

SOSGEO4800 - Globalisation, migration and religion

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Course content

The course explores sociological issues related to globalization, migration and religion. The course is based on recent theoretical and empirical contributions within the sociology of migration as well as the sociology of religion. Globalisation processes and changes in national states have significance for migrants in our time. The course discusses issues related to multiculturalism, transnationalism, religion, **neoliberal political trends**, and right-wing populism. The course also covers various aspects of international migration like migration flows (including **labor migration refugees**), irregularity, **citizenship**, ethnic identity, **and acculturation of migrants**. Competences in international migration, relationships within religiously heterogeneous communities as well as cultural awareness are becoming increasingly relevant in the labor market, both in the public and private sectors.

Learning outcome

Knowledge

- Explain and provide examples of different frameworks and approaches to understanding globalization, international migration and religion
- Understand both the need for and challenges to interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary approaches to the study of migration
- Be able to identify how worldviews, values and beliefs influence the construction of knowledge in the field of migration policies and religion
- The course will contribute to a theoretically grounded understanding of globalization, migration and religion, and key processes that affect various aspects of the migration process. The course provides a good foundation for working on a thesis concerning the study of migration and/or religion.

Skills

- Critically read and discuss articles and chapters on the sociology of migration, recognizing the importance of different discourses and approaches;
- Use different theories when discussing a more concrete empirical phenomenon.
- Develop skills for oral and written presentation of knowledge and competencies.

Competences

- Ability to explain linkages between diverse phenomena related to globalization, migration and religion.
- Capacity to understand complex issues from multiple perspectives.
- Improved capacity for self-reflection and self-awareness.
- Understanding of how to engage with migration issues from a more knowledge-based perspective.