

COURSE DETAIL

EUROPE, MIGRATION, REFUGEES

Country

Germany

Host Institution

Free University of Berlin

Program(s)

Berlin Summer

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

European Studies Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number

118

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

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UCEAP Transcript Title

MIGRATION REFUGEES

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

Regarding transnational migration, the EU promotes a political reasoning between processes of consolidation and necessary conflict, between sovereignty and shared responsibility, between the right to define and delimit and the duty to negotiate. As the visibility of migration increases in various ways, migrants are often represented and imagined as a homogenous mass of "the other." This leads to a problematic understanding of migration as something to be controlled and governed from a top-down perspective alone. But the respective processes of negotiation on migration policy, within and across the outer borders of the Union, take place not only between the official institutions of nation-states, but on all scales of European populations. They also take place from a bottom-up perspective in the centers and at the margins of societies alike. This course departs from concepts of the anthropology of the state and of migration and students first gain an overview of EU-level migration polity. Diving deeper down we will start to change perspective: How do local activists develop and implement their own ways of welcoming migrants? Where do migrants work and how are they represented in trade unions? Finally, focusing on the history of migrant struggles in Berlin, the course encounters migrants' viewpoints, which reach beyond the usual framings of 'the poor migrant' as 'passive victim,' as a threat or as the '(anti-)hero' of globalization. The course encounters viewpoints on the conflicts, compromises, resistances, solidarity, and social transformation shaping and shaped by recent migration movement to Europe.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

3.06

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Host Institution Campus

FUBiS- Track B

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