

### Migration Studies

**Course code:** 7SO30NGV22M

**Course name :** Migration Studies

**Course name (Hungarian):** Migration Studies

**Number of hours per semester:** 13\*1,5 hours

**Credits:** 3

**Fall/Spring:** Fall

**Language:** English

**Prerequisites:** BA level

**Course type:** selective

**Department:** [Szociológia és Társadalompolitika Intézet](#)

**Course leader:** [Melegh Attila László](#)

**Course description:** The course introduces the participants into the complex analysis of international migration. International migration is a multilayered phenomenon and it requires the use of several approaches. The course will introduce participants into the analysis of macrostructures, micro conditions and mezzo level factors all playing a part in shaping international migration. The course will reflect also on the major policy dilemmas concerning migration

**Course requirements during the semester:** A comprehensive reading of the literature, active participation at the lectures and seminars, preparation of assignments, small presentations

**Examination requirements:** Knowledge of the prescribed literature, Analytical skills

**Assessment, grading:** 60-67 satisfactory, 67,-76 fair, 77-86 good, 87-100 excellent

**Aims, objectives and description of the course:** Week 1 . Introduction, overview of the course. What is migration? The subject matter of migration studies. What are the key problems?

Compulsory reading:

Massey, Douglas S. (1998) Why does immigration occur? A theoretical synthesis.

Week 2, History of migration

McKeown, Adam,(2004) Journal of World History, Volume 15, Number 2, June 2004, pp. 155-189

Week 3 . Theories of migration: neoclassical, the new economics, segmented labor market, world system theory

Portes, A., and J. Böröcz. 1989. "Contemporary Immigration: Theoretical Perspectives on Its Determinants and Modes of Incorporation." International Migration Review, 23(3): 606-630.

Week 4 . Theories of migration: social capital, cumulative causation, network theory, ethnic entrepreneurship,

Perttu Sameenhaare: Social capital in the mobilization of human capital. Demográfia, 2009. Vol. 52. No. 5. English Edition,

Portes, A. (ed.) (1995): The Economic Sociology of Immigration. Essays on Networks, Ethnicity, and Entrepreneurship. Russel Sage Foundation, chapter 1.

de Haas, Hein. The determinants of international migration. Conceptualizing policy, origin and destination effects DEMIG project paper no. 2, International Migration Institute (IMI), Oxford Department of International Development (QEH), University of Oxford, 2011 Accessed 12 10 2012.

### Week 5. Demography and migration

Fassmann, H, Ursula Reeger and Wiebke Sievers (eds) *Statistics and Reality. Concepts and Measurement of Migration in Europe*. IMISCOE reports, Amsterdam University Press.

Melegh, Attila (2006). *On the East/West Slope. Globalization, Nationalism, Racism and Discourses on Central and Eastern Europe*. New York-Budapest, CEU Press. Chapter 2.

Melegh, Attila (2013) *Diverging historical development of migration in Southeastern Europe since 1950*. Working Papers on Population, Family and Welfare. No. 17. Demographic Research Institute, Hungarian Central Statistical Office. Budapest.

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### Week 6 . Migratory systems

#### Compulsory reading:

Bonifazi, Corrado (2008): *Evolution of regional patterns of international migration*. In: Corrado Bonifazi Marek Okolski Jeannette Schoorl Patrick Simon (eds): *The International Migration in Europe: New Trends and New Methods of Analysis (IMISCOE Research)*. Amsterdam University Press.

Sassen, S. (1999): *Guests and aliens* New York: The New Press. Selected parts.

### Week 7 .

Midterm test

### Week 8 Migration and development.

Compulsory reading: Stephen Castles *Development and Migration – Migration and Development: What comes first?* International Migration Institute, Oxford University  
Revised paper 14 April 2008.

### Week 9 . Domestic service and migration

#### Compulsory reading:

Parrenas, Rhacel Salazar (2001): *Servants of Globalization*. Stanford University Press, the chapter on transnational families. 80-106

Attila Melegh, Dóra Gábrriel, Gabriella Gresits és Dalma Hámos (2018) *Abandoned working classes and the political economy of elderly care work in Hungary*

### Week 10 . Identities of migrants and migrant competition

#### Compulsory reading:

Baumann, Z. (1996): *(From Pilgrim to Tourist – a Short History of Identity in: Hall, Stuart Du Gay, Paul (eds): Questions of Cultural Identity*. London, Sage.

Kovács, Éva - Melegh, Attila (2001). *It could have been worse, we could have gone to America. -- Migration Narratives in the Transylvania-Hungary-Austria Triangle* In: Nyíri Pál et al. (2001) (eds). *Diasporas and Politics*. MTA Politikai Tudományok Intézete Nemzetközi Migráció Kutatócsoport Évkönyve. pp. 108-138.

### Week 11-12 Migration and the state.

Favell, A. (1998): *Philosophies of integration: Immigration and the Idea of Citizenship in France and Britain*. London, Macmillan. Favell, A. (1998): *Philosophies of integration: Immigration and the Idea of*

Citizenship in France and Britain. London, Macmillan. Selected parts

Carl-Ulrik Schierup, Peo Hansen, Stephen Castles 2006 Migration, citizenship, and the European welfare state : a European dilemma / Oxford University Press, selected chapter

Cole, P. (2000): Philosophies of Exclusion. Liberal Political Theory and Immigration. Edinburgh University Press 1-16.

Week 13 Conclusion

**Course schedule:** Wednesday, 17,20 pm, C 104

**Learning outcomes:** basic analytical and statistical skills in studying migration

**Course assessment during the semester:** midterm test and class assignment

**Assignments:** assignments and small presentations: 25%, midterm test 35 % final essay 30%, class activity 10%

**Program's name:**

**Readings:**

Compulsory readings:

- as in the weekly description

Recommended readings:

**Course professor(s)/lecturer(s):**