

Perspectives in Economics and Sociology: Issues of Migration, Discrimination, Justice and Religion

Classes: Thursday 12.30-14.30

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Evaluation

- Home work: you will have to write an essay that focuses on a social issue. You will have to introduce the topic (with data, anecdotal evidence or stylized facts) and provide an answer to our question by referring to the literature in sociology and in economics. Length of the essay: 2000 words (excluding the references). **(50% of the total grade)**
- Final exam in class (1h30min) **(50% of the total grade):**

NOTE the final exam will be in the last session of the course on April 30th 2020

Content of the course

Introduction

Session 1 Introducing the course (Jan 30th)

Theoretical foundations of economics and sociology

(available on moodle)

1. Becker, G. S. (1992). The economic way of looking at life.
2. Coleman, J. S. (1993). The impact of Gary Becker's work on sociology. *Acta sociologica*, 36(3), 169-178.

Optional

(books available at the library)

1. Swedberg, R. (1990). *Economics and Sociology: redefining their boundaries: conversations with economists and sociologists*. Princeton University Press.

Session 2 (Feb 6) Methodological approaches in economics and sociology

Modeling society - The issue of causality

(available on moodle)

1. Angrist, J., & Pischke, J. S. (2009). Mostly harmless econometrics: an empiricist's guide. (Ch 1. and 2.)
2. Hedström, P., & Ylikoski, P. (2010). Causal mechanisms in the social sciences. *Annual review of sociology*, 36, 49-67.

optional

Gadourek, I. (1976). Convergence and diversification in the methodologies of economics and sociology. In *Economics and sociology: towards an integration* (pp. 96-127). Springer, Dordrecht.

Topic 1 Criminal and Justice

Session 3 Models of crime and deviance (February 13th) R

(available on moodle)

1. Gary Becker (1968) 'Crime and Punishment: An Economic Approach', *Journal of Political Economy* 76: 169-217.
2. Sampson, R. J. (2000). Whither the sociological study of crime?. *Annual Review of Sociology*, 26(1), 711-714.

Session 4 Empirical examples (February 27th)

(available on moodle)

1. Drago, F., Galbiati, R., & Vertova, P. (2009). The Deterrent Effects of Prison: Evidence from a natural experiment. *Journal of political Economy*, 117(2), 257-280.
2. Galbiati, R, Drago, F. Deterrent effects of imprisonment. 2012. <hal-01073676>
3. Doleac, J. Strategies to Productively Reincorporate the Formerly-Incarcerated into Communities: A Review of the Literature. IZA WP

Topic 2 International Migration: economic and social consequences

Session 5 Understanding migration (March 5th)

(available on moodle)

1. Hatton, T. and J. Williamson. 2005. "What Fundamentals Drive World Migration?" Pp.15-38 in *Poverty, International Migration and Asylum*, edited by G. Borjas and J. Crisp:
2. Massey, D., J. Arango, G. Hugo, A. Kouaouci, A. Pellegrino, and J.E. Taylor. 1993. "Theories of International Migration: A Review and Appraisal." *Population and Development Review* 19(3):431-466.

Session 6 Migration and the labor market (March 12th)

(available on moodle)

3. Dustmann, C., Glitz, A., & Frattini, T. (2008). The labour market impact of immigration. *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, 24(3), 477-494.
4. Constant, A. F. (2014). Do migrants take the jobs of native workers?. IZA world of labor.

Session 7 The consequences of migration (March 19th)

(available on moodle)

1. Cornell, S., & Hartmann, D. (2005). Conceptual confusions and divides: Race, ethnicity, and the study of immigration. In *Not Just Black and White: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity in the United States*. Russell Sage Foundation.
2. Pinotti, P. (2017). Clicking on heaven's door: The effect of immigrant legalization on crime. *American Economic Review*, 107(1), 138-68.

Topic 3 The economic and sociological analyses of discrimination

Session 8 Conceptualizing discrimination (March 26)

(available on moodle)

1. Arrow, K. J. (1998). What has economics to say about racial discrimination?.

Journal of economic perspectives, 12(2), 91-100.

2. Pager, D., & Shepherd, H. (2008). The sociology of discrimination: Racial discrimination in employment, housing, credit, and consumer markets. *Annu. Rev. Sociol.*, 34, 181-209.

Session 9 Measuring discrimination (April 9) (Mirna)

(available on moodle)

1. Veenman, J. (2010). Measuring labor market discrimination: An overview of methods and their characteristics. *American Behavioral Scientist*, 53(12), 1806-1823.
2. Bartoš, V., Bauer, M., Chytilová, J., & Matějka, F. (2016). Attention discrimination: Theory and field experiments with monitoring information acquisition. *American Economic Review*, 106(6), 1437-75.

Session 10 Case-studies of discrimination (April 9) (Mirna)

(available on moodle)

1. Abdelgadir, A., & Fouka, V. (2019). Political Secularism and Muslim Integration in the West: Assessing the Effects of the French Headscarf Ban. *Unpublished Manuscript*.
2. Choi, D. D., Poertner, M., & Sambanis, N. (2019). Parochialism, social norms, and discrimination against immigrants. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 116(33), 16274-16279.

Topic 4 The sociological and economic analysis of religion

Session 11 Religion as a market (April 23) (R)

(available on moodle)

1. Iannaccone, L. R. (1998). Introduction to the Economics of Religion. *Journal of Economic Literature*, 36(3), 1465-1495.
2. Iyer, S. (2016). The new economics of religion. *Journal of Economic Literature*, 54(2), 395-441.
3. Sherkat, D. E., & Ellison, C. G. (1999). Recent developments and current controversies in the sociology of religion. *Annual Review of Sociology*, 25(1), 363-394.

4. Peek, L. (2005). Becoming Muslim: The development of a religious identity. *Sociology of Religion*, 66(3), 215-242.

Session 12 Exam (April 30) (Roberto)