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Mobility Studies : a new paradigm enabling to understand the transformation and perception of modern societies ? Discussing and applying central concepts (2SC2098)

Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
Pilier principal M ScS - anthropologie	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
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Pilier principal M ScS - migration et citoyenneté	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier principal M ScS - psychologie et éducation	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier principal M ScS - sociologie	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier secondaire M ScS - anthropologie	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
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ph=période hebdomadaire, pg=période globale, j=jour, dj=demi-jour, h=heure, min=minute

Période d'enseignement:

- Semestre Printemps

Equipe enseignante

Prof. Gianni D'Amato

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As a first step, an introduction will clarify the key concepts in order to understand the difference between migration studies and mobility research. We will question some of the assumptions underlying the standard definitions of international migration, located within the framework of the international state system. The linkage also raises the issue of the agency of those who are or have been literally on the move. In this recent past, logics of free movement, security and human rights discourses and anti-immigrant populist mobilization have been at work simultaneously, questioning and re-arranging established forms of inclusion and exclusion according to class, nationality, origin, religion and gender. We will therefore try to understand in a field-research how mobilities and migrations are perceived by ordinary citizens and migrants (French and/or German proficiency may be a requirement to take part to field work and present the findings in the last two final sessions).

Forme de l'évaluation

Students will have to analyze a source and read a reference text for each session. The group responsible for the session will have to deepen the problematic starting from a short bibliographic orientation. It will be in charge of a presentation of the references that will be followed by a reflection, discussion and synthesis.

Groups of students will have to participate in the second round to field work on perceptions of mobilities in sensitive agglomerations. There will be the possibility for a part of the class to participate in an accompanied group.

Students wishing to earn credits for this seminar will be required to deliver a 15-page paper at the end of the semester. This is based on the discussed literature and the field-work.

The final grade will be weighted as follows:

Presence, readings, participation, and presentation (30%)
Field work and final sessions (30%)
Essay (40%)

Note: Inability to submit written work in a timely manner, without good reason, will automatically result in a failure of the exercise (éché).

Documentation

The reference list, texts and all sources will be made available on Moodle.

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Pré-requis

This course is open to all students in social sciences (MA courses) interested in the relationship between migration, mobility and perceptions.

Forme de l'enseignement

Mandatory readings.

Group presentations on given themes.

Field work

Group discussions and reflections in block seminar (2 days)