



MOSP70, Migration and Human Rights in Western Minorities, 7.5 credits

Migration, minoritet och mänskliga rättigheter i Västerlandet, 7,5 högskolepoäng

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2011-11-09 to be valid from 2011-11-09, spring semester 2012.

General Information

The course is offered as part of the Master of Arts programme in Middle Eastern Studies (MESLU) at the Centre for Middle Eastern Studies and as a free-standing course.

Language of instruction: English

Main field of studies

Middle Eastern Studies

Depth of study relative to the degree requirements

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- be able to summarise migration theory literature on the migration processes from the Middle East to Europe focusing on the period after 1970
- be able to describe the development and theorising of racist and populist ideas on migrants in general and Middle Eastern minorities in particular in post-war Europe, from the perspective of concepts such as orientalism, Islamophobia, ethnocentrism, cultural essentialism and symbolic violence
- be able to identify general patterns as well as analyse in detail the representation of individuals and groups from the Middle East in teaching aids, news media,

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public debate on the Internet or in the arts in Europe and North America

Competence and skills

- be able to apply relevant theory on intersectionality to the complex connections between migration from the Middle East, identity processes, religious neoconservatism and revisionary ideas, relations between the generations, constructions of ethnicity and gender relations
- be able to demonstrate how concepts in international law and research in human rights can be applied to a description of the social situation of Middle Eastern minorities
- be able to organise and lead nuanced, critical and theoretically informed group discussions on migration, minorities and human rights

Judgement and approach

- be able to assess how the situations for minorities can affect social, economic and political marginalisation as well as creative processes in the arts, identification and development of new markets for commerce and new approaches to religion
- be able to explain and justify how marginalisation and minority situations tend to encourage cultural and religious conservatism in the view of gender, sexuality and ethnicity but also open up new arenas for resistance and emancipation.

Course content

The aim of the course is that students orient themselves in the social and cultural realities of multicultural society, focusing particularly on the experiences of individuals and groups from the Middle East.

The course provides tools for analysing tensions, problems and obstacles to integration from the point of view of class and patriarchal structures. The structural impediments maintained by majority society and the prejudice and hate crimes minorities are subjected to are studied.

Furthermore, the creative processes in music, fashion, cuisine, sports, literature etc. resulting from migration, are examined. From a perspective of theories on migration and mobility, social movements, critical research on ethnicity, tradition and race and human rights studies, the course provides a review of the consequences of migration on the opportunities for minority groups to achieve participation, influence and full citizenship in Europe.

Course design

The teaching consists of lectures and 2-4 compulsory seminars and exercises.

Assessment

The assessment is based on the students' individual and active participation in the seminars and a final written assignment.

Each student will be assigned responsibility for leading the discussion at a seminar on at least one occasion. Missed compulsory components can be compensated for by written assignments.

Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.

Grades

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.

To be awarded a Pass on the course, students must have completed all assignments.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to course, students must have at least a Bachelor's degree.

Further information

The course is offered at the Centre for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University.

Subcourses in MOSP70, Migration and Human Rights in Western Minorities

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