Space and Time." *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 684(1):146–64. doi: [10.1177/0002716219856544](https://doi.org/10.1177/0002716219856544).

## Migration and cities

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Sassen, Saskia. 2013. *The Global City: New York, London, Tokyo*. Princeton University Press.

## Migration and religion

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~~Parvez, Z. Fareen. 2017. *Politicizing Islam: The Islamic Revival in France and India*. Oxford University Press.~~

Stockhausen, Ulrike Elisabeth. 2021. *The Strangers in Our Midst: American Evangelicals and Immigration from the Cold War to the Twenty-First Century*. Oxford University Press.

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## Supplementary readings

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Hernández-León, Rubén. 2008. *Metropolitan Migrants: The Migration of Urban Mexicans to the United States*. University of California Press.

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Meyers, Eytan. 2000. "Theories of International Immigration Policy — A Comparative Analysis." *International Migration Review* 34(4):1245–82. doi: [10.1177/019791830003400407](https://doi.org/10.1177/019791830003400407).

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Reitz, Jeffrey. 2002. *Host Societies and the Reception of Immigrants: Institutions, Markets and Policies*. Center for Migration Studies of New York.

Schachter, Ariela. 2016. "From 'Different' to 'Similar': An Experimental Approach to - Understanding Assimilation." *American Sociological Review* 81(5): 981-1013.

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Wellman, Christopher Heath, and Phillip Cole. 2011. *Debating the Ethics of Immigration: Is There a Right to Exclude?* Oxford University Press, USA

Zolberg, Aristide. 2009. *A Nation by Design: Immigration Policy in the Fashioning of America*. Harvard University Press. Chapter 1 and Conclusion.