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Xenophobia (2SC2102)

Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
Pilier principal M ScS - anthropologie	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier principal M ScS - géographie humaine	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
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 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
Pilier secondaire M ScS - géographie humaine	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 Automne

Equipe enseignante

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Assistante: Daniska Tampise Klebo

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Xenophobia, the "fear of the foreign or strange", continues to shape debates around migration and citizenship in the 21st century. After times where many thought xenophobic and nativist rhetoric disappeared from public discourse, recent political events such as the "Brexit" vote in the UK, the vote against "mass immigration" in Switzerland, or the election of Donald Trump as president of the United States, teach us otherwise. The objective of this seminar is that students gain a better and deeper understanding of xenophobia, its manifold facets and manifestations around the world, its individual and contextual drivers, and political as well as societal consequences. We do so by seeking answers to questions such as: What is xenophobia? Which role do contact or education play for xenophobia? Did Covid-19 alter xenophobia? Is xenophobia a threat to social cohesion and democracy?

The seminar starts with a critical review of the concept of xenophobia, and how it can be measured empirically in quantitative surveys. We will then study how xenophobic attitudes emerge, and which individual or contextual factors nurture, or reduce these attitudes. To further delineate and demarcate the concept, we engage in a critical discussion on related terms like nationalism, islamophobia, racism or Whiteness. The following sessions address the political and societal implications of xenophobia in terms of right-populism, discriminatory behavior or migration policy preferences and outputs. In this context, we will also have the opportunity to discuss the topic of Artificial Intelligence and algorithmic discrimination with a member of the Federal Commission against Racism (CFR), who will present a mandated research report on "discrimination algorithmique : responsabilité politique" in our seminar.

In a final block, the students will develop an empirical-analytical research question and research plan, which will lay the basis for their term paper. The aim of this seminar is that participants apply and implement the theoretical knowledge acquired in the seminar when writing their term paper, which bases either on an empirical or theoretical analysis.

Forme de l'évaluation

Évaluation interne / internal evaluation:

To receive the 5 ECTS provided for this seminar, students must accomplish the following tasks: 1) attend the seminar regularly and actively; 2) read the seminar literature; 3) give a presentation on the seminar literature (English encouraged, French possible); 4) prepare and develop discussion questions for one session; 5) prepare a research design based on which you write a term paper (in French, English, or German) of 12-15 pages.

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The literature for this seminar will be uploaded on MOODLE.

Pré-requis

This seminar complements qualitative research e.g. on boundary making, as it introduces the students into the rich and mostly quantitative research on xenophobia. While knowledge in quantitative methodology is an asset, it is no requirement to participate in this seminar.

Forme de l'enseignement

Introductory session by instructor; reading, presentation, and discussion of the seminar literature; written term paper.

Objectifs d'apprentissage

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

- Identifier les défis contemporaines liés à la migration, la mobilité et la citoyenneté et porter un jugement critique sur les enjeux des sociétés diversifiées, complexes et dynamiques
- Identifier différentes approches disciplinaires appliqués dans les études en migrations, mobilités et citoyenneté
- Utiliser des visualisations pour rendre les arguments et résultats empiriques plus accessibles
- Appliquer des méthodes quantitatives et/ou qualitatives appropriés à un objet d'étude en conduisant une recherche autonome et originale
- Développer une opinion indépendante sur des raisonnements théoriques et résultats d'analyse

Compétences transférables

- Gérer des projets
- Communiquer dans une seconde langue avec détection des risques spécifiques ("faux frères")
- Stimuler sa créativité
- Identifier les enjeux et les interactions multiples caractérisant une problématique
- Synthétiser des analyses basées sur des approches méthodologiques différentes