**CULT 453/553: Spaces of Migration**

**Fall 2021**

Mondays 15:40-17:30 at FASS 1089 & over Zoom

Thursdays 10:40-11:30 at FASS 1089 & over Zoom

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**Course Description**

This course explores how migratory movements and attempts at their regulation produce space as well as scale and reviews the theoretical constructs that account for the emergent spatialities of migrant connections.

**Course Requirements**

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| **Undergraduates** | **Percentage** | **Graduates** | **Percentage** |
| Attendance & Participation | 10% | Attendance & Participation | 10% |
| Midterm Exam | 30% | Presentations (10% each) | 20% |
| Reflection Papers (20% each) | 60% | Midterm Exam | 30% |
|  |  | Final Paper | 40% |

**(everyone) Attendance & Participation (10%):** I expect each student to come to class having read the required material and to actively participate in class discussions. Attendance will be taken through Zoom as well as in-class. You are allowed to miss a total of three classes without an excuse. Any unexcused absences beyond that would be reflected in your grade. If you miss eleven or more classes, you will automatically get an N/A grade.

**In-class rules:** As per the Rectorate’s rules, in the first week only those students whose ID numbers are odd will be allowed in class. In the second week only those students whose ID numbers are even will be allowed in class. After the add-drop period, I will decide on a rotation mechanism based on our final class size and classroom capacity.

**Zoom rules:** Please keep your camera on at all times! If you cannot or are unwilling to, please inform me in writing prior to class.

**(everyone)** **Midterm Exam (30%):** We will have a physical exam in W8. The exam will consist of two to three short-essay questions.

**(undergraduates) Reflection Papers (20X3=60%):** A total of three reflection papers are due at the end of W4, W11 and the first week of finals, respectively. Each reflection paper will answer two guiding questions (to be provided by the instructor) in the light of course readings so far covered in class. 3 pages minimum, double-spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman font. To be posted on Moodle.

**(graduates) Presentations (10x2=20%):** Every Thursday starting from Week 4 one graduate student will be responsible for presenting to the undergraduates the additional, graduates-only reading material and connecting it to the materials read by everyone in class. Each presentation will last around 15 minutes, and each graduate student will likely make two presentations in the course of the semester (depending on final enrollment numbers).

**(graduates) Final Paper (40%):** Graduate students are expected to write 10-12 double-spaced pages on a topic that they choose, which builds on the course material. **Deadline:** Please upload on Moodle by midnight on **January 16th**. Please also make sure you discuss your topic with me before you start writing, no later than Week 11.

**Grade Catalog**

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| 90 and above: A  (A-’s are automatically rounded up to A) | 89-86: B+ | 77-74: C+ | 64-60: D+ | Below 50: F |
| 85-82: B | 73-70: C |
| 81-78: B- | 69-65: C- | 59-50: D |

**Extra-Credit Policy:** No extra-credit opportunities will be available.

**Note on Plagiarism:** Please do not plagiarize, it is so not worth it! If you are caught plagiarizing, I will follow the disciplinary measures stipulated in the relevant University policy.

**Reading List**

All readings will be available on Moodle.

**W1 (Sept. 27-30):** Introduction

**W2 (Oct. 4-7):** Why ‘spaces’ of migration?

**(everyone)** E. Scheibelhofer (2016) “Reflecting on Spatiality in European Migration Research: From Methodological Nationalism to Space-Sensitive Observations of Social Transformations” in A. Amelina, K. Horvath, B. Meeus (eds) *An Anthology of Migration and Social Transformation*. IMISCOE Research Series. Springer, Cham., pp. 73-86.

**W3 (Oct. 11-14):** Visualizing migration

**(everyone)** H. van Houtum & R. B. Lacy (2020) “The migration map trap. On the invasion arrows in the cartography of migration”, *Mobilities*, 15(2): 196-219.

**(everyone)** A. Campos-Delgado (2018) “Counter-mapping migration: irregular migrants’ stories through cognitive mapping”, *Mobilities*, 13(4): 488-504.

**W4 (Oct. 18-21):** Borders on the move

**(everyone)** M. Casas-Cortes, S. Cobarrubias & J. Pickles (2016) “‘Good neighbours make good fences’: Seahorse operations, border externalization and extra-territoriality”, *European Urban and Regional Studies*, 23(3): 231-251.

**(everyone)** S. Karadağ (2019) “Extraterritoriality of European borders to Turkey: an implementation perspective of counteractive strategies”, CMS 7, 12.

**(grads only)** R. Andersson (2014) Chapter 2 in *Illegality, Inc: Clandestine Migration and the Business of Bordering Europe*. Oakland: University of California Press, pp. 66-97.

**1st Reflection Paper due by midnight on Oct. 23rd!**

**W5 (Oct. 25):** Routes and journeys

**(everyone)** W. Walters (2021) “The migration route as governance” in E. Carmel et al (eds) *Handbook on the Governance and Politics of Migration*, Northampton, Elgar Publishing, pp. 242-253.

**(everyone)** E. S. Kaytaz (2016) “Afghan journeys to Turkey: Narratives of immobility, travel and transformation”, *Geopolitics*, 21: 284–302.

**(grads only)** R. Andersson (2014) Chapter 3 in *Illegality, Inc: Clandestine Migration and the Business of Bordering Europe*. Oakland: University of California Press, pp. 98-132.

**W6** **(Nov. 1-4):** Border spectacles

**(everyone)** P. Cuttitta (2014) “‘Borderizing’ the Island Setting and Narratives of the Lampedusa ‘Border Play’”, *ACME: An International Journal for Critical Geographies*, *13*(2): 196-219.

**(grads only)** R. Andersson (2014) Chapter 4 in *Illegality, Inc: Clandestine Migration and the Business of Bordering Europe*. Oakland: University of California Press, pp. 133-173.

**W7 (Nov. 8-11):** In-between places

**(everyone)** M. Collyer (2007) “In-between places: Trans-Saharan transit migrants in Morocco and the fragmented journey to Europe”, *Antipode*, 39: 668–690.

**(everyone)** H. Crawley & K. Jones (2021) “Beyond here and there: (re)conceptualising migrant journeys and the ‘in-between’”, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 47(4): 3226-3242.

**(grads only)** R. Andersson (2014) Chapter 5 in *Illegality, Inc: Clandestine Migration and the Business of Bordering Europe*. Oakland: University of California Press, pp. 177-211.

**W8 (Nov. 15-18): Midterm in class on Monday. No class on Thursday.**

**W9 (Nov. 22-25):** Journeys in time?

**(everyone)** L. Oesch (2019) “The Politics of Temporariness and the Materiality of Refugee Camps”, in B. Meeus, K. Arnaut, B. van Heur (eds) *Arrival Infrastructures*, Palgrave Macmillan, Cham, pp.

**(everyone)** S. Osseiran (2020) “The Intersection of Labour and Refugee Policies in the Middle East and Turkey: Exploring the Dynamics of ‘Permanent Temporariness’”, *Civil Society Knowledge Center*, Lebanon Support, pp. 1-16.

**(grads only)** R. Andersson (2014) Chapter 6 in *Illegality, Inc: Clandestine Migration and the Business of Bordering Europe*. Oakland: University of California Press, pp. 212-244.

**W10 (Nov. 29 - Dec. 2):** Spaces of detention

**(everyone)** A. Mountz & J. Loyd (2014) “Transnational productions of remoteness: building onshore and offshore carceral regimes across borders”, *Geogr. Helv*., 69: 389-398.

**(undergrads only)** N. Hiemstra (2012) “Geopolitical Reverberations of US Migrant Detention and Deportation: The View from Ecuador”, *Geopolitics*, 17(2): 293-311.

**(grads only)** N.Hiemstra (2019) Chapter 1 in *Detain and Deport: The Chaotic U.S. Immigration Enforcement Regime*. Athens: University of Georgia Press, pp. 10-27.

**W11 (Dec. 6-9):** Spaces of deportation

**(everyone)** D. Kanstroom (2012) “The Effects of Deportation in the US and the New Diaspora” (ch.4) in *Aftermath: Deportation Law and the New American Diaspora*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp.

**(grads only)** N.Hiemstra (2019) Chapter 4 in *Detain and Deport: The Chaotic U.S. Immigration Enforcement Regime*. Athens: University of Georgia Press, pp. 63-82.

**2nd Reflection Paper due by midnight on Dec. 11th!**

**W12 (Dec. 13-16):** Spaces of dispersal

**(everyone)** P. Hynes (2009) “Contemporary Compulsory Dispersal and the Absence of Space for the Restoration of Trust”, *Journal of Refugee Studies*, 22(1): 97–121.

**(everyone)** P. Hubbard (2005) “Accommodating otherness: anti-asylum centre protest and the maintenance of white privilege”, *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, 30(1): 52–65.

**(grads only)** N.Hiemstra (2019) Chapter 6 in *Detain and Deport: The Chaotic U.S. Immigration Enforcement Regime*. Athens: University of Georgia Press, pp. 102-117.

**W13** **(Dec. 20-23):** Localization of control and contestation

**(everyone)** K. E. Walker & H. Leitner (2011) “The Variegated Landscape of Local Immigration Policies in the United States”, *Urban Geography*, 32(2): 156-178.

**(everyone)** J. Ridgley (2008) “Cities of Refuge: Immigration Enforcement, Police, and the Insurgent Genealogies of Citizenship in U.S. Sanctuary Cities”, *Urban Geography*, 29(1): 53-77.

**(grads only)** N.Hiemstra (2019) Chapter 7 in *Detain and Deport: The Chaotic U.S. Immigration Enforcement Regime*. Athens: University of Georgia Press, pp. 118-133.

**W14 (Dec. 27-30):** Taking stock of the semester

**3rd Reflection Paper due by midnight on Jan. 9th!**