

Sociological approaches to race, ethnicity and nationalism
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First semester
Thursday 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Readings (book chapters to be selected)

Week 1. Introduction to the course

Week 2. Race, ethnicity and nationalism. Basic concepts.

Brubaker, Rogers, Mara Loveman and Peter Stamatov. 2004. Ethnicity as Cognition. *Theory and Society*, 33(1), pp. 31-64.

Brubaker, R. (2002). Ethnicity without groups. *European Journal of Sociology*, 43(2), 163–189. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0003975602001066>

Brubaker, Rogers. 2009. Ethnicity, Race and Nationalism. *Annual Review of Sociology*. 35, pp. 21-42 (suggested complementary reading)

LaPiere, R. T. 1934. Attitudes vs. actions. *Social Forces*, 13(2), pp. 230-237.

Week 3. Race, ethnicity and international migration

Bonilla-Silva, E. 1997. Rethinking Racism: Toward a Structural Interpretation, *American Sociological Review*, 62(3), pp. 465-480.

Brubaker, Rogers. 2010. Migration, Membership, and the Modern Nation- State: Internal and External Dimensions of the Politics of Belonging, *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 41(1), pp. 61-78

Cook-Martin, David and David Fitzgerald. 2010. Liberalism and the Limits of Inclusion: Race and Immigration Law in the Americas, 1850-2000, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 41(1), pp. 7-25.

Loveman, M. (1999). Is “Race” Essential? *American Sociological Review*, 64(6), 891-898. <https://doi.org/10.1177/000312249906400608>

David Voss. 2003. Rural Spain welcomes immigrants, *BBC News*, <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/3002928.stm>

Week 4. Guest lecture: Explaining the concept of migration populism. Prof. Gabriel Echeverría (UCM).

Echeverría, Gabriel. (03 Sep 2026): What is migration populism? Concept development and the Italian case, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, DOI: 10.1080/1369183X.2026.2725414.

Mudde, Cas. 2021. Populism in Europe: An Illiberal Democratic Response to Undemocratic Liberalism (The Government and Opposition /Leonard Schapiro Lecture 2019). *Government and Opposition* 56 (4): 577–597. <https://doi.org/10.1017/gov.2021.15>.

Week 5. Migration, ethnicity and citizenship

Schachar, Ayelet. 2012. Citizenship in Michel Rosenfeld and András Sajó (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Constitutional Law*, Oxford University Press.

Finotelli, Claudia and MariaCaterina La Barbera. 2013. When the exception becomes the rule: The Spanish citizenship regime, *Migration Letters*, 10 (2), pp. 245–253.

Joppke, Christian. 2005. *Selecting by Origin: Ethnic Migration in the Liberal State*. Harvard University Press. (Capítulo 5).

Week 6. Ethnicity in everyday life: the migrants' perspective

Fox, Jon and Cynthia Miller-Idriss. 2008. Everyday Nationhood. *Ethnicities*, 8(4), pp. 536-576.

Finotelli, Claudia. 2019. Integration at work: Migrant healthcare professionals in two Spanish hospitals, *Migration Studies*, Volume 9, Issue 3, September 2021, Pages 922–940.

Finotelli, C., La Barbera MC., Yapo, S. 2025. The citizenship-integration nexus from below: Migrants' understanding of citizenship acquisition as a pathway to integration in Italy and Spain, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.

Week 7. Reading and review of the addressed topics

Week 8. Ethnicity, race and immigrants' integration. Models and philosophies of integration.

Mosse, George L. 1995. Nationalisms and Racism. *Nations and Nationalism* 1 (2), 163-73.

Favell, Adrian (2022) Immigration, integration and citizenship: elements of a new political demography, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 48:1, 3-32.

Favell, Adrian. 2022. *The Integration Nation. Immigration and Colonial Power in Liberal Democracies*. Hoboken N.J.: Wiley.

Class exercise: Exchange on methodological options for the course research papers

Week 9. National identities among migrants: processes of acculturation, ethnic retention and hybridization. Collective identities among the second generations.

Prickett, Pamela J. 2021. *Believing in South Central*. Chicago: Chicago University Press.

Telles, Alejandro. 2022. Identity and Immigration: Core Concepts. En Zapata-Barrero, Ricar, Jacobs, Dirk and Riva Kastoryano (eds.) *Contested Concepts in Migration Studies*. New York: Routledge.

Álvarez-Miranda, Berta. 2026. Polarization and Hybridization among Muslims in Ceuta and Madrid. *Identities*, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/1070289X.2026.2705799>

Portes, Alejandro and Rumbaut, Ruben G. 2001. *Legacies. The Story of the Immigrant Second Generation*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Gilroy, Paul. 2000. *Between Camps: Nations, Culture and the Allure of Race*. London: Allen Lane.

Week 10. Guest lecture: ethnicity and segmentation in national markets. Rocío Fernández-Brusseu (Overflow).

Hollander, Mathew M. 2021. *Racial and Ethnic Diversity. A Sociological Introduction*. Pressbooks: <https://pressbooks.pub/racialandethnicdiversityasociologicalintroduction/>

Lentin, Alana. 2022. *Why Race Still Matters*. Cambridge: Polity Press.

Week 11. Transnationalism.

SHAMS, Tahseen. 2020. *Here, There and Elsewhere: The Making of Immigrant Identities in a Globalized World*. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

Levitt, Peggy and Glick Schiller, Nina. 2004. Conceptualizing Simultaneity: A Transnational Social Field Perspective on Society. *International Migration Review*, 38, 3: 1002-1039.

Álvarez-Miranda, Berta. 2009. Las identidades nacionales y transnacionales de los inmigrantes musulmanes en Europa. *Revista del Ministerio de Trabajo e Inmigración*, 80: 133-150

Week 12. Nativist reactions, racism and islamophobia. Political polarization and populist nationalism.

Poli, Alexandra and Álvarez-Miranda, Berta. 2024. "A cross-perspective on categorizing Muslims in Europe", *Revista de Estudios Internacionales Mediterráneos*, 36: 5-27.

Álvarez-Miranda, Berta and Esevenri-Mayer, Cecilia. 2024. "From Moors to Muslims: evolution of the Spanish public debate", *Revista de Estudios Internacionales Mediterráneos*, 36: 28-56.

Schain, Martin. 2018. *Shifting Tides: Radical Right Populism and Immigration Policy in Europe and the United States*. Washington D.C.: Migration Policy Institute.

Alexander C. 2017. Raceing Islamophobia. In Elahi, Farah and Khan, Omar (eds.) *Islamophobia: Contemporary Challenges*. London: Runnymede Trust, pp. 13-17.

Week 13. Oral presentation of methodological designs for course research papers.