COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title : HS2013 Migration & Multiculturalism

Pre-requisites : HS1001 Person and Society

No. of AUs. : 3 AUs

Contact Hours : 39

Course Aims

This course will give students a broad understanding of the central issues associated with migration and settlement, with a focus on south-south migrations to generate conversation with more commonly studied South to North movements of people, and to be more relevant to students in Singapore. The first half of the course will address various types of migration and key transnational framings of the movements of people across domestic and international boundaries. In the second half, the ways in which various states deal with the diversity of their temporary and more permanent immigrant populations will be explored. This is done using a case study approach that allows for a deeper understanding of each site. Finally, the course introduces some elements of everyday migrant life in order to provide a balance to highly state-centric readings of migration. Laavanya Kathiravelu – January 2015

The course seeks to link issues of migration with understandings of contemporary diversity so that they can be examined as interrelated transnational phenomena. In these discussions, class and ethnicity emerge as key vectors of differentiation and analysis.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of the course students should be able to

1. Identify different forms of migration and mobility as well as speak about difficulties in distinguishing between these various modes.
2. Describe with in-depth empirical knowledge the different systems states’ utilise in dealing with temporary and more permanent migrants and diverse ethnic populations. Students should be able to discuss the everyday implications of these policy initiatives for new migrant incorporation, as well as for older native populations.
3. Describe migrants’ attempts to integrate and settle in their adopted country with particular attention to informal and everyday practices.

Course Content

Week 1
Key concepts: Introduction to the course

Historical background to migration

Key macro theoretical approaches to migration
Week 2  
**Domestic/internal migration**

Key concepts:  
Aspiration and the city  
Identity/gender and social norms of migration  
Domestic to transnational migration

Week 3  
**Irregular, forced migration and trafficking**

Key concepts:  
Difficulties of defining boundaries between different forms of migration  
Debt bondage  
Migrant agency and complicity

Week 4  
**Labour Migration**

Key concepts:  
Gendering of labour migration.  
Interplay of economic and non-economic factors in migration

Week 5  
**Governance of migration**

Key concepts:  
International organisations  
Limits of the nation state  
NGOs and transnationalisation of rights

Week 6  
**Migration Infrastructure**

Key concepts:  
Migrant broker  
Combination of human and non-human factors in facilitating migration

Week 7  
**Migrant enclaves and Ethnic economies**

Key concepts:  
Social networks  
Ethnic entrepreneurialism

Week 8  
**Multiculturalism**

Key concepts:  
Parallel lives, linguistic communities  
Post-coloniality and popular culture  
Hybridity
Week 9  **Assimilation**
Key concepts: Religious and racial difference
             Discrimination and social mobility

Week 10  **Multiracialism in Singapore**
Key concepts: Evaluating policies of multiracialism
              Intersectionality

Week 11  **Racism and Xenophobia**
Key concepts: Chinese Privilege
              Intra-ethnic differences
              Islamaphobia

Week 12  **Right to the City & Collective organisation**
Key concepts: Collective bargaining
              Urban inclusion and social justice

Week 13  **Review**
Summary and review of key points in the course

**Course Assessment**

CA1  Presentation and ethnography assignment  : 20%
CA2  Interview written assignment  : 20%
CA3  Tutorial participation  : 10%
Final Examination  : 50%

**Total**  --------
          100%