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### The politics of international migration (2SC2093)

Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
<b>Pilier principal M ScS - migration et citoyenneté</b>	<b>Cours: 2 ph</b>	<b>cont. continu</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Pilier secondaire M ScS - migration et citoyenneté</b>	<b>Cours: 2 ph</b>	<b>cont. continu</b>	<b>5</b>

ph=période hebdomadaire, pg=période globale, j=jour, dj=demi-jour, h=heure, min=minute

#### Période d'enseignement:

- Semestre Automne

#### Equipe enseignante:

Main instructor: Dr. Jean-Thomas Arrighi

Language of instruction: Mainly English, although students are free to intervene in class in French. Assignments (presentation and essay, see below) may also be written in French. Linguistic criteria should not prevent any interested student from attending the course. In the introductory class, participants will be invited to share their preferences so that we can decide on the most appropriate format.

#### Objectifs:

The seminar seeks to critically examine the impact of international migration on the conception and practice of citizenship, in a broad comparative perspective.

The aim of the course is not to weigh in on any side of any particular debate, but to provide students with the analytical tools to understand contemporary migration issues by placing them in the broader political, normative and historical context in which they arise. Participants will become familiar with the main theoretical debates in the fields of migration and citizenship and gain a broad comparative understanding of a variety of cases, mainly in Europe and North America.

By the end of the course, students should expect to:

- Be acquainted with the main debates in migration and citizenship studies;
- Gain insights into the comparative research method and how to apply it to their own research;
- Develop team working and communication skills through oral presentations and debates.

#### Contenu:

According to the United Nations, there were 232 million international migrants in 2014, a figure which represents hardly more than 3 percent of the world population. In sharp contrast with the extraordinary acceleration of the circulation of goods and capital across borders in the wake of globalisation, today's proportion of international migrants is significantly lower than in the nineteenth century and has remained remarkably stable over the past 50 years. Yet, the movement of people from one sovereign state to another has become a major field of contestation in the domestic politics of receiving and sending societies, as well as in the international arena, as shown by the proliferation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations whose sole purpose is to regulate the phenomenon.

Against this background, the seminar seeks to critically examine the impact of human mobility on the conception and practice of citizenship, in a broad comparative perspective. It is divided into three main themes. The first part examines the process through which states turn migrants into citizens and explore why some countries have been much more inclusive than others. The second part discusses how the advent of a multicultural citizenship in immigrant-receiving democracies has become increasingly challenged by the rise of radical right parties and growing concerns about the accommodation of Islam amid rising sectarian tensions. The third and final part moves beyond the state centric literature by exploring processes of territorial rescaling of citizenship in complex federal settings, including the Swiss confederation, the multinational states of Spain and the United Kingdom, the successor states of former Yugoslavia and the European Union.

#### Forme de l'évaluation:

Internal evaluation / évaluation interne / 5 ECTS

Attendance: Registered participants may miss up to two sessions (out of fourteen) without justification.

Readings: Students must thoroughly read all assigned readings (2 academic articles per class) prior to each session.

Assignments: Participants are expected to give one presentation in class and submit a short essay (3,000 word/circa 10 pages) on a topic

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related to the main themes of the course by 15 January 2017-

The overall grade for the course is divided as follows:

- Attendance and participation (20%)
- Presentation in class (30%)
- Essay (50%).

N.B.: Students who fail to submit their essay by the deadline that was agreed upon without justification, will not receive credits for the class.

#### **Documentation:**

A comprehensive version of the syllabus, including a short summary of each session, complete bibliography and all readings in PDF is available through Moodle.

#### **Pré-requis:**

This interdisciplinary course is open to all social science students with an interest in migration and a willingness to examine issues that raise complex ethical, political and academic questions.