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The researcher positionality: Biography, subjectivity and reflexivity in migration studies (2SC2144)

Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
Pilier principal M ScS - migration et citoyenneté	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier principal M ScS - migration et citoyenneté (EuMIGS)	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier secondaire M ScS - migration et citoyenneté	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5

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

Période d'enseignement:

- Semestre Automne

Equipe enseignante

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This course, composed of lectures and seminars, is taught jointly by teachers and researchers at different universities of the EuMIGS network.

Contenu

As the result of a set of professional practices enacted by individuals (researchers) who are themselves part of society, the production of scientific knowledge in social sciences is always affected one way or another by the researcher's personal background. Researchers cannot be separated from their research. This course will address both the epistemological and methodological implications of this situation by exploring how personal biography impact research activities and how processes of subjectivity and reflexivity interact with the production of scientific knowledge.

Forme de l'évaluation

To obtain the 5 ECTS credits for this course, students are expected to actively participate in all lectures and seminars (any absence needs to be justified).

The grade is based on a final written paper in which students develop a topic of their choice related to the content of the course in 10 to 15 pages.

Pré-requis

This course is open to all master students in the pilier migration et citoyenneté. It is particularly recommended for students interested in learning from and exchanging with teachers and students of other migration master programmes in Europe and thereby opening up their perspective.

Forme de l'enseignement

This course consists of four lectures and four seminars. Lectures and seminars take place fully online.

During each lecture, two researchers from two different EuMIGS partner universities talk about a topic related to the general theme of the course and based on their own research experience.

For the seminars, students are expected to read one to three texts in advance and discuss them with other students. The readings can be downloaded from Moodle.

Active participation in both the lectures and the seminars is mandatory.

Dates of the lectures (always from 12:00 to 14:00):

28/10/2024
11/11/2024
25/11/2024
09/12/2024

Dates of the seminars (always from 12:00 to 14:00):

18/11/2024
02/12/2024
16/12/2024

Objectifs d'apprentissage

Au terme de la formation l'étudiant-e doit être capable de :

- Examine the role of researcher biographies in migration research
- Question the universality and/or partiality of research

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- Compare different inputs from differently positioned researchers across Europe
- Discuss readings with students of other migration master programmes

Compétences transférables

- Synthesise readings, compare them and explain them to others
- Apply a reflexive perspective on one's own and others' research
- Recognise differences in the way migration research is done in different European and disciplinary contexts