

COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE TITLE:

On the road
(The global challenge of migration in Europe)

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Semester/term, year: 2016-2017, Fall term

Course level (MA, PhD): MA

Credits (# ECTS Credits):

Pre-requisites (if applicable):

Course e-learning site:

Office hours: days, location:

Course Description

This course will explore the individual internal and external determinants of the recent global migration process to Europe. The students will be introduced to the methods of the research dealing with the complex cultural, sociological, anthropological and psychological problems of this migration. The course also has a practical component, including fieldtrips and case studies, expert lectures and discussions from the perspectives of geopolitics, cultural anthropology and law. We will also explore the role of NGOs. We will organize three fieldtrips (Hungarian Baptist Aid Crisis Shelter for Refugee Families, Bicske refugee camp, Fót registration camp for unaccompanied children) and four public lectures with invited experts of geopolitical studies, legal studies, social anthropology and civil society. These lectures will be opened to the whole student body of the CEU, and the students of the ELTE-UNESCO Minority Studies MA program at the ELTE.

Learning Outcomes

Taking into consideration the profoundly new manifestations of the recent migration to Europe, we will enable students to compare the previously existing migration research paradigms with the new symptoms and processes. The fieldtrips and expert lectures will sensitize students to new aspects of the migration process, allowing them to arrive at new theoretical and practical conclusions

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- ✓ Establish considerable knowledge about various forms of new migration and refugee trends to Europe
- ✓ Use new info-communication technology in realizing the migration decisions
- ✓ Discuss unaccompanied minor refugees
- ✓ Discuss cultural conflicts between migrants and the host countries
- ✓ Discuss organizational with regard to national governments and the European Commission
- ✓ Discuss future trends in Europe
- ✓ Engage offline and online media

COURSE SCHEDULE

Lectures:

1. Introductory lecture about orientation and goal of the seminar (Antal Orkeny and Gyorgy Csepeli)
2. The layered regulation of forced migration: international, European and Hungarian (Boldizsar Nagy)
3. Conflicting coexistence of state and civil society in coping recent migration processes (Andras Kovats)
4. Inside a refugee 'camp': a comparative look at housing and livelihoods of refugees in the Middle East (Erlin Agic)
5. Religion and culture in migration (Szabolcs Szuromi)
6. Patterns of Islamophobia in Europe. A comparative study (Antal Orkeny and Gyorgy Csepeli)
7. Media and migration (Georgios Pleos)
8. Summary (Antal Orkeny and Gyorgy Csepeli)

Field visits

9. Fót registration camp for children,
10. Bicske refugee camp,
11. Hungarian Baptist Aid Crisis Shelter for Refugee Families

Mini-conference about students' work

Course Requirements

At the end of the course students are expected to produce a short essay (7 to 10 pages), or video presentation, or slide show dealing with a specific problem or aspect of a problem connected to the recent migration wave. This assignment will serve as basis of evaluation. Deadline of the final papers is a week after the end of the course. During the spring 2017, some of these assignments will be presented in a mini-conference at the CEU.

Assessment (100% of the final grade). Detailed description of the assignment specifying grading criteria – i.e. on what basis will be the grade/points for this assignment awarded.

- Participation in the lectures - 25 %
- Participation in the three field visits– 25 %.
- Final essay or multimedia presentation – 50