

Introduction to the Theory and Practice of Migration Studies

a course for PhD students

Time and place: 10-12, Room 112; see the schedule below for dates	Office: Main Building, Room 112
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Overview

The objective of this course created for 1st-year PhD students is to provide them with an introduction to the broadly-defined field of migration studies. This does not only mean the discussion of key concepts and theoretical approaches but to a great extent the course focuses on methods of migration studies that students can rely on in their own research (qualitative and quantitative approaches, oral history interviews, visualization, etc.). Therefore, the discussion of the participating students' research projects and linking them to migration studies is central to the course.

Evaluation

The students will be evaluated based on their class participation (keeping up with class readings and participation in discussion) and their project presentation at the end of the course which incorporates the knowledge and skills acquired during the semester into their own dissertation research (presentation of theoretical background, methodology, etc.).

Schedule

Session 1 - March 14: Orientation, introduction, preliminary presentations and project discussion, links to migration studies

Session 2 - March 28: Introduction to migration studies, significance and key issues in the past and today, forms and networks of migration

Session 3 - April 4: Theories of migration

Session 4 - April 11: Methods, approaches and practical issues in migration studies

Session 5 - May 2: Consequences of migration and challenges of migration Studies

Session 6 - May 9: Final project presentations

Primary course book:

Peter Scholten, ed. *Introduction to Migration Studies: An Interactive Guide to the Literatures on Migration and Diversity*. IMISCOE Research Series. Cham: Springer, 2022. pp. 500.