COURSE DETAIL

IMMIGRATION, ETHNICITY AND NATION IN CONTEMPORARY SPAIN
Country Spain
Host Institution UC Center, Madrid
Program(s) Contemporary Spain
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Sociology Political Science History
UCEAP Course Number 140
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title IMMIGRATION, ETHNICITY AND NATION IN CONTEMPORARY SPAIN
UCEAP Transcript Title IMM/ETHN CONTEM SP
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

This interdisciplinary course focuses on one of the most important recent developments in Spanish society: the onset in the 1990s of mass immigration from Europe, Africa, and Latin America. Spain's long history of expulsions, enforced religious uniformity, colonialism, contending regional and national identities and loyalties, and the marginalization of the Roma minority, provides an obvious starting point from which to consider both migrant experiences in Spain, and the way migration is reconfiguring contemporary attitudes and identities in Spanish society. Against this historical background, the course examines the dynamics and demographics of migration to and—again more recently—from Spain, and more generally, migrants' integration into the education system, the labor market, and social, political and cultural life. Class discussions and readings analyze the Spanish response to immigration, whether in the shape of laws and public policies, media representations of migrants, or public attitudes and behavior towards newcomers and ethnic minorities, including racism. The course ends by considering the impact of the ongoing economic crisis on immigrants, and the interplay between migration and current nationalist tensions within Spain, particularly the areas surrounding Catalonia and the Basque Country.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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