

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title : HS2013 Migration & Multiculturalism

Pre-requisites : HS1001 Person and Society

No. of AUs. : 3

Contact Hours : 39

Course Aims

This course will give students a broad understanding of the central issues associated with migration and settlement, with a focus on south-south migrations to generate conversation with more commonly studied South to North movements of people, and to be more relevant to students in Singapore. The first half of the course will address various types of migration and key transnational framings of the movements of people across domestic and international boundaries. In the second half, the ways in which various states deal with the diversity of their temporary and more permanent immigrant populations will be explored. This is done using a case study approach that allows for a deeper understanding of each site. Finally, the course introduces some elements of everyday migrant life in order to provide a balance to highly state-centric readings of migration. Laavanya Kathiravelu – January 2015 2 The course seeks to link issues of migration with understandings of contemporary diversity so that they can be examined as interrelated transnational phenomena. In these discussions, class and ethnicity emerge as key vectors of differentiation and analysis.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of the course students should be able to

1. Identify different forms of migration and mobility as well as speak about difficulties in distinguishing between these various modes.
2. Describe with in-depth empirical knowledge the different systems states' utilise in dealing with temporary and more permanent migrants and diverse ethnic populations. Students should be able to discuss the everyday implications of these policy initiatives for new migrant incorporation, as well as for older native populations.
3. Describe migrants' attempts to integrate and settle in their adopted country with particular attention to informal and everyday practices.

Course Content

Week 1

Introduction to the course

Key concepts: Historical background to migration

Key macro theoretical approaches to migration

Week 2	Domestic/internal migration
Key concepts:	Aspiration and the city Identity/gender and social norms of migration Domestic to transnational migration
Week 3	Irregular, forced migration and trafficking
Key concepts:	Difficulties of defining boundaries between different forms of migration Debt bondage Migrant agency and complicity
Week 4	Labour Migration
Key concepts:	Gendering of labour migration. Interplay of economic and non-economic factors in migration
Week 5	Governance of migration
Key concepts:	International organisations Limits of the nation state NGOs and transnationalisation of rights
Week 6	Migration Infrastructure
Key concepts:	Migrant broker Combination of human and non-human factors in facilitating migration
Week 7	Migrant enclaves and Ethnic economies
Key concepts:	Social networks Ethnic entrepreneurialism
Week 8	Multiculturalism
Key concepts:	Parallel lives, linguistic communities Post-coloniality and popular culture Hybridity

Week 9	Assimilation
Key concepts:	Religious and racial difference Discrimination and social mobility
Week 10	Multiracialism in Singapore
Key concepts:	Evaluating policies of multiracialism Intersectionality
Week 11	Racism and Xenophobia
Key concepts:	Chinese Privilege Intra-ethnic differences Islamaphobia
Week 12	Right to the City & Collective organisation
Key concepts:	Collective bargaining Urban inclusion and social justice
Week 13	Review
	Summary and review of key points in the course

Course Assessment

CA1	Class participation	: 10%
CA2	Ethnography	: 30%
CA3	Interview	: 30%
	Final Examination	: 30%
Total		----- 100%