Global Migration Comprehensive Exam Reading List

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Introduction

The field of global migration studies the structural dynamics and social processes that shape migration across international borders and the social, political and economic dynamics that contour the positions of (im)migrants in the receiving society. Core topics include forced labor migration, the politics of non/citizenship and of (im)migrant integration, the making of refugees and the ways gender and sexuality shape and are shaped by migration.

Organization of Reading List

Readings for the Global Migration qualifying exam are organized into modules. Each committee member selected up to three books, and an accompanying set of journal articles and/or book chapters that speak to, engage or extend the core conceptual contributions of the book. Books function like anchors to a debate or field. We selected a set of books that we are excited about, that we consider important and that make important contributions to the field. Some of the books listed are classics. We may not love their arguments today, but they have marked the field in ways that must be contended with and often cannot be undone. Readings may be relevant across more than one module but are listed only once.
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Tomas Jimenez, *The Other Side of Assimilation* (2017) and related ERS symposium, including Crul’s 2018 critique


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