

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

**Course Code / Title** : HS4028 Migration and Development in a Globalizing World

**Pre-requisites** : HS1001 Person and Society  
HS2001 Classical Social Theory  
HS2002 Doing Social Research  
HS3001 Contemporary Social Theory  
HS3002 Understanding Social Statistics

**No. of AUs.** : 4

**Contact Hours** : 52

### **Course Aims**

This course introduces a variety of theories and cutting-edge studies on the migration-development nexus. At the end of the course, you will be able to analyze and assess the causes of migration and its effects on social and economic development in various parts of the world, including Singapore and other Asian countries.

### **Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)**

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

1. Describe migration patterns, major theories of development and academic debates on migration and development;
2. Critically evaluate texts using basic sociological concepts and ideas derived from significant sociological thinkers on migration and development;
3. Communicate effectively in writing and oral presentations that are coherent, well-developed, and expressive of concepts, ideas, and themes derived from sociology of migration;
4. Connect concepts and theories to real world events and apply sociological methods to analyse the issues of migration and development in a specific country.

### **Course Content**

Week 1 Introduction

Course introduction; definition and forms of migration; development; the migration-development nexus; four periods of world migration

Week 2 Modernization and neoclassical theory

Modernization theory; Lewis's dual economy; neo-classical model; new economics of migration

Week 3 Segmented labor market

Primary sector; secondary section; segmented labour market theory; split labour market theory; ethnic enclave

Week 4 Historical-structural explanations

Dependency theory; world-system theory; colonialism; cultural and ideological links; migrant labour in global cities.

Week 5 Social networks and social capital

The definitions of social networks and social capital; migration networks; chain migration; social media and migration networks

Week 6 Migration industry and cumulative migration

Migration industry: definitions and components; actors in migration industry; migration infrastructure; migration systems

Week 7 Migrant identity and multiculturalism

Film screening: "The Visitor"

Week 8 Globalization and migration

Globalization of the labour force; resurgence of transient labour systems; health workers migration and global care chains; migration of transnational elites.

Week 9 National Development and migration

Development impacts of migration on sending countries; migrant selectivity; remittances and social remittances; development effects on recipient countries.

Week 10 Community and Human Development

Impacts on communities in countries of origin and destination; transnational communities; human development index; impacts of migration on health, education and labour markets.

Week 11 From Migration to Assimilation/Integration

Assimilation; integration; melting pot; salad bowl/multiculturalism; segmented assimilation

Week 12 Transnationalism and identity

Definition of transnationalism; transnational spaces and networks; Transnational entrepreneurship; challenges to identity; transnational identity.

Week 13 Semester-end review and additional topics

Course review; future directions in learning

**Course Assessment**

CA1 Class participation : 10%

CA2 Discussion questions : 10%

CA3 Group project 1 : 10%

CA4 Group project 2 : 30%

Final term paper : 40%

**Total** -----  
**100%**