The World System in the Post-colonial Era

Single subject course

7.5 credits

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Determined by
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Main field of study
Ethnic and Migration Studies

Course level
Second cycle

Advancement level
A1X

Entry requirements
Bachelor’s degree in the
- humanities
- fine arts
- social sciences
- behavioural sciences
- health sciences
- natural sciences or equivalent qualifications are required.

Documented knowledge of English equivalent to Engelska 6/Engelska B.

Intended learning outcomes
After completing the course, students should at an advanced level be able to:
- identify, describe and discuss different theories of internationalization, the world system and globalization, including central concepts as colonialism, imperialism and modernisation;
- analyse the within the course presented research traditions around globalization and international migration,
- critically evaluate and question the link between migration and development,
- evaluate and analyse migration governance regimes and policy outcomes at national, regional and global levels.

Course content
The course introduces students to some of the major theoretical contributions in linking
globalization and international migration in a critical and historical perspective. The course offers an integrated political economy approach to international migration, its forms, causes and consequences. Students will familiarize themselves with the world system and north-south relations beyond nationalism, ethnocentrism and orientalism. Various theories are presented and discussed, advancing a critical understanding of the nexus between development and migration. The role of international actors and the states is discussed and analysed in relation policies aiming at solving problems caused by inequalities globally and locally, via aid/cooperation, migration, development and redistributive social policies.

Teaching and working methods

The course offers a combination of lectures, seminars, individual assignments and group assignments. Students are expected to be well prepared for lectures and to have completed assigned preparations for seminars. Language of instruction: English

Examination

The course is examined through active seminar participation and written assignments. Detailed information about the examination can be found in the course’s study guide

Students failing an exam covering either the entire course or part of the course twice are entitled to have a new examiner appointed for the reexamination.

Students who have passed an examination may not retake it in order to improve their grades.

Grades

ECTS, EC

Other information

Planning and implementation of a course must take its starting point in the wording of the syllabus. The course evaluation included in each course must therefore take up the question how well the course agrees with the syllabus.

The course is carried out in such a way that both men’s and women’s experience and knowledge is made visible and developed.

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