Comprehensive Exam Reading List, 2019-2020
Immigration, Ethnicity and Race

The comprehensive exam in Immigration, Ethnicity and Race has two sections. The first section covers core areas and themes in the broad field of Ethnicity and Race. The second section covers the fields of global migration, incorporation and citizenship. In both sections there is an effort to a) familiarize students with canonical texts, concepts and debates in the field broadly defined; b) to develop sub-sections that reflect faculty areas of specialization. Some sections now distinguish between conceptual and empirical work. Please keep in mind that readings may be relevant across more than one section but only cited in one

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I. RACE and ETHNICITY

A. The making of "race" and "ethnicity"

1. Critical race theories

Racist structure and white hegemony


Goldberg, David Theo. Racist Culture: Philosophy and the Politics of Meaning, "Introduction,"

**Intersectionality**


**2. Theorizing colonialism**

**Postcolonial and global theories**


**Settler colonialism**


Sharma, Nandita, and Cynthia Wright. 2008. "Decolonizing resistance, challenging colonial


Coulthard, Glen. 2014. Red Skin, White Masks: Rejecting the Colonial Politics of Recognition "Introduction."


3. **Groupness, boundaries, categories**

*Theoretical concepts*


Wimmer, Andreas. *Ethnic Boundary Making: Institutions, Power, Networks*. (Introduction, Chapters 2 and 3)


Lewis, Amanda E. "What Group?" Studying Whites and Whiteness in the Era of “Color-
Implications for empirical research


B. The reproduction of inequality

1. Cultural politics and the nation-state

Theoretical frameworks


Modood, Tariq. "Anti-Essentialism, Multiculturalism and the Recognition' of Religious

The Canadian context


Haque, Eve. Multiculturalism within a Bilingual Framework, Chapters 1-3


Mackey, Eve. The House of Difference: Cultural Politics and National Identity in Canada, chapters 1-4


2. Individual and institutional racism, discrimination and domination

U.S.-based theories


Canadian dynamics


II. IMMIGRATION

A. Global Migration

1. The causes, logic and dynamics of global migration


Portes, Alejandro. 1997. “Immigration Theory for a New Century: some Problems and


2. State categories and policies


Stephen Castles (2017) Migration policies are problematic – because they are about migration, Ethnic and Racial Studies, 40:9, 1538-1543

3. Transnationalism – Theory, Research, Methodology


B. Migrant Settlement Dynamics

1. Frameworks and Concepts – Incorporation, Assimilation


2. Gender and Homemaking


Hondagneu-Sotelo, Pierrette. 1994. Chapter 1 “Immigration, Gender and Settlement.” and
Chapter 4 “Gendered Transitions” In Gendered Transitions. UC Press.


3. The Next Generation: Immigrant Offspring


Canadian evidence


4. Labour Market Sorting Processes & Outcomes


Hou, Feng and Aneta Bonikowska. 2016. Selections Before the Selection: Earnings Advantages of Immigrants Who were Former Skilled Temporary Foreign Workers in Canada. International Migration Review Fall:1-29.


Houle, René and Lahouraria Yssaad. 2010 “Recognition of Newcomers' Foreign Credentials and Work Experience” Perspectives on Labour and Income (September) http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/75-001-x/2010109/pdf/11342-eng.pdf


5. Citizenship and Noncitizenship

Bhatia, Amar. 2013. "We Are All Here to Stay: Indigeneity, Migration, and ‘Decolonizing’ the


