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

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Mondays 08:40-11:30 at FASS G048

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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 | 5% | Attendance & Participation | 5% |
| Discussion Questions | 20% | Discussion Questions | 20% |
| Midterm Exam | 25% | Midterm Exam | 25% |
| Final week reflection | 5% | Final week reflection | 5% |
| Spaces of encounter reflection | 15% | Spaces of encounter reflection | 15% |
| Final Exam | 30% | Final Paper | 30% |

**(everyone) Attendance & Participation (5%):** I expect each student to come to class having read the required material and to actively participate in class discussions. Attendance will be taken in class, starting in W3. You are allowed to miss two classes without an excuse. Any unexcused absences beyond that would be reflected in your grade. If you miss six or more classes, you will be ineligible for an attendance grade.

**(everyone) Discussion Questions (20%):** Between W3 and W13, at the beginning of each class, students will form discussion groups to answer the discussion questions I will hand out. Please make sure a group member notes down the answers to be posted on SUCourse+.

**(everyone)** **Midterm Exam (25%):** We will have a physical exam in W7. The exam will consist of two short-essay questions.

**(everyone) Short reflection on final week’s reading (5%):** Students will write a one-page response in class on the last day, assessing the feasibility and effectiveness of the Refugia proposal and addressing any short-comings that they may identify about it.

**(everyone) Spaces of encounter reflection (%15):** We will discuss spaces of encounter in W10. Students will then have two options: either **(i)** visit possible spaces of encounter that they identify in Istanbul and write a two-page reflection on their observations in conversation with class readings, or **(ii)** write a two-page reflection, in conversation with class readings, on why in their daily lives they are not/cannot be part of spaces of encounter. **To be posted on SUCourse+ by midnight on Dec. 23rd.**

**(undergraduates) Final Exam (30%):** We will have an exam in the finals week – date and location to be determined by Student Resources. The exam will consist of two or three short-essay questions.

**(graduates) Final Paper (30%):** 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 SUCourse by midnight on **January 18th**. 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 |

**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.

**Late submission policy:** For everyday that an assignment is late, 5% of total possible points will be deducted.

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

**Reading List**

All readings will be available on SUCourse+.

**W1 (Oct. 3):** Introduction

**W2 (Oct. 10):** Migration policies and their spatialities

A. Pécoud (2021) “Narrating an ideal migration world? An analysis of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration”, *Third World Quarterly*, 42:1, 16-33.

T. Gammeltoft-Hansen & N.F. Tan (2017) “The End of the Deterrence Paradigm? Future Directions for Global Refugee Policy”, *Journal on Migration and Human Security*, 5(1): 28-56.

**Graduates only:** A. Betts (2018), “The Global Compact on Refugees: Towards a Theory of Change?”, *International Journal of Refugee Law*, 30(4): 623–626.

**W3 (Oct. 17):** ‘Transit’ migration and border externalization

F. Düvell (2014) “Transit Migrations in the European Migration Spaces: Politics, Determinants and Dynamics”, in *Transit Migration in Europe* (eds. F. Düvell et al), Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, pp. 209-236.

J. Watkins (2017) “Australia’s irregular migration information campaigns: border externalization, spatial imaginaries, and extraterritorial subjugation”, *Territory, Politics, Governance*, 5(3): 282-303.

**W4 (Oct. 24):** Routes and journeys

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.

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

**Graduates only:** B. Kasparek (2016) “Routes, Corridors, and Spaces of Exception: Governing Migration and Europe”, *Near Futures Online* 1 “Europe at a Crossroads”: http://nearfuturesonline.org/ routes-corridors-and-spaces-of-exception-govern-ing-migration-and-europe/

**W5 (Oct. 31):** Maps as representations of space

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.

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

**W6** **(Nov. 7):** Offshoring and region-formation

P.K. Rajaram (2003) “‘Making Place’: The Pacific Solution and Australian Emplacement in the Pacific and on Refugee Bodies”, *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography*, 24(3), 2003, 290-306.

A. Mountz & J.M. Loyd (2013) “Constructing the Mediterranean Region: Obscuring Violence in the Bordering of Europe’s Migration ‘Crises’”, ACME, 13(2): 173-195.

**Graduates only:** N. Ben Yehoyada (2015) “‘Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men’: the moral and political scales of migration in the Central Mediterranean”, *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, 22: 183-202.

**W7 (Nov. 14): Midterm in class.**

**W8 (Nov. 21): Spaces of reception**

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

M. Zill et al (2021) “Living in a ‘free jail’: Asylum-seekers’ and local residents’ experiences of discomfort with asylum seeker accommodation”, *Political Geography*, 91, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.polgeo.2021.102487.

**W9 (Nov. 28): Internalization of borders**

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.

W. P. Simmons (2021) “The Gendered Effects of Local Immigration Enforcement: Latinas’ Social Isolation in Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, and Phoenix”, *International Migration Review*, 55(1): 108-134.

**Graduates only:** I. Ataç, T. Schütze & V. Reitter (2020) “Local responses in restrictive national policy contexts: welfare provisions for non-removed rejected asylum seekers in Amsterdam, Stockholm and Vienna”, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 43(16): 115-134.

**W10 (Dec. 5): Spaces of encounter**

T. Matejskova & H. Leitner (2011) “Urban encounters with difference: the contact hypothesis and immigrant integration projects in eastern Berlin”, *Social & Cultural Geography*, 12(7): 717-741.

E. Lyytinen (2015) “Refugees’ Conceptualizations of ‘Protection Space’: Geographical Scales of Urban Protection and Host–Refugee Relations”, *Refugee Survey Quarterly*, 34(2): 45–77.

**W11 (Dec. 12): Spaces of detention**

L. Martin (2016) “Getting Out and Getting In: Legal Geographies of US Immigration Detention” (ch.11), in D. Moran et al (eds) *Carceral Spaces: Mobility and Agency in Imprisonment and Migrant Detention*, New York: Routledge, pp. 149-166.

C. Mainwaring (2015) “Fortifying the European Union? Immigration detention in Malta and Cyprus” in A. Nethery & S. J. Silverman (eds) *Immigration Detention: The migration of a policy and its human impact*, New York: Routledge, pp.

**Graduates only:** M. Tazzioli & G. Garelli (2020) “Containment beyond detention: The hotspot system and disrupted migration movements across Europe”, *Environment and Planning D*, 38(6): 1009-1027.

**W12 (Dec. 19): Spaces of deportation**

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

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.135-163.

**W13** **(Dec. 26): Camps**

C. Horst (2006) “Buufis amongst Somalis in Dadaab: The Transnational and Historical Logics behind Resettlement Dreams”, *Journal of Refugee Studies*, 19(2): 143-157.

D. Martin (2015) “From spaces of exception to ‘campscapes’: Palestinian refugee camps and informal settlements in Beirut”, *Political Geography*, 44: 9-18.

**Graduates only**: I. Feldman (2015) “What is a camp? Legitimate refugee lives in spaces of long-term displacement”, *Geoforum*, 66: 244-252.

**W14 (Jan. 2): Refugia?**

R. Cohen & N. Van Hear (2017) “Visions of Refugia: territorial and transnational solutions to mass displacement”, *Planning Theory & Practice*, 18(3): 494-504.