

Interdisciplinary Seminar on Migration and Mobility

Seminar Course

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World

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Italian migrants in Boston in 1915.

Time: FS 2022, Friday h 14-16

Venue: IFW B 42

Learning materials: For each session, readings (♥ = mandatory) are available on Moodle at the following link

<https://moodle-app2.let.ethz.ch/course/view.php?id=15871>

Course requirements:

- A) Attendance of the sessions and active participation (kindly get in touch with the instructors if you cannot make it to the class);
- B) Regular reading of the mandatory texts (a course reader with selected texts will be provided online) and weekly submission of a critical question/comment for each reading to me until Tuesday evening (one mandatory reading = one question/comment; two mandatory readings = two questions/comments) (min 80% of the sessions);
- C) Short final paper providing a critical review of a session (this must be different from the one chosen for the presentation). Papers must be between 1500 and 2000 words long and submitted **until 19 June 2022**.

Final grade

A = 25 %

B = 25 %

C = 50 %

Class discussions:

This course is based on discussion and deals with potentially sensitive material. To ensure an inclusive atmosphere, we would ask that all discussions be conducted respectfully. That does not mean that we all must be in agreement with others' opinions. It means, instead, that we criticise ideas and not people having certain ideas that differ from ours. It does mean that we will employ tools like gender-, racial-, ethnic- and class-sensitive language (where appropriate), speaking calmly, and listening until a person has finished speaking. Nobody should speak more than twice in a row. Everybody should make an effort to speak at least once.

Summary

The course aims to approach the phenomenon of migration and mobility from different scientific disciplines, such as history, political science, philosophy and policy analysis. While the different methodologies are introduced in the first part of the seminar, students will apply and deepen their newly acquired skills in interdisciplinary groups. The course addresses primarily MA students of D-GESS.

Students shall gain insights into research methods beyond their own disciplinary background and acquire the ability to collaborate in interdisciplinary settings. Engaging with different approaches to

migration and mobility and adopting an interdisciplinary lens to the topic will enable students to recognize that the integration of other perspectives can be helpful to enhance their knowledge.

On a curricular level, students at the D-GESS are usually not in touch with each other, despite the interesting common threads existing between the BA Staatswissenschaften, MA CIS, MA GPW and MSc STP programmes. Considering the increasing call for interdisciplinarity exchange in university teaching, a course on migration and mobility seems promising in connecting the different disciplines and in providing a fruitful experience for everybody involved, offering the opportunity to create a collaborative learning environment. As a matter of fact, being core topics of our global and interconnected world and having shaped human societies historically, migration and mobility are phenomena that can be analyzed from very different perspectives and can include issues as diverse as migrating people, the circulation of ideas and goods, knowledge transfers, transportation and pollution, religious peregrination, etc.

The seminar has a twofold structure: during the first part, researchers provide a short introduction into migration and mobility from their respective disciplines, present related themes and explain the different methodologies in order to offer an insight into their approach on the topic. The second, shorter, part consists of interdisciplinary group activities by the students based on the previous sessions and on the assigned reading material, where they will apply and deepen their newly acquired skills. Together, the focus of the seminar is to enhance students' ability to critically engage with research methods beyond their fields. A further goal of the seminar is to make the results of the group work visible to a broader public through channels and modalities that will be discussed with the students during the course.

Outline of the Sessions¹

Session 1 - 25 February

Welcome, Introduction, Requirements - Lisa Schurrer and Dr Elena Valdameri

Vannini, Sara et al. "Interdisciplinary Approaches to Refugee and Migration Studies Lessons from Collaborative Research on Sanctuary in the Changing Times of Trump" *Migration and Society*, Vol. 1, n. 1 (2018), pp. 164-74.

¹ Please refer to Moodle for the abstract and learning objectives of each session.

Calabrò, Anna Rita. "Introduction. Drawing, Crossing, Deleting the Borders", in idem (ed.) *Borders, Migration and Globalization. An Interdisciplinary Perspective*, Routledge 2022, pp. 1-15.

Session 2 - 4 March

A Global Perspective on Migration History - Dr Elena Valdameri (History of the Modern World)

♥ McKeown, Adam, "Global Migration, 1846-1940", *Journal of World History*, Vol. 15, n. 2 (2004), pp. 155-189.

Hoerder, Dirk, "Migrations and Belongings", in: Rosenberg, E. (ed.), *A World Connecting, 1870-1945* (Cambridge, MA and London, UK: Harvard University Press, 2012), pp. 435-589.

Tölöyan, Khachig, "Beyond the Homeland: From Exilic Nationalism to Diasporic Transnationalism", in A. Gal/A.S. Leoussi/A.D. Smith (eds), *The Call of the Homeland: Diaspora Nationalisms, Past and Present*, (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2010), pp. 27-45.

Lucassen, Jan, and Leo Lucassen, "From Mobility Transition to Comparative Global Migration History". *Journal of Global History*, Vol. 6, n. 2 (2011), pp. 299-307.

Wimmer, Andreas, and Nina Glick Schiller, "Methodological Nationalism, the Social Sciences, and the Study of Migration: An Essay in Historical Epistemology", *The International Migration Review*, Vol. 37, n. 3 (2003), pp. 576-610.

Session 3 - 11 March

Irregular Migration and Urban Policy - David Kaufmann (Spatial Development and Urban Policy)

♥ Darling, Jonathan, and Harald Bauder. "Introduction - Sanctuary cities and urban struggles: Rescaling migration, citizenship, and rights", in idem (eds.) *Sanctuary cities and urban struggles*. Manchester University Press, Manchester 2019, pp. 1-22.

♥ Kaufmann, David. "Comparing urban citizenship, sanctuary cities, local bureaucratic membership, and regularizations", *Public Administration Review*, Vol. 79, n. 3 (2019), pp. 443-446.

Session 4 - 18 March

Mobility, Migration and Swiss Cultural Politics 1898-1965. The Case of Jonas Fränkel - PD Dr Stefanie Leuenberger (History and Cultural Studies)

♥ Jonas Fränkel: Karl Spitteler. In: Die Zukunft. 7. März 1908, S. 334-343.

♥ Jonas Fränkel: Spittelers Recht. Dokumente eines Kampfes. Winterthur 1946.

Julian Schütt: Germanistik und Politik. Schweizer Literaturwissenschaft in der Zeit des Nationalsozialismus. Zürich 1996, S. 177-204.

Session 5 - 25 March

The Automation of Migration Policy in Switzerland in the 1960s - Dr. Moritz Maehr (History of Technology)

♥ Star, Susan Leigh. "The Ethnography of Infrastructure." *American Behavioral Scientist* 43, no. 3 (November 1999), pp. 377-91.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00027649921955326>.

♥ Mähr, Moritz. "The Promise of an Automated Migration Policy: On Planning an Information System in the Swiss Federal Administration in the 1960s." In *Digital Federalism Information, Institutions, Infrastructures (1950-2000)*, edited by Daniela Zetti and Paolo Bory, 60-89. Itinera. Beihefte Zur Schweizerischen Zeitschrift Für Geschichte 49. Basel: Schwabe, 2022. <https://doi.org/10.24894/978-3-7965-4509-2>.

Session 6 - 1 April

Migration and mobility in the security/facilitation nexus - Dr Matthias Leese (Centre for Security Studies)

♥ Huysmans, Jef. "The European Union and the Securitization of Migration", *Journal of Common Market Studies* Vol. 38, n. 5 (2000), pp. 751-777.

♥ Leese, Matthias. "Exploring the Security/Facilitation Nexus: Foucault at the 'Smart' Border", *Global Society* Vol. 30, n. 3 (2016), pp. 412-429.

♥Leese, Matthias, Noori, S. and Scheel S. "Data Matters: The Politics and Practices of Digital Border and Migration Management", *Geopolitics*, Vol. 27, n. 1 (2022), pp. 5-25.

Session 7 - 8 April

Migration Technologies in Light of a Feminist Epistemology - Lisa Schurrer (Practical Philosophy)

♥ Dotson, Kristie. „Tracking Epistemic Violence, Tracking Practices of Silencing“, *Hypatia* 26, Nr. 2 (2011), pp. 236-257.

♥ Bansak, Kirk, Jeremy Ferwerda, Jens Hainmueller, Andrea Dillon, Dominik Hangartner, Duncan Lawrence, und Jeremy Weinstein. „Improving Refugee Integration through Data-Driven Algorithmic Assignment“, *Science*, Vol 359, Issue 6373, 19. Januar 2018, pp. 325-329.

Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak. "Can the Subaltern Speak?", in: Cary Nelson/Lawrence Grossberg (eds.): *Marxism and the Interpretation of Culture*, University of Illinois Press: Urbana 1988, pp. 271-313.

Session 8 - 29 April

To move or not to move? From a binary to a continuum perspective on (environmental) (im)mobility - Jan Freihardt and Prof. Dr Vally Koubi (International Political Economy and Environmental Politics)

♥ Black, Richard, et al. "The effect of environmental change on human migration". *Global Environmental Change*, Vol. 21, n. 1 (2011), S3-S11. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gloenvcha.2011.10.001>

♥Koubi, Vally et al. "The role of environmental perceptions in migration decision-making: evidence from both migrants and non-migrants in five developing countries". *Population and Environment*, Vol. 38 (2016), pp. 134-163. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11111-016-0258-7>

Session 9 - 6 May

Potential and Challenges for AI in Migration Policy - Prof. Dr Dominik Hangartner (Public Policy)

♥ Bansak, Kirk, Jeremy Ferwerda, Jens Hainmueller, Andrea Dillon, Dominik Hangartner, Duncan Lawrence, und Jeremy Weinstein. „Improving Refugee Integration through Data-Driven Algorithmic Assignment“, *Science*, Vol 359, Issue 6373, 19. Januar 2018, pp. 325-329.

♥ Dominik Hangartner, Daniel Kopp, und Michael Siegenthaler, «Monitoring Hiring Discrimination through Online Recruitment Platforms», *Nature* 589, Nr. 7843, Januar 2021, pp. 572-76.

Session 10 - 13 May

Social scientists in the history of migration: 1960s research on “Fremdarbeit” - Dr Kijan Espahangizi and Niki Rhyner (History of Knowledge and Science Studies)

♥ Espahangizi, Kijan. “The ‘Sociologic’ of Postmigration: A Study in the Early History of Social Research on Migration and Integration in Switzerland, 1960-73”, in: Barbara Lüthi, Damir Skenderovic (eds.), *Switzerland and Migration: Historical and Current Perspectives on a Changing Landscape*, Cham: Palgrave Macmillan (2019), pp. 33-59.

Niki Rhyner: »Fremde Arbeit. Kulturelle Differenz, wirtschaftliche Entwicklung und die angewandten Sozial- und Geisteswissenschaften in der Schweiz um 1960«, in: *traverse: Zeitschrift für Geschichte = Revue d’histoire* 2/28 (2021), pp. 136-149.

Session 11 - 20 May

Film Screening Midnight Traveller (Hassan Fazili, 2019)

Session 12 - 27 May

Group Discussion with Lisa Schurrer and Elena Valdameri

Session 13 - 3 June

Final discussion on the course