

SOC585/SOC585E
MIGRATION AND TRANSNATIONALISM –
MIGRATING PEOPLE, MIGRATING CULTURE:
OPTICS, METHODS, AND IMPACTS

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Migration and transnationalism in CEE

- What are the peculiarities of migration in the region of CEE?

Migration in CEE

- CEE as a „new migration space“ since 1990s
- Migration to, within and out of the region
- Buffer zone (transit migration) – shift with EU enlargement in 2004
- Changes in migration and border regimes – opportunities and constraints for migrant transnationalism (unequal access to transnational trajectories => who or what travels)

Settled in mobility?

- Shuttle, petty traders in crossborder regions – „invisible“ forms of migration („part-time“ migration)
- Circular labour migration as a prevention of downward mobility and status upgrade
- Care migration to WE
- Life stage migration – young individuals (au pair, temporary jobs, professionals, internships, volunteers, students etc.)
- Escaping racism and marginalization – Roma asylum seekers in Canada and Great Britain
- Escaping wars – Balkan region

Example of transnational migrant institution – „client system“

- Informal transnational system of labour organization – „clientalist system“ – CR – construction-building industry, cleaning
- Organized crime (mafia)
- Work mediators („clients“)
- Ukrainian workers

Conceptions of belonging in CEE

- Ethnic conceptions of belonging in CEE and its implications for migrants' transnationalism
 - policies of „return“ of co-nationals (Hungary, Germany, CR)
 - Low tolerance of dual citizenship
 - Reluctance to accept permanent immigration and grant citizenship

Source of info on migration in CEE

- <http://www.migrationonline.cz/>

Guidelines for the DRAFT (concept) of the final paper

- +- 500 words
- Group or individual
- Based on group projects from class with PL or a topic of individual choice based on literature, interesting case study etc.
- Deadline **24.11.** (to IS Homework Vaults)
- Draft of the paper will be discussed by colleagues on the last session (5.12.)

Peer-to-peer feedback

- Goal: to improve the quality of your papers
- Check the guidelines for the draft to prepare your feedback, for example:
 - Is the topic/aim of the paper clear enough?
 - Does the title fit?
 - Is the structure logical, etc...
- Strengths and weaknesses of the draft, suggestions on how to improve it
- Be kind and supportive: provide a constructive critique, do not forget to appreciate the strengths of the draft