

Immigration, intermarriage and the changing face of Europe in the post war period

Leo Lucassen and Charlotte Laarman (Leiden University)

[To be published in *The History of the Family*, vol. 14, 2009, no. 1]

Abstract

In this article we compare the propensity to intermarry of various migrant groups and their children who settled in Germany, France, England, Belgium and the Netherlands in the post-war period, using a wide range of available statistical data. We try to explain the different intermarriage patterns within the framework of Alba and Nee's assimilation theory and pay special attention to the role of religion, colour and colonial background. We therefore compare colonial with non colonial migrants and within these categories between groups with 'European' (Christian/Jewish) and non-European (Islam, Hinduism) religions. First of all religion appears to be an important variable. Migrants whose faith has no tradition in Western Europe intermarry at a much lower rate than those whose religious backgrounds correspond with those that are common in the country of settlement. The rate of ethnic endogamous marriages in Western Europe are highest in Hindu and Muslim communities, often regardless if they came as guest workers or colonial migrants. Whereas differences in religion diminish the propensity to intermarry, colour or 'racial' differences on the other hand seem to be less important. This is largely explained by the pre-migration socialisation. Furthermore the paper argues that the attention to institutions, as rightly advocated by Richard Alba and Victor Nee, needs a more refined and layered elaboration. Institutions, often as barriers to intermarriage, do not only emanate from the receiving society, but also – be it less formalized – within migrant communities. Especially religions and family systems, but also organized nationalist feelings, can have a profound influence on how migrants think about endogamy. Finally, strong pressures to assimilate, often through institutionalized forms of discrimination and stigmatization, not only produce isolation and frustrate assimilation (with resulting low intermarriage rates), but can also stimulate assimilation by 'passing' mechanisms. These factors, together with a more comparative perspective, are not completely ignored in the new assimilation theory, but - as this study of Western European intermarriage patterns stresses - deserve to be included more systematically in historical and social scientist analyses.

Introduction

Current public debates about immigration and integration in Western Europe focus strongly on what many perceive as the failing integration of non-Western migrants, especially Muslims among them. The most pessimistic scenarios predict an ongoing cultural clash between 'them' and the indigenous European population, point at the unwillingness of migrants and their offspring to assimilate, and fear the emergence of ethnic ghetto's or 'parallel societies'.¹ Although it is clear that integration, both in the structural (work, education, housing) and the identificational (marriage, friendship, associations) domain, is a slow and partly discordant process, many characteristics of the present situation are less new than is often assumed. Not only did European states

¹ Bassam Tibi, *Islamische Zuwanderung: die gescheiterte Integration* (Stuttgart, 2002). For the United States see Samuel P. Huntington, *Who are we? The cultural core of American national identity* (New York, 2004).

experience large scale migrations before, but the paths of integration of these earlier migrants were also spangled with obstacles.²

This does not imply, however, that there are no differences with the past. In contrast to the post war period, before 1940 the proportion of non-European migrants was insignificant and the integration of some groups seems to evolve slower and with more difficulties than in previous periods.³ This becomes apparent both in poor school results and high drop out rates and disproportionate high unemployment figures among the children of immigrants. Think of the offspring of Algerians in France, Moroccans and Turks in the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany and Pakistani and Bangladeshi in the United Kingdom.⁴ Moreover, a part of the immigrants with an Islamic background seem to oppose the core values of Western European societies, such as equality between men and women, freedom of speech and the separation of church and state.

Although there are clear signs that a European moderate form of Islam is developing,⁵ the cultural distance between the offspring of Muslim migrants and the indigenous population has not disappeared and makes itself felt in the identificational domain. In this paper we concentrate on one of the most salient aspects, intermarriage, as expressed by the propensity of immigrants and their descendants to marry with partners from the native population. The rate of intermarriage is especially interesting because it tells us something about the social and cultural distance between immigrant groups and the native population. It is also linked to the structural realm, however, because in general upward social mobility is coupled with increasing rates of mixed marriages.⁶ Therefore intermarriage can also be regarded as an indicator of the structural side of the integration process.⁷ A good example is the position of West Indian immigrants in the United States whose intermarriage rates, compared to the African Americans who settled there much earlier on, are significantly higher. Furthermore, West Indians have higher educational

² Leo Lucassen, *The Immigrant Threat: The integration of Old and New Migrants in Western Europe since 1850* (Urbana and Chicago, 2005).; Klaus J. Bade et al., eds., *Enzyklopädie Migration in Europa vom 17. Jahrhundert bis zur Gegenwart*. (Paderborn and München, 2007).

³ Leo Lucassen, David Feldman, and Jochen Oltmer, eds., *Paths of integration. Migrants in Western Europe (1880-2004)*, IMISCOE research (Amsterdam, 2006).

⁴ Maurice Crul and Hans Vermeulen, "The Second Generation in Europe," *International Migration Review* 37 (2003).; Mark Thomson and Maurice Crul, "The Second Generation in Europe and the United States: How is the Transatlantic Debate Relevant for Further Research on the European Second Generation?," *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 33 (2007).

⁵ Jytte Klausen, *The Islamic challenge. Politics and religion in Western Europe* (Oxford, 2005).; Jonathan Laurence and Justin Vaisse, *Integrating Islam. Political and religious challenges in contemporary France* (Washington D.C., 2006), Tariq Modood, *Multiculturalism: a civic idea* (Cambridge, 2007), Olivier Roy, *Globalised Islam. The search for a new Ummah* (London, 2004).

⁶ Raya Muttarak, "Who intermarries in Britain? Ethnic intermarriage" (MSc Thesis (MA), University of Oxford, 2003).; J. Lievens, "Interethnic Marriage: Bringing in the Context through Multilevel Modelling " *European Journal of Population* 14 (1998).; Z. Qian, "Breaking the racial barriers: variations in interracial marriage between 1980 and 1990," *Demography* 34 (1997).

⁷ R. Alba and V. Nee, *Remaking the American mainstream. Assimilation and contemporary immigration* (Cambridge, 2003).; S. Hwang, R. Saenz, and B. Aguirre, "The SES selectivity of interracially married Asians," *International Migration Review* 29 (1995).; A.I. Gordon, *Intermarriage. Interfaith, interracial, interethnic* (Boston, 1964).

qualifications and distinguish themselves from the African Americans by their British English which is associated with a higher class position.⁸

In this article we compare the propensity to intermarry of various migrant groups and their children who settled in Germany, France, England, Belgium and the Netherlands in the post-war period (see table 1). We are interested in the relation between intermarriage and the overall integration process, with special interest in the role of religion and colonial background, factors that influence the propensity to intermarry.⁹ We therefore compare colonial with non colonial migrants and within these categories between groups with ‘European’ (Christian/Jewish) and non-European (Islam, Hinduism) religions. Because data on intermarriage are largely lacking for refugees, we have left this category out. The groups analysed in this overview are summarised in the next table.

Table 1: Schematic overview of groups that are analysed

	Netherlands				Germany				France			Belgium		UK			
	Tu	Mo	Wi	In	Tu	It	Gr	Yu	Al	Sp	Po	Tu	Mo	Pa	Ba	Wi	In
GW- NER	X	X			X				X			X	X				
COL- NER				X										X	X		X
GW- ER						X	X	X		X	X						
COL- ER			X													X	

Key: GW= guest workers; COL= colonial migrants; ER= European religion (Catholic, protestant, Jewish); NER= Non European religion (Muslims, Hindus); Tu= Turks; Mo= Moroccan; Wi= West Indians (including Creole Surinamese); In; Indians (including Hindustan Surinamese); It= Italians; Gr= Greeks; Yu= Yugoslavs; Al= Algerians; Sp= Spanish; Po= Portuguese; Pa= Pakistani; Ba= Bangladeshi. N.B. As Algerians share elements of the colonial and the guest worker category, we have put them in both.

Before we present the data on intermarriage patterns, we will first discuss briefly the relevance of intermarriage and its place in the current assimilation theory.

Intermarriage and assimilation theory

Marriage patterns have always been of great interest to migration scholars. In their recent study on assimilation processes in the United States Richard Alba and Victor Nee posit mixed marriages as the ultimate litmus test for assimilation. In the tradition of the Chicago School of Sociology and following Milton Gordon’s seminal work on assimilation (1964) they argue that a high frequency of mixed marriages is in general a

⁸ Nancy Foner, "Towards a comparative perspective on Caribbean migration," in *Caribbean migration. Globalised identities*, ed. Mary Chamberlain (London, 1998).

⁹ Leo Lucassen, "Old and new migrants in the twentieth century: a European perspective," *Journal of American Ethnic History* 21 (2002).; Matthijs Kalmijn and Frank Tubergen, "Ethnic intermarriage in the Netherlands: confirmations and refutations of accepted insights," *European Journal of Population* 22 (2006).; Mies van Niekerk, "Afro-Caribbeans and Indo-Caribbeans in the Netherlands. Premigration legacies and social mobility," *International Migration Review* (2004).

sign of a decreasing social and cultural distance between ethnic groups, showing that social and cultural differences are not regarded anymore as an obstacle to marry out by both the minority and the majority group. As a result, ethnic or racial boundaries will blur or even fade away.¹⁰

Although the relation between intermarriage and the disappearance of group boundaries is certainly not unambiguous,¹¹ many scholars more or less follow Alba and Nee's assumptions. Currently, the marriage behaviour of migrants with a low socio-economic position and a different cultural background, like those from Muslim countries (Turkey, North Africa, South East Asia), draws a lot of attention, both from researchers, policy makers and the media. The fact that children of migrants in Western Europe predominantly marry within their own group, often with someone from the country of birth of their parents, is considered a serious hurdle on the road to integration.¹² The relation between structural and identificational integration is not always so straightforward, however. Indians in the United Kingdom, for example do very well at school and in the labour market, in some respects even better than native English, but overwhelmingly marry with co-ethnics.¹³ Nevertheless, Indian women with higher qualifications have a higher propensity to intermarry,¹⁴ and economic analyses of current intermarriage patterns show that migrants who intermarry earn significantly higher incomes than endogamously married immigrants, even when we take account of human capital endowments.¹⁵

Notwithstanding the relative unanimity among scholars with respect to the importance of marriage patterns for understanding and measuring assimilation, trends in marriage rates do not simply speak for themselves. First of all we have to define what we mean by a 'group'. In most migration studies it is assumed that the most important criterion is origin, defined in territorial (state/region) terms. In this context 'mixed' refers to nationality and/or ethnicity. Group ties, however, are not only – and not always primarily – determined by national and regional identities. Until the 1960s, for most

¹⁰ Richard D. Alba and Victor Nee, *Remaking the American mainstream: assimilation and contemporary immigration* (Cambridge Mass., 2003), 90; and Milton M. Gordon, *Assimilation in American life. The role of race, religion, and national origins* (New York, 1964), especially pp. 205-206.

¹¹ See for example Suzanne M. Sinke, *Dutch immigrant women in the United States 1880-1920* (Urbana and Chicago, 2002), 25-26 and the literature mentioned in note 62 on p. 235.

¹² For France see Michèle Tribalat, *Faire France: une grande enquête sur les immigrés et leurs enfants* (Paris, 1995); for Germany Mathias Venema and Claus Grimm, *Situation der ausländischen Arbeitnehmer und ihre Familienangehörigen in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland. Tabellenband.*, vol. B (Bonn, 2002). for the United Kingdom, Angela Dale and Clare Holdsworth, "Issues in the analysis of ethnicity in the 1991 British census: evidence from microdata," *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 20 (1997); and Tariq Modood and Richard Berthoud, eds., *Ethnic minorities in Britain. Diversity and disadvantage* (London, 1997); and for the Netherlands Erna Hooghiemstra, *Trouwen over de grens. Achtergronden van partnerkeuze van Turken en Marokkanen in Nederland* (Den Haag, 2003), 3-4.

¹³ Modood and Berthoud, eds., *Ethnic minorities in Britain. Diversity and disadvantage*. P. 345.

¹⁴ Muttarak, "Who intermarries in Britain? Ethnic intermarriage". Chapter 6.

¹⁵ Xi Meng and Robert Gregory, "Intermarriage and the economic assimilation of immigrants," *Journal of Labor economics* 23 (2005); Martin Dribe and Christer Lundh, "Intermarriage and Immigrant Economic Assimilation in Sweden 2003 " in *Immigrant Integration Conference* (Stockholm, 2007). Mies van Niekerk, *Premigration legacies and immigrant social mobility: the Afro-Surinamese and Indo-Surinamese in the Netherlands* (Lanham, 2002). P. 127; Anja van Heelsum, *De etnisch-culturele positie van tweede generatie Surinamers* (Amsterdam, 1997). P. 120-125.

people religion was a greater barrier for marriage than nationality.¹⁶ Some American scholars in the 1940s therefore predicted assimilation along religious lines, creating multiple melting pots.¹⁷

Whereas in secularized Western European societies, in contrast to the United States,¹⁸ religion has lost its salience in the second half of the 20th century, this is not the case for migrants coming from religious societies, especially Muslims and Hindus. In these communities, religion often remains highly relevant and can obstruct marriages with partners with no or a different religion. We should add that indigenous European men and women, religious or not, also have great hesitations to marry a Muslim (for Hindus this is probably less the case), so that the group boundary between Muslim migrants and others is double edged. Secondly, in some migrant communities (for example West Indians), cohabitation is often more common than marriage. In marriage statistics their intermarriage rates appear to be lower, whereas they have long lasting out-group relationships that in practice do not differ much from a formal marriage. We are aware of this bias in marriage statistics but there are no comparable data available on cohabitation rates of the different ethnic groups in France, UK, the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany.

An aspect that has not lost its salience is class. Western European societies may have embraced meritocratic ideals, it is clear, as Bourdieu, Wacquant and many others have argued,¹⁹ that class remains highly relevant, leading to widespread social endogamy, also known as class homogamy (marrying within the same class).²⁰ Not only because people are prejudiced, but simply because most people prefer a partner who shares one's values and tastes.²¹

In this article we have chosen the prism of ethnicity, using intermarriage statistics structured around origin and differentiated for sex, age, generation and religion, but – alas – mostly lacking information about social class. Given the close relation between one's social position and the likelihood to marry outside one's ethnic group, increased ethnic intermarriage rates at the group level may to some extent be interpreted as a proxy for upward social mobility.²² In other words we expect that intermarriage rates will rise with increasing structural integration. The exception to this rule are situations in which

¹⁶ Dienke Hondius, *Gemengde huwelijken, gemengde gevoelens. Aanvaarding en ontwijking van etnisch en religieus verschil sinds 1945* (Den Haag, 1999). 136. With the immigration of Islamic migrants after World War II religion, linked to ethno-cultural perceptions, has again acquired a master status' to use Hughes terminology: Everett C. Hughes, "Dilemmas and contradictions of status," *American Journal of Sociology* 50 (1945). Leo Lucassen, "Gemengde huwelijken en assimilatie. Exogamie en de rol van etniciteit, religie, beroep en gender bij Duitse migranten in Nederland (1870-1930)," *Tijdschrift voor Sociale en Economische Geschiedenis* 2 (2005).

¹⁷ Ruby Jo Reeves Kennedy, "Single or triple melting-pot? Intermarriage trends in New Haven, 1870-1940," *The American Journal of Sociology* 49 (1944).

¹⁸ Foner, Nancy, and Richard D. Alba. "Immigrant Religion in the U.S. and Western Europe: Bridge or Barrier to Inclusion?" *International Migration Review* 42, no. 2 (2008): 360-392.

¹⁹ Loïc Wacquant, "Red belt, black belt: racial division, class inequality and the state in the French urban periphery and the American ghetto," in *Urban poverty and the underclass*, ed. Enzo Mingione (Cambridge, 1996).

²⁰ Marco van Leeuwen and Ineke Maas, "Endogamy and social class in history: an overview," *International Review of Social History* 50 (2005). p. 1.

²¹ Ibid. p. 17. They refer to Bourdieu's famous study *Distinction*. And to: Matthijs Kalmijn, "Assortative mating by cultural and economic occupational status," *American Journal of Sociology* 100 (1994).

²² Lucassen, *The Immigrant Threat*. P. 70.

culturally and institutionally embedded discrimination cause social distance, as in the cases of African Americans,²³ or when religious boundaries are drawn by groups themselves like orthodox Jews, Muslims and Hindus. Intermarriage patterns therefore not only shed light on the integration process, but also on the criteria that in certain historical contexts are deemed relevant, both by migrants and established populations.

Determinants of intermarriage

Scholars from different disciplines have formulated various theories to explain intermarriage (or the lack thereof), within which we can roughly distinguish two variants. First of all, the *contact theory* assumes that people have to meet before they can start a relationship. This seems a truism, but the extent to which different groups (in our case migrants and natives) attend the same schools, live in the same neighbourhoods, work in the same places, go to the same clubs, bars or worship together strongly influences the propensity to intermarry.²⁴ A similar argument can be found in Peter Blau's work who elaborated Simmel's interpretation of the modernization in the 19th century. In contrast to traditional societies in modern complex social orders, Blau argues that "a person's multiple group affiliations constitute mostly crosscutting circles", which further profound and lasting intergroup relations. To what extent people from different groups do intersect depends, among other things, on gender ratios, age distribution, relative group size, and the heterogeneity of the group.²⁵

More recently gender as an important analytical category has been integrated in the contact theory. Unbalanced sex ratios often influence the propensity to intermarry. When migrant groups consist predominantly of men, the chances of marrying someone from their own group diminish. As many men did not want to stay single, they looked for marriageable women among other groups. Examples are single male guestworkers from Italy, Spain and Portugal, but also from Turkey and Morocco in Western Europe during the 1960s, many of whom married native women.²⁶ For the Netherlands we have the examples of Italian chimney sweeps in the nineteenth century, and Chinese sailors in the 1930s and the 1940s.²⁷

The contact theory describes a situation in which serious social or institutional barriers are absent. In many cases, however, life is not that idyllic and this is where the *barrier theory* comes in, predicting low intermarriage rates when secular and/or religious authorities put up (institutional) barriers to restrict or discourage marriage across social religious, racial or national lines. Examples are the anti-miscegenation laws in the United

²³ Suzanne Model and Gene Fisher, "Unions between blacks and whites: England and the US compared," *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 25 (2002).; Nancy Foner and George M. Fredrickson, eds., *Not just black and white: historical and contemporary perspectives on immigration, race, and ethnicity in the United States* (New York, 2004).

²⁴ Matthijs Kalmijn, "Intermarriage and homogamy: causes, patterns, trends," *Annual Review of Sociology* 24 (1998).

²⁵ Peter M. Blau, Caroline Becker, and Kevin M. Fitzpatrick, "Intersecting social affiliations and intermarriage," *Social Forces* 62 (1984).; Peter M. Blau, Terry C. Blum, and Joseph E. Schwartz, "Heterogeneity and Intermarriage," *American Sociological Review* 47 (1982).; Paul C. Glick, *American families* (New York, 1976).

²⁶ Glick called this the 'marriage squeeze': Glick, *American families*. See table 9 and 14 in the appendix.

²⁷ For Italians, see Margaret Chotkowski, *Vijftien ladders en een dambord. Contacten van Italiaanse migranten in Nederland 1860-1940* (Amsterdam, 2006). For guest workers see: Hondius, "De 'trouwlustige gastarbeider'."

States, which were only abolished by the Supreme Court in 1967, migration laws that aim at restricting marriage migration or the refusal of priests to solemnize religiously mixed marriages. Barriers, however, do not only transpire from the dominant society, they can also emanate from (migrant) groups themselves, often linked to political, cultural or religious reasons.²⁸ Sometimes in reaction to discrimination, as in the case of the Black Power movement in the U.S. who from the 1960s onwards rejected marriages with whites,²⁹ but groups such the Pennsylvania Amish may also prefer endogamous marriages independent of exclusionary practices.³⁰

Both approaches have been incorporated in the modernised assimilation theory as developed by Alba and Nee. Their framework allows us to study in a systematic way the variables listed in both the contact and the barrier theory. When intermarriage rates are low, the latter allows us to focus on the attenuation of (perceived) cultural, socio-economical, ethnic or racial differences between groups and the effect on the propensity to intermarry. Crucial is the measure to which these differences are seen as important or as a problem.³¹ If the partners look upon each other as too different to share a life together or their family and friends react negatively upon perceived differences, the couple is likely to split up or will not start a relationship in the first place. On the other hand the contact theory is important in highlighting the actual chances of meeting and the existing social distance between groups.

Embedding contact and barrier notions in the assimilation theory has the advantage that intermarriage can be systematically linked to other dimensions and studied in a longer time frame. Thus it predicts that over time, often over generations, the descendants of migrants will intersect more with the native population and at the same time will overcome social pressure to choose marriage partners from within their own group. Only when institutional barriers stay in place, consolidating group boundaries, intermarriage rates are bound to remain low. In most historical cases that we know of, at least in Western nation states, this assimilation perspective works quite well, as is illustrated by the migration history of Western Europe before World War II.

Migration and intermarriage before World War II

In contrast to the United States, European states have considered themselves as ethnically homogeneous from the 19th century onwards, or – as in the case of Germany and its

²⁸ For an overview of literature on anti miscegenation laws see: R. Moran, *Interracial intimacy. The regulation of race & romance* (Chicago and London 2001); Betty de Hart, "Introduction: The Marriage of Convenience in European Immigration Law," *European journal of migration and law* 8 (2006); Kennedy, "Single or triple melting-pot?"; Dienke Hondius, "De 'trouwlustige gastarbeider' en het Hollandse meisje. De bezorgde ontmoediging van Italiaans- en Spaans-Nederlandse huwelijken, 1956-1972," *Migrantenstudies* 16 (2000).

²⁹ Paul R. Spickard, *Mixed Blood: Intermarriage and Ethnic Identity in Twentieth-Century America* (Madison 1991).

³⁰ This may easily lead to inbreeding: Dorsten, Linda Ebert, Lawrence Hotchkiss, and Terri M. King. "Consanguineous marriage and early childhood mortality in an Amish settlement." *Sociological focus: quarterly journal of the North Central Sociological Association* 29, no. 2 (1996).

³¹ R. Merton, "Intermarriage and social structure: fact and theory," *Psychiatry* 4 (1941); Robert Merton, "Intermarriage and social structure: fact and theory," *Psychiatry: journal of the biology and the pathology of interpersonal relations* 4 (1941).

Polish speaking minority - tried to homogenise their populations as much as possible.³² As far as the collective memory of these countries included migration, it was limited to the mass emigration to overseas destinations, especially the Americas. Thus, between 1840 and 1920 almost 55 million Europeans, first from the North-West and later also from the South and the East left the old continent to settle overseas, especially in North America, although considerable numbers returned.³³ This stress on emigration has buttressed the nationalist idea that immigration to Western Europe was a rather unnatural and recent phenomenon. Since the 1980s, however, migration historians have successfully refuted this received knowledge.³⁴ We now know that many states experienced massive internal movements, mostly to industrial core areas, whereas millions of intra-European migrant crossed state borders. To mention just the most striking examples: hundred thousands of Italians who settled in France, equally large numbers of Irish who ended up in Lancashire, Glasgow and London, and Polish speaking workers who drastically changed the population of what was to become the Ruhr area.³⁵ The importance of the intra-European migrations is well illustrated by Italian migrants in the 19th and 20th centuries, more than half of whom did not board ships for the new world but moved within Europe.³⁶ In fact, both internal and international migration was a structural feature of European societies at least since the early modern period, as a recent overview has convincingly shown.³⁷ The idea of stable and ethnically homogeneous populations, so dominant in national historiographies, is therefore highly problematic, although the impact of foreign immigrations differs from country to country (see table 2).³⁸

³² A classical study of nation building, state formation is Eugen Weber, *Peasants into Frenchmen: the modernization of rural France, 1870-1914* (Stanford 1976).

³³ Adam McKeown, "Global Migration 1846-1940," *Journal of World History* 15 (2004). Walter Nugent, *Crossings: the great transatlantic migrations, 1870-1914* (Bloomington, 1992). Mark Wyman, *Round-trip America: the immigrants return to Europe, 1880-1930* (Ithaca, 1993).

³⁴ See e.g. Jan Lucassen, *Migrant Labour in Europe. The Drift to the North Sea* (London, 1987). Leslie Page Moch, *Moving Europeans. Migration in Western Europe since 1650* (Bloomington, 2003). And Klaus J. Bade, *Europa in Bewegung. Migration vom späten 18. Jahrhundert bis zur Gegenwart* (München, 2000).; Dirk Hoerder and Leslie Page Moch, eds., *European migrants: global and local perspectives* (Boston, 1996).

³⁵ Lucassen, *The Immigrant Threat*.

³⁶ Donna R. Gabaccia, *Italy's many diasporas* (London, 2000).; Federica Bertagna and Marina Maccari-Clayton, "Italien," in *Enzyklopädie Migration in Europa. Vom 17. Jahrhundert bis zur Gegenwart*, ed. Klaus J. Bade, et al. (Paderborn and Munich, 2007).

³⁷ Bade et al., eds., *Enzyklopädie Migration in Europa*. See also Nicholas Canny, ed., *Europeans on the move. Studies on European migration, 1500-1800* (Oxford, 1994).

³⁸ The British Isles taken together, for example, have remained rather isolated already since the early modern period, with many people leaving, but relatively few entering until the mid 20th century: Jelle van Lottum, *Across the North Sea. The impact of the Dutch Republic on international labour migration, c. 1550-1850* (Amsterdam, 2007). And Kenneth Lunn, "Grossbritannien," in *Enzyklopädie Migration in Europa. Vom 17. Jahrhundert bis zur Gegenwart*, ed. Klaus J. Bade, et al. (Paderborn and Munich, 2007).

Table 2: Foreign (born) population in Western European countries (1850-2000)

	1850	1910	1930	1950	1970	1990	2000
UK*	4	2	2 (?)	5	6	7	8
Germany	1	2	1	1	5	8	9
France	1	3	7	4	6	7	9
Netherlands*	2	2	4	1	4	8	10
Belgium	1	4	4	4	7	9	9
Switzerland	3	15	9	6	17	18	21

Source: Bade et al., *Enzyklopädie*; Herbert, *A history of foreign labor*; Mauco, 'Immigration.'

*= foreign born. In case of the UK, we have included the Irish.³⁹

Until the Second World War the bulk of these migrations concerned Europeans. Immigrants from non-European regions, also those who stayed only permanently, were rare, especially in North-Western Europe. This would only slowly change after World War I. During the Great War France recruited more than two hundred thousand workers and soldiers from North African and Indochina soldiers to fight and work behind the front lines. Although most returned to their country of origin, the migration paths remained intact. In France ten thousands of Algerian and other North African men, who from 1914 onwards had more or less free access to the 'Hexagone', found employment as low skilled workers in the 1920s and 1930s.⁴⁰ In other countries the numbers of colonial migrants were much lower, but also in England and the Netherlands numbers went up.⁴¹ Finally, Europe came into contact with Chinese migrants, mostly boilermen and sailors, but also traders, who constituted small but highly visible male communities in European harbour cities like Liverpool, Marseilles, Rotterdam and Amsterdam.

Intermarriage

Given the racially loaded negative stereotypes of non-Europeans it is surprising that many migrants who came to Western Europe between the wars, like Chinese and West Indians, married native European women. This is partly explained by the one-sided sex ratio of these groups, who were almost entirely composed of young unmarried men. Especially a considerable part of the (tiny) Chinese male population married indigenous women, especially after they realised that returning to their home country was difficult, or even impossible (during World War II).⁴² An exception to this pattern are Algerians

³⁹ The percentage of the Irish-born population in 1851 was 2.9% for England and Wales. In Scotland the impact was even greater (7.2%): Lucassen, *The Immigrant Threat*: p. 31.

⁴⁰ Clifford Rosenberg, *Policing Paris. The origins of modern immigration contro between the wars* (Ithaca and Londen, 2006).; Mary Dewhurst Lewis, *The boundaries of the Republic. Migrant rights and the limits of universalism in France 1918-1940* (Stanford, 2007).

⁴¹ This includes colonial migrants from mixed descent born in the colonies: Ulbe Bosma, "Sailing through Suez from the South: The emergence of an Indies-Dutch migration circuit, 1815-1940," *International Migration Review* 41 (2007).

⁴² There is no systematic study, let alone an international comparison, but many case studies give ample indications that mixed marriages were not uncommon: Lucassen, *The Immigrant Threat*. p. 123. See also Gerard van der Harst and Leo Lucassen, *Nieuw in Leiden. Plaats en betekenis van vreemdelingen in een Hollandse stad* (Leiden, 1998). P. 136. For Algerians see Rosenberg, *Policing Paris*. 135-138.

and other North African French subjects in France who, although legally being citizens, were stigmatized, marginalised and discriminated against. This resulted in systematic surveillance by the French police, regular expulsions to North Africa and curtailment of political and social rights.⁴³ This severely reduced the possibilities and tendency to intermarry.

For intra-European migrants, like the Italians in France, Germans in the Netherlands and the Polish miners in Belgium, to mention a few well known groups, the rate of exogamy depended not only on their sex ratio, but also on religion, marital status of the migrants and the prominence of nationalistic feelings, for example among the Poles and the Irish.⁴⁴ Whereas thousands of German female servants in the Netherlands married Dutch men,⁴⁵ Poles, with a more balanced sex ratio and a vigorous nationalism, married mainly within their own group.⁴⁶ How their children fared is largely unknown. Except for the Poles in the Western part of Germany (with intermarriage rates up to 30% around 1920) and the Italians in France (probably over 50%),⁴⁷ research is almost entirely lacking.

As the prewar situation largely confirms the assumptions of the assimilation theory, it also reveals some weak or at least underdeveloped spots, which force us to look more closely at the role of institutional barriers. Alba and Nee, concentrating on European, Asian and Hispanic migrants to the United States, predominantly point at the increase of intermarriage in the longer, intergenerational, run. Important factors in the blurring and fading of group boundaries are upward social mobility by the descendants of migrants and the decrease of ethnic stereotyping over time, especially from the 1960s onwards. The only exception being the boundary between black and white Americans.

Alba and Nee pay less attention to efforts to promote endogamy within ethnic groups,⁴⁸ and do not explicitly link intragroup pressure to their institutional framework. The case of the Poles in Germany and the Irish in England before World War II, however, shows that it is important to broaden their definition of institutions and not restrict it to the legal structures of the receiving society, such as the anti-miscegenation laws in the Jim Crow era, nor to attitudes of the native population more in general. Especially the Polish story shows that the role of institutions is more complicated. On the one hand, the militant Polish ethnocentrism in the period 1870-1930 was not only a reaction to the repressive policies of the German state, but was also a crucial part of the Poles' own national project.

⁴³ Lewis, *The boundaries of the Republic*. pp. 188-215; Rosenberg, *Policing Paris*.

⁴⁴ John Belchem and Klaus Tenfelde, eds., *Polish and Irish migration in comparative perspective* (Essen, 2003), Lucassen, *The Immigrant Threat*, Ralf Karl Oenning, "Du da mitti polnischen Farben..." *Sozialisationserfahrungen von Polen im Ruhrgebiet 1918 bis 1939* (Münster, 1991).

⁴⁵ Leo Lucassen, "Administrative into social control: the aliens police and foreign female servants in the Netherlands, 1918-1940," *Social History* 27 (2002).; Leo Lucassen, "Bringing structure back in. Economic and political determinants of immigration in Dutch cities, 1920-1940," *Social Science History* 26 (2002).

⁴⁶ Leen Beyers, *Iedereen zwart. Het samenleven van nieuwkomers en gevestigden in de mijncité Zwartberg, 1930-1990* (Amsterdam, 2007). p. 119. Lucassen, *The Immigrant Threat*. P. 96; see also Alain Girard and Jean Stoetzel, *Français et immigrés. L'attitude française. L'adaptation des Italiens et des Polonais* (Paris, 1953). P. 70 and Georges Mauco, *Les étrangers en France. Leur rôle dans l'activité économique* (Paris, 1932). P. 532.

⁴⁷ Lucassen, *The Immigrant Threat*. 69-71.

⁴⁸ They only briefly refer to Jews: Alba and Nee, *Remaking the American mainstream*, 92.

On the other hand, the systematic repression of their nationalistic project by the German state in the longer run lead many of their children born in the Western part of Germany chose to pass as Germans. A clear sign is the increase in the number of applications to change their surnames, which shows that they succumbed to the direct and indirect assimilation pressure. With its stress on institutions the new assimilation theory seems in the short run to underestimate the influence of barriers *within* immigrant groups, whereas in the longer run it should pay more attention to ‘passing’ as a reaction to institutionalised assimilation pressure.⁴⁹ In the next section we will use this enriched assimilation theory to analyse intermarriage patterns in post war period, concentrating on the marriage behavior of the second generation at the end of the 20th century.

Immigration and intermarriage patterns in Western Europe since the 1950s

Immigration to Western Europe, from the Southern fringe and from Asia, Africa and the Caribbean, increased since the late 1940s, caused by decolonization, guest worker programmes and – especially from the 1980s onwards – refugees from Asia and Africa. Their integration process has been studied from many angles, including intermarriage. To what extent those who settled in Western Europe did intermarry in the period 1950-1980, however, is largely untrodden terrain. Partly this is explained by the lack of data. Only in the last decades of the 20th century has information on intermarriage patterns of migrants and their children become available. Partly because from the 1980s onwards national statistical bureau’s have started measuring these ‘social facts’ and research institutes, like the French INSEE and the Dutch SCP, have become interested in this issue and thereby made intermarriage ‘legible’.⁵⁰ But scholars have also gathered data through surveys and micro censuses. So far, however, A systematic comparison of intermarriage patterns throughout Western Europe is lacking.

Notwithstanding the increasing statistical apprehension of mixed marriages of migrants and their children in Western Europe, it was not easy to find comparable and consistent data on intermarriage for the first and second generation of the groups we analyze in this paper. Partly because national traditions in registering ethnic difference differ, but also because definitions vary as well, from registrations on the basis of nationality (Germany, France) to origin and ethnicity (Netherlands and Great Britain). Finally, the periods under observation, and thereby the cohorts that are measured, fluctuate. Nevertheless, the available data on intermarriage rates of first and second generation migrants in the period 1992-2003 reveal a number of interesting patterns, that are supported by the secondary literature.⁵¹ We summarized our results in the following table.

⁴⁹ This phenomenon is only mentioned once: Alba and Nee, *Remaking the American mainstream*, 61.

⁵⁰ Using the concept of James Scott: James C. Scott, *Seeing like a state: how certain schemes to improve the human condition have failed* (New Haven, 1998).

⁵¹ For example: Kalmijn and Tubergen, "Ethnic intermarriage.", Gérard Neyrand and Marine M'Sili, "Les couples mixtes dans la France contemporaine. Mariage, acquisition de la nationalité française et divorce'," *Population* 52 (1997), Niekerk, *Premigration legacies*, Tribalat, *Faire France*.

Table 3: Average intermarriage rates in Western Europe 1990-2000 according to sex and generation

		Male 1 st	Male 2 nd	Female 1 st	Female 2 nd	Average
COL- ER	West-Indians (UK, NL)	26	60	26	46	40
GW- ER	Italians, Greeks, Yugoslavians (Ger), Spanish, Portuguese (Fr.)	22	48	15	38	31
GW-NER	Moroccans, Turks (Ger, NL, Be) Algerians (F.)	11	16	5	8	10
COL- NER	Algerians, Moroccans (Fr.), British-Indians, Pakistanis, Bangladeshis (UK), Indo-Surinamese (NL)	5	11	7	10	8

Key: See table 1. The rates are averages of tables 4-7.

The most important trend we discern in the data on intermarriage is that religion matters much more than colour or ‘race’, which is in stark contrast to the race obsessed American case. Migrants of African origin, but with a Christian religion, tend to intermarry far more than migrants with a lighter skin colour but with a non-Western European religion (Islam, Hinduism). This is true for both men and women, although the rates for women are even lower than for men, which is explained by the patriarchal traditions in Muslim and Hindu societies.⁵² For example, Muslim women who marry a non-Muslim man are seen as lost for the (patrilinear) family and thereby for Islam. From this perspective the children will take the religion of the non-Muslim father. This is different for Muslim men who marry a non-Muslim woman, although only when they marry a Christian or Jew (‘religions of the book’), as men are not seen as lost for the family and faith and his children are expected to be Muslim.⁵³ It is striking that the intermarriage rates of children from parents with a non-European religion do rise somewhat, but on average remain low. This is true for Hindus as well as for Muslims (see tables 4-7).

⁵² Emmanuel Todd, *The explanation of ideology: family structures and social systems* (Oxford and New York, 1985).

⁵³ Emmanuel Todd, *Le destin des immigrés: assimilation et ségrégation dans les démocraties occidentales* (Paris, 1994). P. 178 and p. 306.

Table 4: Intermarriage rates for men of the first generation (1991-2003)

	Netherlands (2003) ⁵⁴				Germany (2000)				France (1992)			Belgium (1991)		UK (2002)			
	Tu	Mo	Wi ⁵⁵	In	Tu	It	Gr	Yu	Al	Sp	Po	Tu	Mo	Pa	Ba	Wi	In
GW (NER)	7	6			13				15			7*	17*				
COL (NER)				10										3	1		5
GW (ER)						38	18	21		18	15						
COL (ER)			26													27	

Key: See table 1.

Source: see appendix, tables 1 (only the rates from 2000), 4 (1991), 5 (1988-2002: only for Indians in the Netherlands), 6 (2003), 12 (2002) and 13 (1992).

* The Belgium rates do not distinguish between first and second generation, and are therefore most probably too high

Table 5: Intermarriage rates for women of the first generation (1991-2003)

	Netherlands (2003) ⁵⁶				Germany (2000)				France (1992)			Belgium (1991)		UK (2002)			
	Tu	Mo	Wi ⁵⁷	In	Tu	It	Gr	Yu	Al	Sp	Po	Tu	Mo	Pa	Ba	Wi	In
GW (NER)	9	7			7				9			2*	6*				
COL (NER)				10										2	1		5
GW (ER)						13	12	18		25	6						
COL (ER)			35													16	

Key: See table 1.

Source: see appendix, tables 1 (only the rates from 2000), 4 (1991), 5 (1988-2002: only for Indians in the Netherlands), 6 (2003), 12 (2002) and 13 (1992).

* The Belgium rates do not distinguish between first and second generation and are therefore most probably too high

⁵⁴ Except for the Indian Surninamese in the Netherlands (1988-2002: see table 5 in the appendix).

⁵⁵ The statistics on the Surinamese do not differentiate between Creoles and Indians. We know however, that the rates for Indians are much lower (around 10%: see table 5 in the appendix), so that the average rate for alle Surninamese (26) is severely debased.

⁵⁶ Except for the Indian Surninamese in the Netherlands (1988-2002: see table 5 in the appendix).

⁵⁷ See footnote 52.

Table 6: Intermarriage rates for men of the second generation (1992-2003)

	Netherlands (2003)				Germany (2000)				France (1992)			UK (2002)			
	Tu	Mo	Wi	In	Tu	It	Gr	Yu	Al	Sp	Po	Pa	Ba	Wi	In
GW (NER)	7	14			13				30**						
COL (NER)												9	10		13
GW (ER)						51	35	30		66	59				
COL (ER)			59*											61	

Key: See table 1. Data for Belgium are not available for the second generation

Source: see appendix, tables 1 (only the rates from 2000), 6 (2003), 12 (2002), 13 (1992)

* average of Surinamese (43%) and Antilleans (75%)

** estimate: percentage of all first unions (including cohabitations) is 50.

Table 7: Intermarriage rates for women of the second generation (1992-2003)

	Netherlands (2003)				Germany (2000)				France (1992)			UK (2002)			
	Tu	Mo	Wi	In	Tu	It	Gr	Yu	Al	Sp	Po	Pa	Ba	Wi	In
GW-NER	5	7			6				15						
COL-NER												2	12		15
GW-ER						30	19	28		65	47				
COL-ER			62*											29	

Key: See table 1. Data for Belgium are not available for the second generation

Source: see appendix, tables 1 (only the rates from 2000), 6 (2003), 12 (2002), 13 (1992)

* average of Surinamese (44%) and Antilleans (79%)

We should beware, however, to explain these differences strictly in religious terms. Religion is not an isolated characteristic, but closely linked to cultural traditions and family systems.⁵⁸ Decisions about crossing ethno-religious boundaries are therefore not only motivated by theological, but also by cultural arguments, linked to (patriarchal) family systems and traditions. An outstanding feature of assortative marriages among Muslim migrants is that they almost without exception are made within their own ethnic group (Turks marry Turks, Moroccans marry Moroccans), showing that extra religious

⁵⁸ Todd, *The explanation of ideology*.

group factors play a role as well. The most important cultural factor seems to be the predominant “endogamous, community-based family system”, as explained by the anthropologist Emmanuel Todd (building on F. Le Play’s mid 19th century typology), who argued that in most Muslim societies it is acceptable to marry cousins, especially children of brothers, in order to maintain the unity of the patrilineal clan.⁵⁹ As we will see, Todd’s stress on family systems can shed light on a number of deviations from the general dichotomy between religion and colour. Although differences in religion between migrants and nationals of the receiving countries are a strong predictor for low intermarriage rates, it has its limits, as the following examples will show.

Deviating patterns

Among Portuguese women in France, who share their Catholic faith with the French nationals, a strong assortative mating pattern is visible, especially in the first generation (table 5). The bulk of the Portuguese migrants arrived as guest workers in the period 1963-1973. At first, they were mainly men, but they were very soon followed by women and children. This migration was so massive that around 1980 some 630,000 Portuguese had settled. The intermarriage rates of women in this group, which is regarded as perfectly integrated in other spheres of French society, are significantly lower than of other Southern European and Catholic guest workers like the Spanish and the Italians. This might partly be explained by the fast follow migration and thereby the rebalancing of the sex ratios, but this in itself might as well be caused by a more general ethnic cohesiveness among the Portuguese.⁶⁰ This is reflected in the close contacts they keep to their home country, the strong and dense associative networks,⁶¹ and low naturalization figures.⁶² Ethnic feelings among Portuguese were so strong that intermarriages among the first generation were frowned upon and mixed couples were often excluded from the ethnic community. According to Patrick Simon this exclusion most probably has negatively influenced the societal chances of the children from these mixed marriages who tend to do less well in school and in the job market.⁶³ In their case the general rule that ethnic exogamy is related to upward social mobility is therefore not corroborated. This penalty on intermarriage, however, has decreased among the second generation, among whom the rates have risen spectacular (tables 6 and 7).

The second divergent pattern is found among Algerians in France, who have a colonial background with elements of the guest worker recruitment system. Although being Muslims and coming from the same cultural North African (Maghreb) region, their intermarriage rates are significantly higher than those of Moroccans in the Netherlands

⁵⁹ Todd, *Le destin des immigrants*, p. 284-285.

⁶⁰ Portuguese in the Netherlands established their own parishes, because they did not feel at home in Dutch Catholic churches. Not only because of the language barrier but also because their version of Catholicism differed from the Dutch traditions: Charlotte Laarman, "De Portugeestalige migranten en hun parochies in de Nederlandse katholieke kerk, 1969-2005," *Tijdschrift voor Sociale en Economische Geschiedenis* 4 (2007).

⁶¹ Patrick Simon, "France and the Unknown Second Generation: Preliminary Results on Social Mobility," *International Migration Review* 37 (2003). P. 1097.

⁶² C. Borrel and C. Tavan, "La vie familiale des immigrants," *France. Portrait Social* (2003). P. 113.; Simon, "France and the unknown second generation." P. 1095.

⁶³ Simon, "France and the unknown second generation." P. 1106.

and probably in Belgium as well.⁶⁴ According to Todd the relatively high exogamy among French Algerians can be explained by the colonial link between France and Algeria; bonds that are lacking in the case of Moroccans in Belgium and the Netherlands.⁶⁵ From the time that Algeria became a French *département* in 1848, Algeria underwent a strong Francophone influence; linguistically, culturally, economically and politically.⁶⁶ Hundred thousands of French ‘colons’ settled there and the French system of government, complete with *départements*, *arrondissements*, *communes*, *prefects* and *maires* was put in place. The result was that many Algerians who went to French were, just like other colonial migrants, already partly socialised in the French culture, including the ideology of egalitarian individualism.

It is remarkable that the widespread collective negative, and institutionally embedded,⁶⁷ image of Algerians already before World War II did not refrain French and Algerians (men and women) to intermarry. This does not mean however that this negative image and the partly traumatic colonial history did not influence intermarriage trends. Neyrand and M’Sili found that Moroccan and Tunisian migrants, also Muslims and colonial migrants, had higher rates of intermarriage, especially among the first generation, than Algerians. They explain this by the animosity of the Algerians towards the French as a consequence of repercussions in the Algerian war of independence.⁶⁸

If we compare intermarriage patterns of Algerians and Turks, we find that in contrast to the Turks, among Algerians the French socialisation and reduced social distance as a consequence of colonialism eroded the endogamous community family system. The strong influence of the cultural socialisation in French society is also demonstrated by the high divorce rate of children of Algerian descent born in France who marry a partner from Algeria,⁶⁹ a phenomenon which is also documented for North Africans and Turks in Western Europe.⁷⁰ Although at first sight such French-Algerian couples make a good cultural fit, very soon the differences in socialisation make themselves felt and many marriages are broken up within a few years. This shows that the second generation born in Western Europe has become much more European than many realize.

The pattern found for Algerians diverges strongly from that of Moroccans and Turks in countries like Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany. According to Todd in his discussion of Turks in Germany, this is first of all explained by the negative image that German nationals have of Turks and therefore their reluctance to marry them, and secondly by the Islamization of Turks in Germany and the consolidation of the endogamous family system.⁷¹ Other researchers have added, also with respect to Turks in

⁶⁴ Unfortunately the rates on Belgium (in 1991) are a mixture of the first and second generation (see table 4 in the appendix).

⁶⁵ Todd, *Le destin des immigrés*, p. 307. See also Todd Shepard, *The Invention of Decolonization: The Algerian War and the Remaking of France* (Ithaca, 2006). pp. 20-21.

⁶⁶ Neil MacMaster, *Colonial migrants and racism. Algerians in France, 1900-62* (Houndmills, 1997).; Lucassen, *The Immigrant Threat*. Pp. 173-179.

⁶⁷ Rosenberg, *Policing Paris*; Fahrmeir, *Citizenship*, 166-167; 190.

⁶⁸ Neyrand and M’Sili, "Les couples mixtes."

⁶⁹ Tribalat, *Faire France*, 85.

⁷⁰ Huis, Mila van and Liesbeth Steenhof. "Echtscheidingskansen van allochtonen: huwelijkscohorten 1991–2000." *Bevolkingstrends* 51, no. 4 (2003): 35-37. Neyrand and M’Sili, "Les couples mixtes."

⁷¹ Todd, *Le destin des immigrés*, pp. 168-169; 178 and 182.

the Netherlands, that most Turkish parents loathe the idea of their children marrying natives and are even critical of (second generation) partners within the Turkish group who are born in the receiving society. Instead, many parents prefer a Turkish born daughter or son-in-law, who is believed to be more trustworthy and traditional.⁷² This pressure to choose partners from the country of origin, which we also found among Moroccan migrants, is further stimulated by the unintended effects of restrictive aliens policies. When other immigration channels were closed in the mid 1970s, marriage migration was one of the few options left. This means that there is a strong social pressure within Turkish and Moroccan groups for children born in Europe to marry a partner from the country of origin of their parents.⁷³ In the Netherlands for example, almost three quarters of the Turkish youth who married between 1990 and 1995, were pressured by their parents to choose a partner from Turkey.⁷⁴

From this, however, we should not draw the conclusion that the second generation blindly follows the preferences of the parents, nor that this will automatically lead to lower social mobility. Moreover, we should realize that the choice of a partner from the country of origin is deeply gendered. As was evident in tables 4 to 7, these communities have higher rates of intermarriage for men than for women, which is often explained by the lack of agency of women in choosing their future spouse: a feature that is recounted over and over again in the debates on the position of women in Islam (although it is surely not exclusively Islamic). But agency is not the only explanation. Dutch research has shown that Moroccan and Turkish women who decide to marry within their own ethnic and religious group, often prefer a partner with a similar educational background. As many of these women are on average better educated than their male counterparts, they have difficulties finding a suitable partner in Europe and look for a groom in Turkey or Morocco. Moreover these (higher educated) men in general have cultural views that fit better with the emancipated norms and aspirations that the Europe born women have developed. Men from these groups, on the other hand, on average have very low educational qualifications and hold conventional ideas on gender roles. Therefore they follow the opposite path by looking for a bride from the country of origin of their parents from a traditional background and no or very limited education.⁷⁵ The same holds true for Hindustani migrants from Surinam in the Netherlands.⁷⁶

In some debates on the integration endogamous marriages are seen as proof of the backwardness of migrant cultures and their unwillingness to integrate. Mixed marriages are thus put forward as modern and assortative marriages as traditional. This dichotomy dominates the debates, but is in reality less straightforward. Research has shown that in recent years the number of marriages of Western European men and migrant women

⁷² Anita Böcker, "Paving the way to a better future: Turks in the Netherlands," in *Immigrant integration. The Dutch case*, ed. Hans Vermeulen and Rinus Penninx (Amsterdam, 2000). See also: Anita Böcker, "Chain Migration over Legally Closed Borders. Settled Immigrants as bridgeheads and Gatekeepers," *Netherlands' Journal of Social Sciences* 30 (1994).

⁷³ Carien Nelissen and Frank J. Buijs, "Between continuity and change. Moroccans in the Netherlands," in *Immigrant integration. The Dutch case*, ed. Hans Vermeulen and Rinus Penninx (Amsterdam, 2000). P. 190.

⁷⁴ Böcker, "Paving the way." Pp. 164-165.

⁷⁵ Hooghiemstra, *Trouwen over de grens*.

⁷⁶ Koning, M. de, and E. Bartels. *Over het huwelijk gesproken: partnerkeuze en gedwongen huwelijken bij Marokkaanse, Turkse en Hindoestaanse Nederlanders*. Amsterdam: Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, 2004.

from the Philippines and Thailand has exponentially risen. These men state that they preferred a spouse from these countries for they considered them more obedient, caring and traditional than Western European women.⁷⁷

The third peculiarity of the data presented in tables 4-7 pertains to the colonial background in general. When we link the intermarriage patterns of colonial migrants to the typology of family systems as elaborated by Todd, at first sight the picture seems to be clear. In cases where the family system of colonial migrants was matriarchal, nuclear and exogamous,⁷⁸ as in the case of the descendants of African slaves in the Caribbean who went to France, Great Britain and the Netherlands (their metropolis), this premigration legacy lead to high intermarriage rates, notwithstanding racist stereotypes. With other words, the prevalent family (exogamous) family system (with insignificant numbers of cousins marrying each other) make a better fit with the European egalitarian nuclear family and thus reinforce the effects of colonial socialisation. Within this family system marriage is not the norm and many partners cohabit. This indicates that the data presented in tables 4-7 do not tell the whole story. The actual number of mixed liaisons will probably be higher. Existing colonial racist hierarchies strengthened the tendency for West Indians in these three countries to cross the racial boundary ('colouring up'), because a light skin colour meant a higher social status.⁷⁹ Muslim and Hindu migrants from former colonies in the Netherlands, France and the UK do not follow the same pattern, as religion dovetailed with endogamous and patrilineal family systems.

Finally, and fourthly, recent research by Raya Muttarak on intermarriage patterns in Great Britain, problematize the sweeping assumption that increased intermarriage rates coincides with upward social mobility, and thereby structural integration. Thus, among the second generation of 'Blacks', both from the Caribbean and other origins, increased intermarriage rates do not necessarily correlate with higher educational attainments. Both men and women who are highly educated do not intermarry more and to some extent even less. Muttarak explains this by pointing at the segmented nature of the integration process:

"Another interesting pattern is that Black African & Black Other men with low qualifications and women with no qualifications have a higher propensity to marry a white partner than their counterparts with high qualifications. High qualifications do not seem to be the main driver of interethnic marriage for Black Caribbeans either. This implies that statistically having no or low qualifications is a determinant of intermarriage for Black Caribbean and Black African & Black Other. In fact, Blacks are found to be relatively well-integrated in British society but likely to be associated with the white working class community rather than the service class (Peach, 1996b). This explains why high educational qualifications are not so important in promoting intermarriage in the case of Blacks because

⁷⁷ Betty de Hart, "Huwelijksmigratie, vreemdelingenrecht en integratie," *Bevolking en Gezin* 33 (2004).

⁷⁸ Todd, *Le destin des immigrés* pp. 344-345.

⁷⁹ Foner, "Towards a comparative perspective."; Niekerk, *Premigration legacies*. P. 209-210.

they have already been well-integrated segmentedly into the working class society.”⁸⁰

In fact, Muttarak points at a general sociological phenomenon linked to social mobility. Blacks who rise on the social ladder thereby ‘leave’ the white group they know best and enter a segment of British society which is relatively uncharted terrain. For them, as for whites with a working class background, it will take time to find partners with the same cultural capital, to borrow from Bourdieu, and this may increase the chance of marrying blacks who went through the same experience.

Conclusion:

The migration history of Western Europe since the middle of the 19th century, which has long been neglected, shows that the slow and often painful intergenerational integration process of post war migrants is nothing new. Irish newcomers in the United Kingdom and Italians in France for example, had to overcome major barriers in order to become integrated in the receiving societies. Apart from restricted social mobility and residential segregation, high rates of ethnic endogamy in the first and partly the second generation testify to this. When we compare these with intermarriage rates of the children of post war guest workers and colonial migrants in Western European countries, the topic of this paper, we see some remarkable differences. Whereas most Southern Europeans show a similar pattern as their 19th century predecessors, this is less the case with the descendants of colonial and labour migrants (guest workers) whose roots lie outside of Europe.

To understand this difference we have compared the marriage patterns of both European and non-European immigrants in France, Germany, the United Kingdom, Belgium and the Netherlands in the post World War II period. The first conclusion is that religion is an important variable. Migrants whose faith has no tradition in Western Europe intermarry much less than those whose religious backgrounds correspond with those that are common in the country of settlement. Ethnic endogamous marriages in Western Europe are most conspicuous in Hindu and Muslim communities, regardless of their migratory background (guest workers or colonial migrants). Not only religious or theological restrictions on intermarriage play a role here. Endogamous, patrilineal family systems and ethno-national identification influence the propensity to intermarry as well. Muslim migrants seldomly marry non Muslims, neither do they normally cross ethnic boundaries; in other words Moroccans do not marry Turks and vice versa. Even when the religion of migrants does *not* deviate, this not automatically promotes intermarriage, at least not in the first generation, as is illustrated by Portuguese migrants in France, an almost homogeneously Catholic country. In this case the strong cultural ties loosen up, however, already in the second generation.

Whereas differences in religion diminish the propensity to intermarry, colour or ‘racial’ differences on the other hand seem to be less important. This goes counter what one would expect on the basis of the dominant literature on the United States. The European situation shows that it makes a world of difference whether a country has an internal or an external slavery tradition. The late abolition of slavery in the U.S. South and the subsequent discriminatory Jim Crow segregation laws, which were eliminated

⁸⁰ Raya Muttarak, "Who intermarries in Britain? Explaining ethnic diversity in intermarriage pattern" (University of Oxford, 2007). P. 59.

only a century later, created a high awareness of race and colour, with the “one drop of blood” rule as its most extreme expression.⁸¹ This racist legacy which exerts its influence until today blocked mutual identification of black and white Americans and, among other things, produced a very low intermarriage rate.

The *external* slavery tradition and hence colonialism, of the Netherlands, France and the United Kingdom – especially in the Caribbean – also produced racist structures and a high colour awareness, but this was predominantly restricted to colony and was unable to make a fundamental imprint in the mother country. Moreover, colonialism also had an important socialising influence. Many subjects in the colonies were converted to Christianity, learned the language of the colonizer and were introduced to European political systems and values.⁸² Thus colonialism reduced the social and cultural distance between migrants from former colonies and natives in the ‘motherland’. Due to this pre-migration socialisation, colonial migrants were already familiar with key aspects of the society they migrated to. Furthermore, in many cases they were often defined as full citizens of the ‘mother country’,⁸³ which made identification by the native population easier. After an initial phase of negative and racist stereotyping, as in the case of the West Indians in the 1950s through the 1970s, these dark skinned colonial migrants became relatively quickly included in the ‘imagined community’ to use Benedict Anderson’s term.⁸⁴ Among other things this resulted in a sharp rise of the intermarriage rates.

An exception to this rule were those colonial migrants who had retained their original, non European, religion, such as the Islamic Algerians and the offspring of Indian Hindu migrants in Suriname and the United Kingdom. The Algerians who settled in France, however, pose an interesting intermediary case. Although Muslim, their children are much more exogamous than Moroccans and Turks in other Western European states without colonial ties with North Africa, which is explained by the colonial relation with France and the ensuing cultural and political socialisation

Finally our analysis has shown that apart from religion and colonial links, the low propensity to intermarry among Turks and Moroccans may also have been influenced by the unintended effects of restrictive migration policies. The increasingly stringent measures to complicate and hinder the immigration from Morocco and Turkey in countries like Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands from the mid 1970s onwards made marriage migration into one of the few remaining legal channels. As a result the pressure from the homeland on the second generation to marry someone from the country of origin of the parents increased and lead to a large inflow of marriage migrants, which – at least for the Netherlands – has only started to decline in the beginning of the 21st century.

What the future holds is of course uncertain, but it may be expected that also among Muslims and Hindus intermarriage rates will rise slowly, caused by the weakening of non Western family systems, the ongoing upward social mobility, at least for a part of these groups and the diminishing importance of ethno-national ties.

⁸¹ Alba and Nee, *The making of the American Mainstream*, 133.

⁸² See also Coleman, D. A., "Trends in fertility and intermarriage among immigrant populations in Western Europe as measures of integration." *Journal of biosocial science* 26 (1994) 1: 107-136, there 118.

⁸³ See for the UK: Hansen, Randall. *Citizenship and immigration in post-war Britain: the institutional origins of a multicultural nation*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000.

⁸⁴ Anderson, Benedict. *Imagined communities: reflections on the origin and spread of nationalism*. London: Verso editions, 1983.

Theoretical implications

Finally a short word on the implications of this paper for the modern assimilation theory, which serves as an overarching framework for both contact and barrier theories with respect to intermarriage. Although in general this heuristic model does a good job in explaining diverse outcomes of settlement processes in general and intermarriage rates in particular, it has its limitations due to the strong focus on the U.S. context. Most clearly this is expounded by the analytical exclusion of African Americans from most studies on the assimilation process of migrants in U.S. cities. Although the Great Migration brought millions of Southern blacks to Northern (and Western) cities from the First World War onwards,⁸⁵ where they competed with European migrants, their experiences and settlement processes often play only a marginal role in the analysis. Their position in American society is, often implicitly, considered as *hors concours*, which confirms the broadly shared assumption that race, at least with African roots, is an almost unbridgeable barrier. The comparison with Europe, however, shows differently.⁸⁶

Furthermore the discussion of European intermarriage patterns in the 19th and 20th century showed that the attention to institutions, as rightly advocated by Richard Alba and Victor Nee, needs a more refined and layered elaboration. Institutions, often as barriers to intermarriage, do not only emanate from the receiving society, but also – be it less formalized – within migrant communities. Especially religions and family systems, but also organized nationalist feelings, can have a profound influence on how migrants think about endogamy. Finally, strong pressures to assimilate, often through institutionalized forms of discrimination and stigmatization, not only produce isolation and frustrate assimilation (with resulting low intermarriage rates), but can also stimulate assimilation by ‘passing’ mechanisms. These factors, together with a more comparative perspective, are not completely ignored in the new assimilation theory, but - as this study of Western European intermarriage patterns stresses - deserve to be included more systematically in historical and social scientist analyses.

⁸⁵ Gregory, James N. *The Southern Diaspora: How The Great Migrations of Black and White Southerners Transformed America*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2005.

⁸⁶ For an exception to the isolationist tradition, see: Foner, Nancy. *In a new land. A comparative view of immigration*. New York: New York University Press, 2005; and Foner and Fredrickson, *Not just black and white*.

Appendix: Data on ethnic intermarriage in Western Europe 1980-2006

Germany

1: Intermarriage rates of Turkish, Italian, Yugoslav and Greek nationals in Germany (1989-2000)

		Turks		Italians		Yugosl.		Greeks	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1989	1 st g.	6	1.5	37	8.5	18.5	16	17	7.5
	2 nd g.	8.5	9	60	51	66.5	57	26.5	9.5
1993	1 st g.	6.5	2.5	40	15	15.5	18	17.5	8
	2 nd g.	4	3	69	24	23.5	32	16	5.5
1997	1 st g.	9	3	39	15.5	19	16	16	8.5
	2 nd g.	7	4.5	45.5	23	27.5	18.5	30	11
2000	1 st g.	13	7	37.5	13	21	18	17.5	12
	2 nd g.	13	5.5	51	30	30	28	35	19

Source: Schroedter, Julia H. "Binationale Ehen in Deutschland." *Wirtschaft und Statistik* Statistisches Bundesamt, no. 4 (2006): 419-431, there pp. 425-426.

Original data source: Microcensuses 1989, 1993, 1997 and 2000. (N= 70% of 820.000 persons)

N.B. Immigrants and their descendants with a German passport are counted as 'German'

2: Type of partner by sex and country of origin (1984-2002)

Turks		Italians		Yugoslavs		Greeks		Spanish	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
7	2	24	11	22	28	18	5	21	15

Source: González-Ferrer, Amparo. "Who do immigrants marry? Partner choice among single immigrants in Germany." *European Sociological Review* 22, no. 2 (2006): 171-185, there p. 175..

Original data source: GSOEP (1984-2002) (N=6000 households of which 1400 headed by non-Germans, due to oversampling of foreigners)

3: Intermarriage rates for Turks (18-30 years old) in Germany (2000)

	Turks with German nationality		Turks with Turkish nationality	
	M	F	M	F
2000	11	2	6	2

Source: Haug, Sonja. "Binationale Ehen und interethnische Partnerschaften in Deutschland - Datenlage und Erklärungsfaktoren." *Zeitschrift für Familienforschung* 16, no. 3 (2004): 305-329.

Original data source: Integrationssurvey 2000. des Bundesinstituts für Bevölkerungsforschung (BiB) (N= 1200 Italians and Turks in the age of 18-30 and 1200 Germans as control group)

Belgium

4: Intermarriage rates of Turks and Moroccans in Belgium in 1991

	Turks		Moroccans	
	M	F	M	F
Western Europeans	5.6	1.8	16,8	6,1
Co-ethnics from Belgium	19.7	29.5	26,1	37,1
Co-ethnic from country of origin	74.7	68.7	57.1	56.8

Source: Lievens, J., "Interethnic marriage: bringing in the context through multilevel modelling." *European journal of population* 14 (1998) 2: 117-155, there p. 123

Original data source: Belgian Census 1991. (N= all married couples for which at least one partner had Turkish or Moroccan nationality. It concerns 11174 Moroccan men, 7802 Moroccan women, 7378 Turkish men and 4934 Turkish women). Unfortunately no distinction is made between the first and second generation.

Netherlands

5: Intermarriage rates of Turks, Moroccans, Antilleans and Surinamese in the Netherlands (1988-2002)

	M	F	M+F	
Turks	4			
Moroccans	6			
Antilleans	48	40		
Surinamese	22	26		
- Hindu			10	
- Javanese			20	
- Creole			26	

Source: Kalmijn, Matthijs, and Frank Tubergen. "Ethnic intermarriage in the Netherlands: confirmations and refutations of accepted insights." *European Journal of Population* 22, no. 4 (2006): 371-398, p. 385

Original data source: SPVA data 1988-2002 (N= around 4000 households of Turks, Moroccans, Surinamese and Antilleans, consisting of some 8,000 people. Response rates vary from 50-60%)

6: Origin of marriage partners of first and second generation migrants from Turkish, Moroccan, Surinamese and Antillean origin who married in 2003.

	With indigenous Dutch		With co-ethnic in The Netherlands		With co-ethnic from the country of origin	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
Turks, 1 st g.	7	9	25	29	61	57
Turks, 2 nd g.	7	5	41	40	45	50
Moroccans, 1 st g.	6	7	34	37	55	51
Moroccans, 2 nd g.	14	7	49	51	30	36
Surinamese 1 st g.*	18	32	49	45	20	12
Surinamese, 2 nd g.*	43	44	34	32	6	6
Antilleans, 1 st g.	34	37	44	40	3	3
Antilleans, 2 nd g.	75	79	3	5	1	1

Source: Garssen, Joop, and Marieke Wageveld. "Demografie." In *Jaarrapport integratie 2007*, edited by Jaco Dagevos and Mérove Gijsbers. Den Haag: SCP, 2007, p. 39. Additional data of this publication on: http://www.scp.nl/publicaties/boeken/9789037703306/Jaarrapport_Integratie_2007_Bijlage_H2_Demografie.pdf (retrieved on February 13 2008).

Original data source: CBS (all men and women who were registered as married at 1-1-2006 and who married in the year 2003).

* Unfortunately most datasets do not distinguish between Afro- and Indian –Surinamese. Given the fact that the intermarriage rates among the latter are very low (see table 5 in the appendix) the rates for Afro-Surinamese are considerably higher. Only the available data do not allow to establish how much higher.

7: Marriages of Turks and Moroccans living in the Netherlands in 2003

	Turks		Moroccans	
	M	F	M	F
With Dutch	4	3	5	3
Co-ethnic from the Netherlands	13,5	20	18	26
Co-ethnic from country of origin	80	75	75	68

Source: Hooghiemstra, Erna. *Trouwen over de grens. Achtergronden van partnerkeuze van Turken en Marokkanen in Nederland*. Den Haag: Sociaal Cultureel Planbureau, 2003, p. 23.

Original data source: CBS, structuurtelling 2000: all Turks and Moroccans (1st and 2nd generation) who married in the Netherlands and who were officially registered on 1-1-2000. (N= 16 million, which is the total population of the Netherlands at that time)

8: Partner choice of Turks and Moroccans who married in the Netherlands (1968-2000) and were still living there in the year 2000.

	With indigenous Dutch		With co-ethnic in The Netherlands		With co-ethnic from the country of origin	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
Turks, 1st g.	7	4	12	24	78	69
Turks, 2nd g.	5	4,5	19	24	72	69
Moroccans, 1st g.	6	5	14,5	21	77,5	68
Moroccans, 2nd g.	14,5	5	25	30	56	62

Source: Hooghiemstra, . *Trouwen over de grens*, p. 204.

Original data source: CBS, Structuurtelling 2000 (N= 16 million, which is the total population of the Netherlands at that time).

9: Percentage of mixed marriages of Turks and Moroccans according to period of celebration (each subperiod =100%)

	1965-69	1970-74	1975-79	1980-84	1985-89	1990-94	1995-99
Turkish men	29	13.5	2.8	2.5	2.5	3.4	6
Turkish women					1.3	2.5	4.7
Moroccan men	12	8.5	6.3	4.6	3.2	3.9	6.5
Moroccan women					1.3	2.3	4.4

Source: Hooghiemstra, *Trouwen over de grens*. p. 204.

Original data source: CBS, Structuurtelling 2000 (N= 16 million, which is the total population of the Netherlands at that time).

United Kingdom

10: Percentage distribution of ethnic minorities with white partner by nativity in the UK (1994)

	Male		Female	
	1	2	1	2
Black Caribbean	14	51	6	31
Pakistani	2	6	2	-
Bangladeshi	1		1	
Indian	4	17	3	7
Chinese	12		25	

Source: Mutarrak, Raya "Who Intermarries in Britain?: Ethnic Intermarriage." MSc thesis. University of Oxford, 2003, p. 13.

Original data source: Fourth National Survey of Ethnic Minorities 1994. (Multi-stage stratified random sample. 1991 Census material was added to the dataset. Ethnic minority: 5,400 (target), 5,196 (obtained). White: 2,500 (target), 2,867 (obtained). (<http://www.data-archive.ac.uk/findingData/snDescription.asp?sn=3685>))

11: Percentage of mixed marriages in England and Wales in 2001 based on all married couples living there on the census date.

	M	F	Total
Black Caribbean	29 (32)	20 (22)	24
Pakistani	6 (3)	3 (2)	4
Bangladeshi	3 (3)	2 (2)	3
Indian	7 (7.5)	6 (5)	6
Black African	18 (16)	15 (16)	
Other Black	48	33	
Chinese	14 (10)	29 (42)	20

Source: Census 2001: UK Statistics: <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/nugget.asp?id=1090> (retrieved on February 13 2008). Figures between brackets () are from: Mutarrak, Raya. "Who intermarries in Britain? Explaining ethnic diversity in intermarriage pattern." PhD thesis, University of Oxford, 2007, p. 33.

Original data source Mutarrak: General Household Survey 1988-2004 which included 9000 households and 16,000 persons aged 16 and over in England, Wales and Scotland.

12: Percentage distribution of intermarried men and women by generation (weighted) (2002-2003)

	Male		Female	
	1	2	1	2
Black Caribbean	27	47	16	29
Pakistani	3	9	2	2
Bangladeshi	1	10	1	12
Indian	5	13	5	15
Chinese	10	61	31	86

Source: Muttarak, Raya. "Marital assimilation: interethnic marriage in Britain." In: *Population and society: issues, research, policy*. Canberra: Australian Population Association, 2004, p. 22.

Original data source: Quarterly Labour Force Survey Spring 2002-Autumn 2003. (a quarterly survey conducted in Great Britain throughout the year, in which each sampled address was called on five times at quarterly intervals, and which yields about 15,000 responding households in every quarter. A 'boost' survey in the spring quarter (March to May), which produced interviews at over 44,000 households in Great Britain and over 4,000 households in Northern Ireland)

(<http://www.esds.ac.uk/findingData/snDescription.asp?sn=5703>)

France

13: Percentage of mixed marriages in France in 1992

	With indigenous		With co-ethnic in		With co-ethnic from the country of origin	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
Spanish 1st g.	18	25	12	16	70	59
Spanish 2nd g.	66	65	25	21	9	14
Portuguese 1st g.	15	6	3	1	82	93
Portuguese, 2nd g.	59	47	28	17	13	36
Algerians, 1st g.	15	9	7	4	78	87
Algerians, 2nd g.	50*	15	33*	31	17*	54

Source: Tribalat, *Faire France*, pp. 69 and 77 (N= almost 13,000 immigrants from Algeria, Spain, Morocco, Portugal, Turkey, North Africa, Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos. From the second generation, born in France, only Algerians, Spanish and Portuguese under 30 years old have been included: Tribalat, *Faire France*, 15).

*: For men the percentage of mixed marriages is not given, only the percentage of first unions (partly cohabitations)

14: Mixed marriages of the parents of children from the Maghreb born in France 1968-1990

Birth cohort	Only father, mother French	Only mother, father French	Both parents Maghrebin	Other possibilities
1958-59	30	3,6	50	16
64-65	19	3,2	65	14
70-71	19	2,8	68	11
74-75	14	2,4	74	10
80-81	12	3,1	77	8
84-85	12	3,6	72	12
88-90	15	5,5	67	13

Source: Alba, Richard D., and Roxane Silberman. "Decolonization immigrations and the social origins of the second generation: the case of North Africans in France." *International Migration Review* 36, no. 4 (2002): 1169-1193.

Original data source: based on censuses of 1968, 1975, 1982 and 1990.

References

- Alba, Richard D., and Victor Nee. *Remaking the American mainstream: assimilation and contemporary immigration*. Cambridge Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2003.
- Alba, Richard D., and Roxane Silberman. "Decolonization immigrations and the social origins of the second generation: the case of North Africans in France." *International Migration Review* 36, no. 4 (2002): 1169-1193.
- Anderson, Benedict. *Imagined communities: reflections on the origin and spread of nationalism*. London: Verso editions, 1983.
- Bade, Klaus J. *Europa in Bewegung. Migration vom späten 18. Jahrhundert bis zur Gegenwart*. München: C.H. Beck, 2000.
- Bade, Klaus J., Pieter Emmer, Leo Lucassen, and Jochen Oltmer, eds. *Enzyklopädie Migration in Europa vom 17. Jahrhundert bis zur Gegenwart*. Paderborn and München: Wilhelm Fink Verlag/Ferdinand-Schöningh-Verlag, 2007.
- Belchem, John, and Klaus Tenfelde, eds. *Polish and Irish migration in comparative perspective*. Essen: Klartext, 2003.
- Bertagna, Federica, and Marina Maccari-Clayton. "Italien." In *Enzyklopädie Migration in Europa. Vom 17. Jahrhundert bis zur Gegenwart*, edited by Klaus J. Bade, Pieter Emmer, Jochen Oltmer and Leo Lucassen 205-219. Paderborn and Munich: Ferdinand Schöningh and Wilhelm Fink, 2007.
- Beyers, Leen. *Iedereen zwart. Het samenleven van nieuwkomers en gevestigden in de mijncité Zwartberg, 1930-1990*. Amsterdam: Aksant, 2007.
- Blau, Peter M., Caroline Beeker, and Kevin M. Fitzpatrick. "Intersecting social affiliations and intermarriage." *Social Forces* 62, no. 3 (1984): 585-606.
- Blau, Peter M., Terry C. Blum, and Joseph E. Schwartz. "Heterogeneity and intermarriage." *American Sociological Review* 47, no. 1 (1982): 45-62.
- Böcker, Anita. "Chain Migration over Legally Closed Borders. Settled Immigrants as bridgeheads and Gatekeepers." *Netherlands' Journal of Social Sciences* 30, no. 2 (1994): 87-106.
- . "Paving the way to a better future: Turks in the Netherlands." In *Immigrant integration. The Dutch case*, edited by Hans Vermeulen and Rinus Penninx, 153-177. Amsterdam: Spinhuis, 2000.
- Borrel, C., and C. Tavan. "La vie familiale des immigrés." *France. Portrait Social* (2003): 109-124.
- Bosma, Ulbe. "Sailing through Suez from the South: The emergence of an Indies-Dutch migration circuit, 1815-1940." *International Migration Review* 41, no. 2 (2007): 511-536.
- Canny, Nicholas, ed. *Europeans on the move. Studies on European migration, 1500-1800*. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1994.
- Chotkowski, Margaret. *Vijftien ladders en een dambord. Contacten van Italiaanse migranten in Nederland 1860-1940*. Amsterdam: Aksant, 2006.
- Coleman, D. A., "Trends in fertility and intermarriage among immigrant populations in Western Europe as measures of integration." *Journal of biosocial science* 26 (1994) 1: 107-136.

- Crul, Maurice, and Hans Vermeulen. "The Second Generation in Europe." *International Migration Review* 37, no. 4 (2003): 965-986.
- Dale, Angela, and Clare Holdsworth. "Issues in the analysis of ethnicity in the 1991 British census: evidence from microdata." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 20, no. 1 (1997): 160-181.
- Dorsten, Linda Ebert, Lawrence Hotchkiss, and Terri M. King. "Consanguineous marriage and early childhood mortality in an Amish settlement." *Sociological focus: quarterly journal of the North Central Sociological Association* 29, no. 2 (1996).
- Dribe, Martin, and Christer Lundh. "Intermarriage and Immigrant Economic Assimilation in Sweden 2003 " In *Immigrant Integration Conference*. Stockholm: 29-31 March 2007, 2007.
- Foner, Nancy. "Towards a comparative perspective on Caribbean migration." In *Caribbean migration. Globalised identities*, edited by Mary Chamberlain, 47-60. London: Routledge, 1998.
- Foner, Nancy. *In a new land. A comparative view of immigration*. New York: New York University Press, 2005.
- Foner, Nancy, and Richard D. Alba. "Immigrant Religion in the U.S. and Western Europe: Bridge or Barrier to Inclusion?" *International Migration Review* 42, no. 2 (2008): 360-392.
- Foner, Nancy, and George M. Fredrickson, eds. *Not just black and white: historical and contemporary perspectives on immigration, race, and ethnicity in the United States*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2004.
- Gabaccia, Donna R. *Italy's many diasporas*. London: UCL Press, 2000.
- Garssen, Joop, and Marieke Wageveld. "Demografie." In *Jaarrapport integratie 2007*, edited by Jaco Dagevos and Mérove Gijsbers. Den Haag: SCP, 2007
- Gerstle, Gary, and John Mollenkopf, eds. *E pluribus unum? Contemporary and historical perspectives on immigrant political incorporation*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2001.
- Girard, Alain, and Jean Stoetzel. *Français et immigrants. L'attitude française. L'adaptation des Italiens et des Polonais*. Paris: Presses universitaires de France, 1953.
- Glick, Paul C. *American families*. New York: Russell & Russell, 1976.
- González-Ferrer, Amparo. "Who do immigrants marry? Partner choice among single immigrants in Germany." *European Sociological Review* 22, no. 2 (2006): 171-185
- Gordon, A.I. *Intermarriage. Interfaith, interracial, interethnic*. Boston: Beacon press, 1964.
- Gordon, Milton M. *Assimilation in American life. The role of race, religion, and national origins*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1964.
- Gregory, James N. *The Southern Diaspora: How The Great Migrations of Black and White Southerners Transformed America*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2005.
- Hansen, Randall. *Citizenship and immigration in post-war Britain: the institutional origins of a multicultural nation*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000.
- Harst, Gerard van der, and Leo Lucassen. *Nieuw in Leiden. Plaats en betekenis van vreemdelingen in een Hollandse stad*. Leiden: Primavera Pers, 1998.

- Hart, Betty de. "Huwelijksmigratie, vreemdelingenrecht en integratie." *Bevolking en Gezin* 33 (2004).
- . "Introduction: The Marriage of Convenience in European Immigration Law." *European journal of migration and law* 8, no. 3 (2006): 251.
- Haug, Sonja. "Binationale Ehen und interethnische Partnerschaften in Deutschland - Datenlage und Erklärungsfaktoren." *Zeitschrift für Familienforschung* 16, no. 3 (2004): 305-329.
- Heelsum, Anja van. *De etnisch-culturele positie van tweede generatie Surinamers*. Amsterdam: Spinhuis, 1997.
- Herbert, Ulrich. *A history of foreign labor in Germany, 1880-1980: seasonal workers, forced laborers, guest workers*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1990.
- Hoerder, Dirk, and Leslie Page Moch, eds. *European migrants: global and local perspectives*. Boston: Northeastern University Press, 1996.
- Hondius, Dienke. "De 'trouwlustige gastarbeider' en het Hollandse meisje. De bezorgde ontmoediging van Italiaans- en Spaans-Nederlandse huwelijken, 1956-1972." *Migrantenstudies* 16, no. 4 (2000): 229-245.
- . *Gemengde huwelijken, gemengde gevoelens. Aanvaarding en ontwijking van etnisch en religieus verschil sinds 1945*. Den Haag, 1999.
- Hooghiemstra, Erna. *Trouwen over de grens. Achtergronden van partnerkeuze van Turken en Marokkanen in Nederland*. Den Haag: Sociaal Cultureel Planbureau, 2003.
- Hughes, Everett C. "Dilemmas and contradictions of status." *American Journal of Sociology* 50, no. March (1945): 353-359.
- Huis, Mila van, and Liesbeth Steenhof. "Echtscheidingskansen van allochtonen: huwelijkscohorten 1991-2000." *Bevolkingstrends* 51, no. 4 (2003): 35-37.
- Huntington, Samuel P. *Who are we? The cultural core of American national identity*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2004.
- Hwang, S., R. Saenz, and B. Aguirre. "The SES selectivity of interracially married Asians." *International Migration Review* 29 (1995): 469-491.
- Kalmijn, Matthijs. "Assortative mating by cultural and economic occupational status." *American Journal of Sociology* 100 (1994): 422-452.
- . "Intermarriage and homogamy: causes, patterns, trends." *Annual Review of Sociology* 24, no. 1 (1998): 395-421.
- Kalmijn, Matthijs, and Frank Tubergen. "Ethnic intermarriage in the Netherlands: confirmations and refutations of accepted insights." *European Journal of Population* 22, no. 4 (2006): 371-398.
- Kennedy, Ruby Jo Reeves. "Single or triple melting-pot? Intermarriage trends in New Haven, 1870-1940." *The American Journal of Sociology* 49, no. 4 (1944): 331-339.
- Klausen, Jytte. *The Islamic challenge. Politics and religion in Western Europe*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005.
- Koning, M. de, and E. Bartels. *Over het huwelijk gesproken: partnerkeuze en gedwongen huwelijken bij Marokkaanse, Turkse en Hindoestaanse Nederlanders*. Amsterdam: Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, 2004.

- Laarman, Charlotte. "De Portugeestalige migranten en hun parochies in de Nederlandse katholieke kerk, 1969-2005." *Tijdschrift voor Sociale en Economische Geschiedenis* 4, no. 1 (2007): 117-142.
- Laurence, Jonathan, and Justin Vaisse. *Integrating Islam. Political and religious challenges in contemporary France*. Washington D.C.: Brookings Institution Press, 2006.
- Leeuwen, Marco van, and Ineke Maas. "Endogamy and social class in history: an overview." *International Review of Social History* 50 (2005): 1-23.
- Lewis, Mary Dewhurst. *The boundaries of the Republic. Migrant rights and the limits of universalism in France 1918-1940*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2007.
- Lievens, J. "Interethnic Marriage: Bringing in the Context through Multilevel Modelling" *European Journal of Population* 14, no. 2 (1998): 117-155.
- . "Family-Forming Migration from Turkey and Morocco to Belgium: The Demand for Marriage Partners from the Countries of Origin." *The International Migration Review* 33, no. 3 (1999): 717-744.
- Lottum, Jelle van. *Across the North Sea. The impact of the Dutch Republic on international labour migration, c. 1550-1850*. Amsterdam: Aksant, 2007.
- Lucassen, Jan. *Migrant Labour in Europe. The Drift to the North Sea*. London: Croom Helm, 1987.
- Lucassen, Leo. "Administrative into social control: the aliens police and foreign female servants in the Netherlands, 1918-1940." *Social History* 27, no. No. 3 (2002): 327-342.
- . "Bringing structure back in. Economic and political determinants of immigration in Dutch cities, 1920-1940." *Social Science History* 26, no. 3 (2002): 503-529.
- . "Gemengde huwelijken en assimilatie. Exogamie en de rol van etniciteit, religie, beroep en gender bij Duitse migranten in Nederland (1870-1930)." *Tijdschrift voor Sociale en Economische Geschiedenis* 2, no. 2 (2005): 54-80.
- . *The Immigrant Threat: The integration of Old and New Migrants in Western Europe since 1850*. Urbana and Chicago: The University of Illinois Press, 2005.
- . "Old and new migrants in the twentieth century: a European perspective." *Journal of American Ethnic History* 21, no. Nr. 4 (2002): 85-101.
- Lucassen, Leo, David Feldman, and Jochen Oltmer, eds. *Paths of integration. Migrants in Western Europe (1880-2004), IMISCOE research*. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2006.
- Lunn, Kenneth. "Grossbritannien." In *Enzyklopädie Migration in Europa. Vom 17. Jahrhundert bis zur Gegenwart*, edited by Klaus J. Bade, Pieter Emmer, Jochen Oltmer and Leo Lucassen 68-84. Paderborn and Munich: Ferdinand Schöningh and Wilhelm Fink, 2007.
- MacMaster, Neil. *Colonial migrants and racism. Algerians in France, 1900-62*. Houndmills: MacMillan, 1997.
- Mauco, Georges. "Immigration in France." *International Labour Review* 27, no. 133 (1933): 765-788.
- . *Les étrangers en France. Leur rôle dans l'activité économique*. Paris: Librairie Armand Colin, 1932.
- McKeown, Adam. "Global Migration 1846-1940." *Journal of World History* 15, no. 2 (2004): 155-189.

- Meng, Xi, and Robert Gregory. "Intermarriage and the economic assimilation of immigrants." *Journal of Labor economics* 23 (2005): 135-175.
- Merton, R. "Intermarriage and social structure: fact and theory." *Psychiatry* 4 (1941): 361-374.
- Merton, Robert. "Intermarriage and social structure: fact and theory." *Psychiatry : journal of the biology and the pathology of interpersonal relations* 4, no. 3 (1941): 361.
- Moch, Leslie Page. *Moving Europeans. Migration in Western Europe since 1650*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2003.
- Model, Suzanne, and Gene Fisher. "Unions between blacks and whites: England and the US compared." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 25, no. 5 (2002): 728-754.
- Modood, Tariq. *Multiculturalism: a civic idea*. Cambridge: Polity, 2007.
- Modood, Tariq, and Richard Berthoud, eds. *Ethnic minorities in Britain. Diversity and disadvantage*. London: Policy Studies Institute, 1997.
- Moran, R. *Interracial intimacy. The regulation of race & romance*. Chicago and London: University of Chicago Press, 2001.
- Muttarak, Raya. "Who intermarries in Britain? Ethnic intermarriage." MSc Thesis (MA), University of Oxford, 2003.
- . "Marital assimilation: interethnic marriage in Britain." In: *Population and society: issues, research, policy*. Canberra: Australian Population Association, 2004
- . "Who intermarries in Britain? Explaining ethnic diversity in intermarriage pattern." University of Oxford, 2007.
- Nelissen, Carien, and Frank J. Buijs. "Between continuity and change. Moroccans in the Netherlands." In *Immigrant integration. The Dutch case*, edited by Hans Vermeulen and Rinus Penninx, 178-201. Amsterdam: Spinhuis, 2000.
- Neyrand, Gérard, and Marine M'Sili. "Les couples mixtes dans la France contemporaine. Mariage, acquisition de la nationalité française et divorce'." *Population* 52, no. 3 (1997): 571-606.
- Niekerk, Mies van. "Afro-Caribbeans and Indo-Caribbeans in the Netherlands. Premigration legacies and social mobility." *International Migration Review* (2004).
- . *Premigration legacies and immigrant social mobility: the Afro-Surinamese and Indo-Surinamese in the Netherlands*. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2002.
- Nugent, Walter. *Crossings: the great transatlantic migrations, 1870-1914*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1992.
- Oenning, Ralf Karl. "*Du da mitti polnischen Farben...*" *Sozialisationserfahrungen von Polen im Ruhrgebiet 1918 bis 1939*. Münster: Waxmann, 1991.
- Qian, Z. "Breaking the racial barriers: variations in interracial marriage between 1980 and 1990." *Demography* 34, no. 2 (1997): 263-276.
- Rosenberg, Clifford. *Policing Paris. The origins of modern immigration contro between the wars*. Ithaca and Londen: Cornell University Press, 2006.
- Roy, Olivier. *Globalised Islam. The search for a new Ummah*. London: Hurst & Company, 2004.
- Schroedter, Julia H. "Binationale Ehen in Deutschland." *Wirtschaft und Statistik* Statistisches Bundesamt, no. 4 (2006): 419-431

- Scott, James C. *Seeing like a state: how certain schemes to improve the human condition have failed*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1998.
- Shepard, Todd. *The Invention of Decolonization: The Algerian War and the Remaking of France*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2006.
- Simon, Patrick. "France and the Unknown Second Generation: Preliminary Results on Social Mobility." *International Migration Review* 37, no. 4 (2003): 1091-1119.
- Sinke, Suzanne M. *Dutch immigrant women in the United States 1880-1920*. Urbana and Chicago: The University of Illinois Press, 2002.
- Spickard, Paul R., *Mixed Blood: Intermarriage and Ethnic Identity in Twentieth-Century America*. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1991.
- Thomson, Mark, and Maurice Crul. "The Second Generation in Europe and the United States: How is the Transatlantic Debate Relevant for Further Research on the European Second Generation?" *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 33, no. 7 (2007): 1025-1042.
- Tibi, Bassam. *Islamische Zuwanderung: die gescheiterte Integration*. Stuttgart: Deutsche Verlags-Anstalt, 2002.
- Todd, Emmanuel. *The explanation of ideology: family structures and social systems*. Oxford and New York: Blackwell, 1985.
- . *Le destin des immigrés: assimilation et ségrégation dans les démocraties occidentales*. Paris: Seuil, 1994.
- Tribalat, Michèle. *Faire France: une grande enquête sur les immigrés et leurs enfants*. Paris: Découverte, 1995.
- Venema, Mathias, and Claus Grimm. *Situation der ausländischen Arbeitnehmer und ihre Familienangehörigen in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland. Tabellenband. Vol. B*. Bonn: Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Sozialordnung, 2002.
- Wacquant, Loïc. "Red belt, black belt: racial division, class inequality and the state in the French urban periphery and the American ghetto." In *Urban poverty and the underclass*, edited by Enzo Mingione. Cambridge: Blackwell, 1996.
- Weber, Eugen. *Peasants into Frenchmen: the modernization of rural France, 1870-1914*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1976.
- Wyman, Mark. *Round-trip America: the immigrants return to Europe, 1880-1930*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1993.