



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

Welfare and Immigration

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Learning objectives

This course provides the basic theoretical and conceptual tools required to understand the nexus between welfare and immigration. It will explore the significant ways in which these forces interact and affect each other. Starting off by introducing students to most important theories and approaches to migration, this course aims to discuss and reflect on: a) how welfare regimes structure migration processes; b) what is the contribution of immigrants to supporting welfare systems; c) what questions emerge when immigrants access welfare benefits; d) the role of local governments in enabling or hindering access to welfare services; e) critical aspects with regard to the interactions between social workers and migrant social benefit recipients on the one hand, and social workers and public institutions on the other.

Contents

- Migration theories and types
- Theories on citizenship and integration
- Welfare systems, globalization, migration policies and care
- Migrants as beneficiaries of welfare services: political perspectives, public opinion and discrimination
- Local institutions and social workers as welfare service providers and/or gatekeepers

Detailed program

The course is divided into 4 parts.

The first part introduces students to classical and contemporary migration theories, and discusses the scale, patterns and drivers of international migration.

The second part considers how different welfare models lead to different types of migration, and the contribution of migrants to welfare systems. In this regard, it unravels the relationship between globalisation, migration and domestic/care labour, on the one hand, and the effects of migration policies on migrant labour, on the other.

The third part discusses policy approaches and public opinion on whether or not and to what extent migrants should be entitled to welfare benefits, and highlights the challenges that migrants experience when access social benefits.

The fourth part analyses the role of local governments and institutions in relation to the provision of social benefits to migrants, as well as the challenges and dilemmas that social workers face when dealing with the allocation of resources and benefits to migrants.

Prerequisites

English.

Teaching methods

- Lectures through slideshow.
- Interactive lectures when student activities are presented (e.g., discussing a specific case study).
- Watching and discussing videos (e.g., migration experts talks)
- Stakeholder involvement in teaching and learning (e.g., invitation of social workers dealing with migrants or representatives of migrant associations)
- If possible, teaching activities outside the classroom (e.g., visits at organisations offering welfare services to migrants).

Assessment methods

The evaluation consists of three different aspects:

- Class participation
- Individual assignments
- Oral examinations and/or discussion of individual activities

Textbooks and Reading Materials

The course bibliography will consist of a handbook and scientific international research articles and book chapters.

Handbook

- De Haas H., Castles S. and Miller M.J. 2020. *The Age of Migration. International Populations Movements in the Modern World* (6th edition). London: Red Globe Press. (Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4)

Scientific Articles and Book Chapters

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- Shutes, Isabel, and Sarah Walker. 2018. "Gender and Free Movement: EU Migrant Women's Access to Residence and Social Rights in the U.K." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 44(1): 137–53. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2017.1340829>.
- Togrul Koca, Burcu. 2019. "Local Bordering Practices, Refugees, and Civil Society: The Case of Berlin." *Geographical Review* 109(4): 544–61.
- Triandafyllidou, A. (2022). Migration and the Nation. In Scholten, P. (ed.) *Introduction to Migration Studies: An Interactive Guide to the Literatures on Migration and Diversity* (pp. 207-218). Cham: Springer International Publishing. (<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-030-92377-8>)

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