COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title : HS4028 / Migration and Development in a Globalizing World

Pre-requisites : HS1001 Person and Society + HS2001 Classical Social Theory + HS2002 Doing Social Research + HS3001 Contemporary Social Theory + HS3002 Understanding Social Statistics

No. of AUs. : 4 AU

Contact Hours : 52 Hours

Course Aims

This course introduces a variety of theories and cutting-edge studies on the migration-development nexus. At the end of the course, you will be able to analyze and assess the causes of migration and its effects on social and economic development in various parts of the world, including Singapore and other Asian countries.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of the course, you should be able to:

1. Describe migration patterns, major theories of development and academic debates on migration and development;

2. Critically evaluate texts using basic sociological concepts and ideas derived from significant sociological thinkers on migration and development;

3. Communicate effectively in writing and oral presentations that are coherent, well-developed, and expressive of concepts, ideas, and themes derived from sociology of migration;

4. Connect concepts and theories to real world events and apply sociological methods to analyse the issues of migration and development in a specific country.

Course Content

Week 1 Introduction
Course introduction; definition and forms of migration; development; the migration-development nexus; four periods of world migration

Week 2 Modernization and neoclassical theory
Modernization theory; Lewis’s dual economy; neo-classical model; new economics of migration
Week 3 Segmented labor market
Primary sector; secondary section; segmented labour market theory; split labour market theory; ethnic enclave

Week 4 Historical-structural explanations
Dependency theory; world-system theory; colonialism; cultural and ideological links; migrant labour in global cities.

Week 5 Social networks and social capital
The definitions of social networks and social capital; migration networks; chain migration; social media and migration networks

Week 6 Migration industry and cumulative migration
Migration industry: definitions and components; actors in migration industry; migration infrastructure; migration systems

Week 7 Migrant identity and multiculturalism
Film screening: “The Visitor”

Week 8 Globalization and migration
Globalization of the labour force; resurgence of transient labour systems; health workers migration and global care chains; migration of transnational elites.

Week 9 National Development and migration
Development impacts of migration on sending countries; migrant selectivity; remittances and social remittances; development effects on recipient countries.

Week 10 Community and Human Development
Impacts on communities in countries of origin and destination; transnational communities; human development index; impacts of migration on health, education and labour markets.

Week 11 From Migration to Assimilation/Integration
Assimilation; integration; melting pot; salad bowl/multiculturalism; segmented assimilation

Week 12 Transnationalism and identity
Definition of transnationalism; transnational spaces and networks; Transnational entrepreneurship; challenges to identity; transnational identity.

Week 13 Semester-end review and additional topics
Course review; future directions in learning
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