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CAS HI 259 - Italian Emigration and Immigration

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Class schedule: Tuesdays and Thursdays 11.00am-12.45pm
Office hour: Wednesdays 3-5pm
Course Value: 4 credits

THE COURSE

Italian migration is considered the largest exodus in modern history. Starting from 1861 more than twenty-four million departures have been recorded. It was an exodus that involved all the Italian regions. Between 1876 and 1900 the exodus involved mainly the northern regions. In the next two decades most of the migration came from the southern regions. After the Second World War the number of people leaving Italy for work reasons remained strong. In addition, an important wave of domestic migration (from southern regions to the north of the country and to the main towns) became a crucial aspect of the changes in Italian society. With the end of the Cold War Italy was transformed from a country of emigration to one of immigration, attracting millions of people from Eastern Europe, Africa and the Third World countries.

This course provides an overview of the history of migration and its significance for the history of contemporary Italian society, addressing the main issues related to various social phenomena such as working dynamics, gender differences, cultural production etc.

Areas of interest: Sociology, History, Italian, Anthropology

The course is conducted in Italian. The course also includes one 2-days Program Field Trip and a Class Field Trip to Belluno. A class presentation is required.

The topics of the course are:
- Countries of migration
- Stereotypes and discrimination
- The clandestine figure
- Emigration and emancipation
- From emigration to immigration: the changing of a country

METHODOLOGY

During the lessons students will see videos and films related to the topic of the course and will read and debate articles from newspapers to connect the problems of today’s Italy to its history. Students are expected to arrive in class on time, ready and prepared on the assigned readings. Power Point presentations will help students
to deepen topics.

**EXAMS**
The Mid-term exam is written (2 hours: 10 multiple choice questions, 5 short open questions, 1 general composition on given topics). The Final exam is oral. The teacher will provide a sample of questions which the final exam will deal with and that will be discussed during the review class.
One Class presentation: 15-20 minutes of exposé in Italian on a given topic. One or two short presentations in Italian on individual topics. Three written reviews in Italian (2 pages) on given film.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY**
Each student will find in the Course Blackboard chapters of books and articles. A copy pack will be also available:

- Edmondo De Amicis, *Sull’oceano* (1889)
- Michele Colucci e Matteo Sanfilippo, *Guida allo studio dell’emigrazione*, Viterbo 2010
- Mattia Vitiello, *Emigration policies and the building of the unitary Italian state*, paper *Italian immigration: the origins, nature and evolution of Italy’s migratory systems*, Journal of Modern Italian Studies 9(1) 2004: 49–70
  [http://www.treccani.it/scuola/tesine/emigrazione_e_immigrazione/pugliese.html](http://www.treccani.it/scuola/tesine/emigrazione_e_immigrazione/pugliese.html)

During the course (aside from the class time) students will see and study parts of three films:

- **Nuovo Mondo** directed by Emanuele Crialese (2006)
- **Rocco e i suoi fratelli** directed by Luchino Visconti (1960)
- **Lamerica** directed by Gianni Amelio (1994)

**Added bibliography (not required)**
A. De Clementi, *Di qua e di là dall’Oceano. Emigrazione e mercati nel Meridione (1860-1930)*, Roma, Carocci, 1999
M. Sanfilippo (a cura di), *Emigrazione e storia d’Italia*, Quaderni del Giornale di Storia Contemporanea febbraio 2003

**Added filmography (not required)**

- *Pane e Cioccolata* (Bread and Chocolate) directed by Franco Brusati (1974)  
  [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QHEDnhW6G3w](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QHEDnhW6G3w)
- *Rocco e i suoi fratelli* (Rocco and his brothers) directed by Luchino Visconti (1960)  
  [BU Library]
- *Good Morning Babilonia* (Good Morning Babylon) directed by Paolo and Vittorio Taviani (1987).
- *Così Ridevano* directed by Gianni Amelio (1998)
- *I magliari* directed by Francesco Rosi (1959)
- *Kaos (l’altro figlio)* directed by Paolo and Vittorio Taviani (1976) [BU Library]
- *Il padrino* (The Godfather) directed by Frances Ford Coppola (1972-74-90)
- *Riso amaro* (Bitter Rice) directed by Giuseppe De Santis (1949) [BU Library]
- *La rosa tatuata* (The Rose Tattoo) directed by Daniel Mann (1955)  
  [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wU7x4c2l7bY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wU7x4c2l7bY)
- *Cristo si è fermato a Eboli* (Christ stopped at Eboli) directed by Francesco Rosi (1978) [BU Library]

**Added websites**

- [http://www.asei.eu/it/](http://www.asei.eu/it/)
- [http://www.emigrazione.it/](http://www.emigrazione.it/)
- [http://www.fondazionepaolocresci.it/il-museo](http://www.fondazionepaolocresci.it/il-museo)
- [http://www.museonazionaleemigrazione.it/home.php](http://www.museonazionaleemigrazione.it/home.php)
- [http://www.cestim.it/index.htm?/07emigrazione.htm](http://www.cestim.it/index.htm?/07emigrazione.htm)

**GRADING CRITERIA**

Attendance and active class participation: 10%
Mid-term exam: 25%
Class presentation: 20%
Short class presentations: 10%
3 Written reviews: 10%
Final exam: 25%

**BUSA PADUA ITALIAN STUDIES PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES**

1. Demonstrate increased proficiency in Italian language from elementary to low-intermediate level.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of Italian culture with respect to three of the following areas: history, politics, economics, religion, literature, film and the arts.
3. Develop an awareness of cultural difference and an understanding of culture’s role in shaping beliefs and practices.
4. Develop new perspectives on one’s own culture and an ability to think critically about one’s own values and beliefs.

**BU POLICIES**

**Attendance**
Boston University Study Abroad Padua students are expected to attend each and every class session, tutorial, and field trips required for the class. Students should note that attendance will be taken into account by faculty when determining final grades.

**Plagiarism**
Simply stated, plagiarism is taking another’s work and presenting it as you own. Dictionary definitions of plagiarism frequently include terms such as ‘theft’ or ‘steal’. Plagiarism is, in fact, intellectual theft. It is one of the most serious forms of academic misconduct. Plagiarism committed by a student will certainly result in course failure and may result in suspension or dismissal. For more details please see Boston University’s Academic Conduct Code: [http://www.bu.edu/academics/resources/academic-conduct-code/](http://www.bu.edu/academics/resources/academic-conduct-code/)

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617-353- 3658 to coordinate any reasonable accommodation requests. For more information, please visit: http://www.bu.edu/disability
### CALENDAR

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