

COURSE DETAIL

CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES OF MIGRATION GOVERNANCE

Country

France

Host Institution

University of Bordeaux

Program(s)

University of Bordeaux

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science International Studies

UCEAP Course Number

129

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES OF MIGRATION GOVERNANCE

UCEAP Transcript Title

MIGRATION GOVERNANC

UCEAP Quarter Units

3.50

UCEAP Semester Units

2.30

Course Description

This course offers a critical examination of migration policies and governance tools in Western countries, drawing on sociological, political science, and empirical case study approaches. It interrogates the mechanisms of control, dominant discourses, and power dynamics that shape contemporary migration flows. The course focuses on state administrations, associations, international organizations, private actors, and civil society, as well as their interrelations. During the different sessions, it explores the evolution of migration policies and their connections to colonialism, nationalism, and globalization from a comparative perspective. It also provides a broad understanding of contemporary issues—such as securitization, the externalization of borders, the criminalization of solidarity, and the commodification of migration. The course analyzes how stereotypes and discursive frameworks shape public policies and social perceptions, influencing the design and implementation of migration policies, often in ways that reinforce exclusionary practices. It then examines the instruments used to regulate migration, including border technologies (such as AI and biometrics), legal frameworks, outsourcing practices, and the roles of NGOs and private actors. Finally, the course highlights forms of resistance led by migrants, solidarity networks, legal challenges, and sanctuary cities. Firsthand accounts from activists offer insights into grassroots strategies for contesting exclusionary policies and imagining alternative governance models.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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Host Institution Campus

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Host Institution Faculty**Host Institution Degree**

Master

Host Institution Department**Course Last Reviewed**

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