

# **New Public Administration Course!**

**Spring 2008**

## **The Political Economy of U.S. Immigration Policy**

**PA 562**

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**Judith Gans**

**Mon/Wed. 3:30 -4:45 pm**

**in Harvill 428**

### **Course Overview:**

This course examines the economics and politics of U.S. immigration policy in the context of its history and of current global economic trends. While the United States sees itself as a nation of immigrants, U.S. history reflects deep ambivalence about its newcomers, and periods of high immigration have typically been followed by restrictionist immigration regimes. Understanding the reasons for this requires looking at immigration policy through a variety of lenses—in particular; economics, sociology and political science. In addition, the history of U.S. immigration policy and the role of immigration in today's global economy will be examined for the additional light these topics can shed on today's immigration debates.

### **Bio:**

***JUDITH K. GANS** directs the immigration policy program at the Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy at the University of Arizona. Her areas of expertise include immigration and globalization, U.S. immigration policy, economics and trade. In addition, she has experience in non-profit board governance, town government, municipal finance, and business planning. She has a BA degree in economics from Stanford University, an MBA from UCLA's Graduate School of Management, and a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University. She has two grown children, was raised in Mexico and Brazil, and is fluent in Portuguese.*