

Course number: LA6470

Course Title: Migration, Mobility and Development

Credits: 3

Course outline

This course aims to engage with contemporary scholarship in migration studies. It will do so by critically studying key concepts and theories of migration, and interrogating the relationship between migration and development. Drawing on multidisciplinary theoretical and empirical literature, the course will focus on social, economic and cultural drivers of migration, as well as its consequences for individuals, families, and societies in host and destination regions. In the context of globalization, the course will re-examine the divide between internal and international migration. Lastly, the course will consider the scope and limitations of migration policies in an increasingly mobile and connected world.

Details of the Course Syllabus

1. Disciplinary and theoretical considerations
2. Migration data and policy (to be taught by Professor Irudaya Rajan)
3. Empirics of internal and international migration
4. Migration and development
5. Gender and migration
6. Migration and crisis

Reading List

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Distribution of topics and readings

Topic	Essential Readings	Recommended Readings
Theoretical considerations	Brettell and Hollifield (2023) Carling and Collins (2018) Castles (2007) Castles (2010) Deshingkar and Farrington (2009) De Haas (2008) King (2012a) King and Skeldon (2010) Lee (1966) Lewis (1954) Levitt and Jaworsky (2007) Massey et al. (1993) Portes (2010) Schiller et al. (1995) Stark and Lucas (1988) Zelinsky (1971)	Brettell (2023) De Haas (2019) Fitzgerald (2023) Price (2023) King (2012b) Martin (2023) Stark and Bloom (1985) Todaro (1969)
Empirics of migration	Anh et al (2012) Croll and Ping (1997) Fan (2021) Griffin et al. (2024) Hugo (1982) Mosse et al (2002) Parreñas (2000) Punch (2007) Shah and Lerche (2020) Sunam and McCarthy (2016)	Picherit (2018) Rutten and Verstappen (2014)

Migration and development	De Haan (2000) Delgado Wise et al (2013) Hickey (2016) Geiger and Pécoud (2013) World Bank (2023)	Adams and Page (2005) Kapur (2005)
Migration and crisis	Cantat et al. (2023) Hadj Abdou (2020) Suhardiman et al (2021)	Black (2001) De Coninck (2023)
Gender and migration	Benería et al (2012) Lutz (2010)	Donato et al (2006) Mahler & Pessar (2006)
Migration policy	Bakewell (2008) Castles (2004) Government of India (2017) United Nations Development Programme (2009) Wickramasekara (2008) World Bank (2016)	

Course evaluation:

Component 1: Class participation and attendance: 10%

This component will evaluate (the progress in) students' abilities to raise critical questions and elucidate key arguments during class discussions.

Component 2: Book review: 20 %

This component will evaluate students' writing skills. Students will write a book review on a seminal book in migration studies.

Component 3: Class presentation: 20%+20%

This component will evaluate students' presentation skills, and ability to engage with key issues in the literature.

Component 4: Policy brief: 20%

This component will evaluate students' writing skills, and critically appraise their understanding of policy perspectives related to migration.

