

## **Seminar on the comparative politics of migration: “Immigrant Integration in Multi-Level Systems”**

Degree:	Master in Immigration Management
Course language:	English
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First session: and	19 March 2013, 18h-21h, Room: 40.213. (for information of the other dates rooms, please consult the timetable below)

### **Course overview**

Unlike regulations of immigrant entry that are still predominantly decided at the state-level, immigrant integration affects a wide range of policy areas that often fall within the competencies of local and/or regional authorities. As a consequence, integration policies and programs become issues of multilevel governance and may vary considerably between subnational units of one and the same state.

This course has two objectives: (1) to provide students with an introduction to the field of comparative politics and the logic of comparisons through a study of the substantive topic of immigrant integration in multi-level systems (2) to teach students how to understand and critically evaluate comparative research on migration in direct exchange with researchers from the field.

To meet its two objectives, the course consists of two types of sessions: five “normal” sessions of the seminar that will be taught by myself, and five “invited talk” sessions, where scholars from the field of migration studies will present and discuss their own research with us.

### **Requirements and modalities**

Requirements for this 5 ECTS course are threefold: First, for the normal sessions, you are required to come to class having carefully read and thought about the assigned reading materials for the week, and to participate actively in class discussions.

Second, for the sessions with invited speakers, you must write a 1-2 page (double spaced, times new roman, 12pt) review of each research paper to be presented and are expected to participate actively in discussion with our guests. The reviews must be sent to [mail@christinazuber.com](mailto:mail@christinazuber.com) (as an e-mail attachment in word, odf or pdf format) by midnight of the day before each invited talk.

Third, you are required to develop, present in class and hand in a research design paper presenting a hypothetical comparative research project you might conduct in the field of migration studies. The research design paper should be of 5-6 pages (double spaced, times new roman, 12pt), and should cover a research question, hypotheses answering the question, a justified case selection, the chosen methodological approach and potential data sources. It must be sent to [mail@christinazuber.com](mailto:mail@christinazuber.com) (as an email attachment in word, odf or pdf format) by midnight on 2 June 2014.

Course evaluations will be based on a combination of in-class participation (10%), the five reviews (45%) and the research design paper (45%). Late submissions of reviews or the paper will negatively affect the evaluation, unless you provide a justified excuse.

I will provide you with guidelines on how to write a review and a research design paper in class.

The literature for the normal sessions is either directly accessible online from within the upf network (cf. links below) or will be made available on aula global. The research papers by guest speakers will be posted at least eight days in advance of their presentations.

## Individual sessions and required readings

19 March, 18-21h, 40.213: Session 1: Immigrant integration in multilevel systems

- Seidle, F. L., & Joppke, C. (2012). Introduction *and* Conclusion. In C. Joppke & F. L. Seidle (Eds.), *Immigrant integration in federal countries*, pp. 3–21. *and* pp. 221-233. Montreal & Kingston/London/Ithaca: McGill-Queen's University Press.
- Caponio, Tiziana (2010). Conclusion: making sense of local migration policy arenas. In T. Caponio & M. Borkert (eds.). *The local dimension of migration policymaking*, pp. 161-195. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press.

26 March, 18-21h, 40.113: Session 2: Immigrant integration in multinational multilevel systems

- Zapata-Barrero, Ricard (2007). Setting a research agenda on the interaction between cultural demands of immigrants and minority nations. *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*, 5(4), 1-25. Available at: <http://dcpis.upf.edu/~ricard-zapata/~ricard-zapata/Setting%20a%20Research%20Agenda%20on%20the%20Interaction%20Between%20Cultural%20Demands%20of%20Immigrants%20and%20Minority%20Nations.pdf>.
- Jeram, Sanjay (2013). *Sub-state nationalism and immigration in Spain: Diversity and Identity in Catalonia and the Basque Country*, *Ethnopolitics*, published online first as DOI: 10.1080/17449057.2013.853998.

2 April 2014, 18-21h, 40.113: Session 3: Why compare? Introducing the logic of comparative research

- Lijphart, Arend (1971). *Comparative politics and the comparative method*. *The American Political Science Review*, 65(3), 682-693.
- Example: Reich, G., & Barth, J. (2012). *Immigration Restriction in the States: Contesting the Boundaries of Federalism?*. *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, 42(3), 422-448. Available at: <http://publius.oxfordjournals.org/content/42/3/422.abstract>.

10 April 2014, 18-21h (Thursday!), 13001: Invited talk 1: Political participation of aliens at local level in some EU countries: a normative perspective. David Moya, University of Barcelona, Spain.

30 April 2014, 18-21h, 40.113: Invited talk 2: Transnational politics: The political impact of migrants on the home and host societies. Jean Michel Lafleur, University of Liège, Belgium.

7 May, 18-21h, 40.113: Invited talk 3: The role of cities in immigrant integration. Dirk Gebhardt, Pompeu Fabra University, Spain.

14 May 2014, 18-21h, 40.113: Invited talk 4: Minority Nationalism and Immigrant Integration: the case of Quebec and Canada. Keith Banting, Queen's University, Canada.

28 May 2014, 18-21h, 40.113: Invited talk 5: Do subnational integration policies matter for immigrant integration? Empirical evidence from the Swiss context. Anita Manatschal, University of Berne, Switzerland.

4 June 2014, 18-21h, 40.113: Session 4: Presentation of students' comparative research designs

11 June 2014, 18-21h, 40.113: Session 5: Summary of findings, final discussion and evaluation

- Literature of previous sessions.

### **Recommended literature to prepare for the course:**

- Freeman, Gary P. 2005. Political science and comparative immigration politics, in: Michael Bommes & Ewa Morawska (eds.): *International migration research. Constructions, omissions and the promises of interdisciplinarity*, p. 111-128, Aldershot: Ashgate. *An overview of the state of the art. Freeman's negative evaluation of the state of the art no longer fully obtains, since progress has been made in recent years, but it reminds us of the importance of looking at immigration from the perspective of comparative politics.*
- Joppke, Christian. 1999. *Immigration and the nation-state. The United States, Germany and Great Britain.* Oxford: Oxford University Press. *A classical small-N comparative study by a leading scholar on the politics of immigration.*
- Spiro, Peter J. (2001). Federalism and immigration. *Models and trends*, *International Social Science Journal* 53 (167): 67-73. Available at: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1468-2451.00294/full>.
- Hepburn, Eve & Ricard Zapata-Barrero (forthcoming 2014). Introduction: Immigration policies in multilevel states in: *The Politics of Immigration in Multi-level States* (E.Hepburn and R. Zapata-Barrero, eds), Houndmills, Basingstoke: Palgrave/MacMillan.

### **Biographical information on invited speakers (in order of appearance)**

#### **David Moya**

David Moya is Lecturer in Constitutional and Immigration Law at the University of Barcelona. He holds a Master in Constitutional Law and Human Rights by the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law of New York and a Doctor by the University of Barcelona. His PhD thesis addressed the rights of immigrants subject to return proceedings; later on he has also published on topics like the political participation and the integration of immigrants in European societies. He is author or coauthor of different books and articles on those topics both in Spanish and European publications. He is a collaborator of the Spanish Immigration Yearbook published by the CIDOB Foundation and of the journals *Public Law Review* and *Revista de Derecho Migratorio y Extranjería*. He has carried out research stages in New York, Brussels, Lausanne, Strasbourg and Heidelberg. He has been

Deputy Director of the Public Law Institute between 2005-2013 and Co-director of the Master on Immigration and Integration at the University of Barcelona since 2012. He has provided his expertise to different Administrations, including the European Commission.

### **Jean-Michel Lafleur**

Jean-Michel Lafleur is the Associate Director of CEDEM and a Research Associate at the Belgian Fund for Scientific Research (FRS-FNRS). He also teaches courses on Migration, transnationalism and development at the Social Science Institute of the University of Liège. He holds a joint PhD in Political Science from Sciences Po in Paris and the University of Liège. Jean-Michel's area of expertise is the political participation of immigrants. His particular interest lies in transnational political participations and the right to vote of immigrants in home country elections (external voting).

### **Dirk Gebhardt**

Dirk Gebhardt is currently Marie Curie researcher at GRITIM where he investigates the role of cities in the multi-level governance of migrant integration in Europe. He explores the ways in which cities make (different) use of the scope they have to develop policies in given national contexts and try to identify broader trends of how cities across Europe try to shape local forms of citizenship that compliment national (or regional) forms of belonging. Dirk holds a PhD in Geography from Humboldt-University Berlin. He previously worked as a policy advisor for EUROCITIES, the Brussels-based network of major European cities, where he developed mutual learning activities and projects for integration policy makers in European cities. He taught a variety of courses at bachelor and master level related to urban development and migration at Humboldt-University Berlin and has worked in a variety of research, consultancy and urban development projects in Berlin.

### **Keith Banting**

Keith Banting holds the Queen's Research Chair in Public Policy at Queen's University in Canada. His research interests focus on the politics of social policy, ethnic diversity, immigration and multiculturalism. In the field of multiculturalism, he is the editor (with Will Kymlicka) of *Multiculturalism and the Welfare State: Recognition and Redistribution in Contemporary Democracies* (2007), and the editor (with Thomas Courchene and Leslie Seidle) of *Belonging? Diversity, Recognition and Shared Citizenship in Canada*. Recent articles include "Minority Nationalism and Immigrant Integration in Canada," *Nations and Nationalism* (2012), with Stuart Soroka; and "Is There Really a Retreat From Multiculturalism Policies? New Evidence from the Multiculturalism Policy Index", *Comparative European Politics*, (2013), with Will Kymlicka.

### **Anita Manatschal**

Anita Manatschal is senior researcher and lecturer at the Chair of Political Sociology at Berne University, where she is engaged in the project management of the research unit "Volunteering and Social Capital". Her research interests embrace civic engagement, immigrant integration, policies of migration and integration, and (sub-)national comparative policy research. Anita Manatschal's research appears in Journals such as *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, the *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Comparative European Politics* and the *Swiss Political Science Review* as well as various edited volumes.