GOVERNING MIGRATION IN EUROPE

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Course description:

The course will offer an introduction to migration studies in the European context from a sociological and political science perspective. Students will gain insight into the multi-level, multi-stakeholder nature of European migration and asylum governance. The course will on the one hand introduce students to important theoretical perspectives pertaining to migration studies and on the other will touch on the empirical realities of migration governance through an analysis of key actors, policies, practices and migrant experiences. Furthermore, the course will explore current discourses on the securitisation of migration and present a rival framework based on a right to mobility. Drawing on a range of sources including the interdisciplinary migration studies scholarship, policy documents, photos and migrant narratives, students would also be expected to develop their ability to analyse discourse.

Séance 1: Introduction. Key Concepts: Migration and Governance


Session 2: Transnationalism: a promising field of research for migration studies?

Oral Presentation: States responses to migrant transnational practices: Dual citizenship and the right to vote


Session 3: Europeanisation of Migration Policy

Oral Presentation: A critical analysis of the Global Approach to Migration and Mobility


Session 4: The European Asylum Agenda
Oral Presentation: The Europeanisation of asylum: burden sharing or burden shifting?


Session 5: The Migration-Security Nexus in the EU

Oral Presentation: (Why and how) do migration and security seem to belong together?


Session 6: International Migration Management: Actors, Policies, Discourses

Oral Presentation: Migration management practices and discourses: explaining the gap


Session 7: The Local Dimension of Migration Governance

Oral Presentation: Why is the local level important in the study of migration governance?


Session 8: The Role of Civil Society Actors in Migration Governance and the Agenda Setting of the Migration Issue

Oral Presentation: Civil society in migration governance: competition or complementary actors of the State?


Session 9: The devolution and privatization of immigration control

Oral presentation: The Privatization of immigration control: An expression of the state’s weakness or of the adaptiveness of the State apparatus?

Session 10: Written exam

Session 11: Case Study: Migration patterns and policies in Southern Europe

Oral Presentation: Irregular migration in Southern Europe: the case of Lampedusa and the Greek Islands.


Session 12: Migration and development

Oral Presentation: Migration and development: what comes first?


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Requirements and assessment modalities:
1) 30% a 20-minutes oral presentation (to be presented in pairs)

2) 40% written exam

3) 15% press review (in pairs)

4) 15% in-class participation