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Exploring migration and mobility from a transnational perspective : theoretical and empirical challenges (2SC2075)

Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
Pilier principal M ScS - anthropologie	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier principal M ScS - géographie humaine	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier principal M ScS - migration et citoyenneté	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier principal M ScS - psychologie et éducation	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier principal M ScS - sociologie	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier secondaire M ScS - anthropologie	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier secondaire M ScS - géographie humaine	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier secondaire M ScS - migration et citoyenneté	Cours: 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 Automne

Equipe enseignante:

Dre Carolin Fischer

Objectifs:

The course introduces transnational perspectives on the study and understanding of migration and mobility. Departing from the history of the term "transnationalism", it explores emerging debates, reflects on the conditions leading to transnational processes and discusses how to empirically approach such phenomena. Lectures and discussions are based on theoretical and empirical contributions to the literature on transnationalism. Students learn how to critically question traditional notions of nation-states, culture and migration and apply the theories and concepts introduced to the analysis of contemporary issues.

Contenu:

In the early 1990s the notion transnationalism first appeared in academic debates. Since then, it has profoundly shaped thinking and research in social science and more specifically the study of migration and mobility. Rejecting the idea that social space is delineated by nation state borders a transnational epistemology draws attention to how individuals "often migrants" actively participate in the construction of social space. Through their practices and identifications they create links between different places, such as their countries of origin and residence. This results in the emergence of social networks, modes of identification as well as the circulation of material and non-material resources across the borders of two or more nation states.

Drawing on the theoretical and empirical literature, the course aims to critically reflect how a transnational perspective has shaped research on migration and mobility. Examples for questions that will be discussed are: What does a transnational perspective add to our understanding of migration, mobility and immobility? How does a transnational perspective help to overcome "methodological nationalism"? What are the parallels and differences between notions such as transnationalism and diaspora? What are the different conditions under which people engage in transnational practices? How can we empirically approach and capture transnational phenomena and processes?

Each session consists of two parts. It begins with a 45min lecture on the topic of the week. This is followed by an interactive discussion in class, based on 1-2 texts which students prepared in advance. Students are expected to thoroughly read the texts assigned for each session and to actively participate in class discussions. Lectures will be held in English, but students are welcome to speak French during discussions in class.

Forme de l'évaluation:

Students will prepare a term paper of up to 15 pages on a topic relating to the themes discussed in the course. The final assessment will be based on both participation in class and the written term paper.

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