Transnational Migration: The conceptual network and the blindspots
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Monday 03.04.06: 11.00-12.30; 14.00-15.30; 16.00-17.30
Tuesday 04.04.06: 9.00-10.30; 11.00-12.30; 14.00-15.30
Wednesday 05.04.06: 9.00-10.30; 11.00-12.30; 14.00-15.30
Thursday: Open Lecture 17.00-19.00
Monday 10.04.06: 9.00-10.30; 11.00-12.30; 14.00-15.30

This course will explore the movement of people across national boundaries in the late twentieth century, and focus on the rise of transnational migration patterns and the social, economic, cultural and political repercussions of migrant transnational social formations. The aim of the course is to twofold: to put the main theories of transnational migration and their conceptual network under scrutiny (on the basis of selected case study material) and to address some questions about the blindspots of transnational migration scholarship. One of the objectives of this course is to approach transnational migration in relation to the debates on spatiality, citizenship and the nation-state in the context of globalization.

(*) optional readings

Session 1: Migration Theories and the Rise of Transnational Migration Perspective (I)


Session 2: Migration Theories and the Rise of Transnational Migration Perspective (II)


Session 3: Transnational Migration, Globalization and the Nation-State (I)


Session 4 Transnational Migration, Globalization and the Nation-State (II)


Session 5: Transnational Migration and Development


Session 6: Remittances and their Transformative Capacity

Kuznetsov, Yevgeny (2002) From Brain Drain to Gain: Operational Dimensions of International Mobility of Human Capital. 

**Session 7: Transnational Migration and Entrepreneurship**


**Session 8: Transnational Membership**


**Session 9: Transnational Migration, Ethnicity and Religion**

Glick-Schiller, Nina, Caglar, Ayse and Gulbrandsen, Thaddeus: Migrant Incorporation: Moving Beyond the Ethnic Group as a Unit of Analysis. (Forthcoming 2006) *American Ethnologist*

Levitt, Peggy "You Know, Abraham Was Really The First Immigrant: Religion and Transnational Migration", *International Migration Review*

Session 10: Transnational Migration and Politics


Session 11: Transnational Migration, Global Capital and Transnational Media


Caglar, Ayse: Mediascapes, Advertisement Industries and Cosmopolitan Transformations: German Turks in Germany. *New German Critique, Spring/Summer 2004, Number 92.*

Session 12: The Challenges and the Limits of Transnational Perspective to Migration: The Return of Assimilationism


Levitt, Peggy (2004) Towards A Field of Transnational Studies and a Sociological Transnationalism Research Program