

U.S. Immigration: History and Sociology

(Bevándorlás az Egyesült Államokba: történelem és szociológia)

M.A. seminar, 2 hrs/wk, 4 credits

Instructor: Tibor Frank, Ph.D., D.Litt., Professor

Students in this class examine the interactive patterns of outward migration from Europe as well as American immigration. Attention will be given to the great waves of European emigration, to major figures and outstanding achievements. Papers will survey the period from the mid-19th century through recent years.

Seminar Topics

„Old” Emigration, 17th to 19th centuries
Irish Immigration in the 1840s
"New" Emigration, 1880-1914
The Social Construction of European Emigrants
The Literacy Bill and Its Impact on Europe
World War I and the Coming of the Quota Laws
The Impact of the Quota Laws on Europe
Hungarian Scientists in the U.S.:
 Szilard, Teller, von Neumann, von Kármán, Wigner
Hungarian Musicians in the U.S.:
 Reiner, Szell, Ormandy, Dorati, Solti
The D.P.s of 1945
Political refugees
Emigration and Remigration

Recommended Readings

Archdeacon, Thomas J. *Becoming American. An Ethnic History.*
New York: The Free Press, 1983.
Dinnerstein, Leonard and Reimers, David M. *Ethnic Americans. A History of Immigration.*
Third Edition. New York: HarperCollins, 1988.
Divine, Robert A. *American Immigration Policy, 1924-1952.*
New Haven: Yale University Press, 1957.
Fermi, Laura. *Illustrious Immigrants: The Intellectual Migration from Europe 1930-41.*
Chicago & London: University of Chicago Press, 1968.
Frank, Tibor. *Double Exile: Migrations of Jewish-Hungarian Intellectuals
through Germany to the United States 1919-1945.*
Oxford: Peter Lang, 2009.
Hughes, H. Stuart. *The Sea Change. The Migration of Social Thought, 1930-1965.*
New York: Harper & Row, 1975.
Kraut, Alan M. *The Huddled Masses: The Immigrant in American Society, 1880-1921.*
Arlington Heights: Harlan Davidson, 1982.
Marrus, Michael R. *The Unwanted. European Refugees in the Twentieth Century.*
New York–Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1985.
Puskás Julianna, *Ties That Bind, Ties That Divide:
100 Years of Hungarian Experience in the United States.*

New York-London: Holmes & Meier, 2000.

Reimers, David M. *Unwelcome Strangers: American Identity and the Turn Against Immigration*.

New York: Columbia University Press, 1998.

Tezla, Albert, ed., *The Hazardous Quest. Hungarian Immigrants in the United States 1895-1920*.

Budapest: Corvina, 1993.

Requirements

Mandatory attendance and active participation, oral presentation, research paper

Grading

Presentation 25%, paper 50%, attendance and participation 25%