Honours/Masters in Development Studies

Migration and Development (DVS750/DVS851)

Course Outline

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MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT COURSE OUTLINE

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Course Description:

In the field of development studies, consensus has emerged concerning the critical role of both internal and international migration in promoting socio-economic development in countries of origin, transit and destination. The course examines the relation between migration and development by firstly reviewing some of the most relevant theories on migration to ensure a better understanding of its conceptual and theoretical overview; secondly it provides a critical analysis of key topics in migration and development including remittances, transnationalism and return migration.

Furthermore, the course is designed in a comprehensive way that equips postgraduate students with the necessary competences to better understand the relationship between ethical aspects of migration and human rights and to identify important legislative/policy frameworks which affect migration and development policies. The course is also envisioned to expose students to situations they will encounter in ‘the real world’ and to offer them experience in tasks which they will be required to perform as leaders in development organizations and initiatives. Finally, the course aims at providing students with an understanding of theories and practices which animate the debate around on migration and development.

Learning objectives:

By the end of the course students will able to:

- Understand the theoretical and conceptual framework of migration and development and describe the political and socio-economic determinants of human mobility in Africa.

- Demonstrate the ability to understand migration policies and its local, national and international legislative frameworks.

- Identify strategies and interventions to govern migration and to enhance its development potential.

- Understand the fundamental challenges of migration and development as well as demonstrate the ability to formulate and apply concepts and principles to actual
situations;

On completion of the module, students should able to:

- Evaluate the theoretical and conceptual frameworks of migration
- Analyze strategies of migration and enhance its development potential.
- Apply migration policies in local, regional and national levels.
- Evaluate the role of remittances, food security, ethics in migration

Approach:

The course will be conducted as a highly participatory seminar. Students will be provided with a reading pack containing relevant articles, book chapters and other training material on the different issues discussed in class; they will be required to analyse all the reading material in order to actively engage and participate during classes.

Guest lectures and experts in migration and development will be invited to teach in the course. To allow the at-distance engagement of such international scholars and experts, who are part of the SIHMA global network, a multimedia room furnished and equipped with live streaming and video conferencing systems will be arranged at SIHMA. To ensure the sustainability of the students’ skills, ongoing and formative assessment will be carried out, keeping the acceptable standard of ISD-UWC. Twelve (12) lectures will be provided throughout the semester. Each lecture will last two (2) hours.

Content:

Topics that will be covered include:

- Major migration theories
- Migration & development
- Globalisation & migration
- Ethics and Migration
- Domestic Migration
- Immigration in SA: policy and practice
- The role of remittances & development
- Transnationalism
- Return Migration
- Food security and Migration

Assessment:

Year Mark = 100% Examination Mark = 100%
20% Class tests/mid-term test - multiple choice/writing reading quiz
30% Group Work - Each team will deliver oral presentations to the class during the semester. The presentations will be marked according to content, clarity, and organization. All group members must participate in the presentations.
50% Individual Essay - based on a migration related topic
Course structure and readings:

1. **Introduction to migration**  
   Lecturer: Dr. Dimbabo

2. **Major migration theories**  
   Lecturer: Dr. Dimbabo

Required readings:


3. **Migration and development**  
   Lecturer: Dr Penderis

Required readings:


4. **Globalisation & migration**  
   Lecturer: Dr Karriem

Required readings:

5. **Ethics and Migration**  
   Lecturer: Sergio Carciotto  
   Guest Lecturer: Theresa Alfaro-Velcamp

Required readings:

- Fabio Baggio. *Ethicization of Migration Policies in ESEA*.


Suggested readings:


6. **Domestic Migration**  
Lecturer: Dr Penderis

**Required readings:**


7. **Immigration in SA: policy and practice**  
Lecturer: Sergio Carciotto  
Guest Lecturer: James Chapman (UCT)

**Required readings:**


8. **The role of remittances & development**  
Lecturer: Dr Dinabao

9. **Transnationalism**  
Lecturer: Sergio Carciotto  
Guest Lecturer: Ass. Prof Lothar Smith

**Required readings:**


**Suggested readings:**


10. **Return Migration**  
Lecturer: Sergio Carciotto

**Required readings:**