COURSE DETAIL

PHILOSOPHY OF MIGRATION LAW
Country France
Host Institution Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)
Program(s) Sciences Po Paris
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Philosophy Legal Studies
UCEAP Course Number 125
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title PHILOSOPHY OF MIGRATION LAW
UCEAP Transcript Title PHIL MIGRATION LAW
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description
This course introduces students to the philosophical foundations and implications of migration law. Through an interdisciplinary perspective, mobilizing law and philosophy, the sessions question the rationale of migration law in constitutional states, mostly in Europe. Immigration law determines the condition of migrants in various ways: it primarily founds the distinction between nationals and aliens, it establishes the law of border policing, and it delimits the rights of foreigners within the state territory. To this extent, migration law does not only define a set of rights and duties, it also enables a person to be part – or not – of a political community; it thus lies at the core of the foundations and the functioning of contemporary liberal states. A substantive part of the course is dedicated to the analysis of the standing of foreigners and migrants in international, European, and domestic law. This invites students to reflect on a series of questions including the following: Is there a legal status of foreigners? Are migrants structurally excluded from the framework of the rule of law? To what extent do counter-terrorism measures and the use of states of exception undermine the condition of migrants in constitutional states? What do these reflections tell us about our political societies?

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Law

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