

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title : HA3018 Borderless Migration?

Pre-requisites : HA1001, HA1002

No. of AUs. : 3

Contact Hours : 39

Course Aims

This course will introduce you to the politics of migration regulation in a globalised era. Migration is a central theme in contemporary international relations and public policy. The explosion in the movement of people in recent decades has transformed what were conventionally sending countries into receiving states. While many people will continue to cross national and regional borders at unprecedented speed, governments around the world and their citizens are still adjusting to these very rapid changes and learning how to address their effects through public policy. By focusing on the political, economic, social and security determinants of refugee and migration flows, you will analyse the causes and consequences of modern population movement. The course is structured according to different migrant groups and migratory themes, and you will learn about how and why certain groups are 'included' while others are 'excluded' from entry and access to citizenship.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of the course, you should be able to:

1. Describe the political, economic and social functions of borders in a globalised world;
2. Explain how states regulate migrants' access to citizenship (i.e. 'membership in the society');
3. Describe the role of security in migration regulation;
4. Explain competing sets of political, economic and social demands states must satisfy in regulating migration;
5. Describe how different categories of migrants are politically, economically and socially constructed;
6. Analyze the causes and consequences of modern population movement;
7. Discuss the impact of political, economic and social demands on regulating migration; and
8. Synthesize knowledge on migration and articulate them in a cogent and accessible way, both orally and in writing.

Course Content

Week 1 – Introduction: what is migration?

- Week 2 – Human trafficking: age and gender
- Week 3 – Human trafficking: beyond the sex trade
- Week 4 – Asylum seekers and refugees
- Week 5 – Integration in and through education
- Week 6 – States, universities, and internationalisation
- Week 7 – Transience and international students
- Week 8 – Reading week
- Week 9 – Theories of migration
- Week 10 – Migration and family
- Week 11 – Migration and food
- Week 12 – Migration and foreign talents
- Week 13 – Review: migration, politics, and society

Course Assessment

Participation : 30%

Discussion leaders and presentation : 20%
of weekly readings

Open debates : 20%

Migration profile and presentation : 30%

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100%