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### Asylum policy (2SC2094)

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:

Prof. Anita Manatschal

#### Objectifs:

With more than 1.2 million asylum applications in 2015, European governments are struggling with the biggest asylum crisis since World War II. EU asylum policy making within the Common European Asylum System (e.g. Dublin) is increasingly criticized for being limited and having failed. Meanwhile, European member states' reactions to the current crisis could not be more diverse, with Germany welcoming asylum seekers, while Hungary creates fences to prevent asylum seekers from entering the country. In this course, we seek to better understand the multilevel nature of asylum policy making and -implementation in Europe, focusing on supranational (EU), national, and subnational (regional, local) policy levels. We will gain a deeper understanding of why it is so difficult to find a unanimous and fair regulation of asylum policy in Europe, and learn how asylum policy can affect the integration of asylum seekers in Switzerland.

#### Contenu:

The course starts with a general overview on the current humanitarian migration crisis and its origins in the Arab Spring. We then address some basic political science concepts (policy cycle, multilevel governance) which help us to understand and interpret the complex evolution of asylum policy in the European context. In a top down manner, the following sessions scrutinize asylum policy making at the level of the European Union (supranational), selected European countries such as Italy, Greece, Germany and Switzerland (national), as well as at the regional (cantonal) and local (municipal) levels in Switzerland.

#### Forme de l'évaluation:

Évaluation interne / internal evaluation

To receive the 5 ECTS (150h) provided for this course, students must accomplish the following tasks:

1 ECTS: attend the course regularly and actively;

1 ECTS: read the course literature;

1 ECTS: give a presentation in one session;

1 ECTS: prepare and develop research questions for one session, moderate the discussion of this session;

1 ECTS: pass a written evaluation (short test in the last session of the course)

#### Documentation:

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#### **Pré-requis:**

Bachelor in human and social sciences

#### **Forme de l'enseignement:**

One introductory session by Anita Manatschal; reading, presentation, and discussion of the course literature; written test in the last session (December 20, 2016).