Just as the academic publishing world has been overflown by works about globalization in the recent decade, so has the subject of international migration grown fast on everyone’s radar. These two trendy topics are of course intimately connected. International migration – with its well-rehearsed themes of increase in flows and visibility, of their unprecedented diversity and heterogeneity, and of the dramatic societal and cultural change brought to hitherto stable nation states and to societies – South and North – is a central theme and illustration for theorists of globalization.

Yet, there seems to be no agreement whether globalization is indeed happening, whether it’s a Thing, or rather a Process, what it means, and what the effects of this phenomenon might be, including on the increased mobility of people. The term globalization tends to be applied to a wide range of processes observed in the world today, from new economic organization and social regulation, new forms of political governance, to new forms of ethical regimes and cultural formations of hybrid nature. And while some discard the “effects of globalization” as overblown arguments, lost on a touch with real life “on the ground,” for others “globalization” seems to imply significant transformations for human life that moreover tend to be “uncertain”, “flexible” and “mobile”. The big paradox is that the effects of globalization, while often contradictory and confusing, seem also at the same time fairly similar across cultural and social terrains.

In this class we take the Global not as a given, but rather as an invitation to explore the intense and highly unequal exchanges that comprise transnational processes, part of which is also the flow of people, resources and finance. We first look at some of the major topics and debates pertaining to the literature on globalization in anthropology, then link the topic with that of migration. The second portion of the course focuses on specific examples of mobility around the globe. European Union, US and Australia emerge as traditional migration destinations. Yet we explore them in relation to ‘sending’ countries from the global South. We link globalization and migration with problems regarding the reshaping of national and personal identities, citizenship and belonging. We
challenge conceptual orientations built on binaries of difference, including methodological nationalism, which counterpoise concepts of internal and international movement and native and foreigner, and consequently normalizes stasis.

**Format and Assignments:**

Reading materials will be available electronically or through copies (please make sure you have the materials on time for each successive class). The seminar is designed to help students formulate and express their own ideas on the topics taken up, and to sharpen their analytical skills, as well as understandings of theoretical traditions in the field. As such, discussion and presentation is the central component of this seminar. Each class is organized around presentations prepared by students and facilitated by the lecturer, who offers a short orientation into the topic for each class.

Students write each week small one page commentaries on the readings that will serve as a starting point for discussion in class.

There are two written components to the assignments for this seminar. By the middle of the semester students are expected to have conceptualized a topic for their final paper and work on an annotated bibliography and an outline, to be ready by the due date noted on the syllabus. The final paper aims to enable students to pursue their own areas of interest (up to 15 pages long double-spaced). The research for this paper may be based on the literature covered in class, or additional materials relevant to students’ own fields. For each class students come prepared with short summaries/commentaries on the readings, which they might email ahead of time to the rest of their colleagues. They also prepare presentations as assigned in advance.

Materials for this seminar listed below are subject to changes depending on students’ combined interests.

**Main texts:**

- SPACES OF GLOBAL CAPITALISM by DAVID HARVEY  VERSO
- GLOBAL SHADOWS by JAMES FERGUSON 2006 DUKE
- EXPULSIONS by SASKIA SASSEN 2014 BELKnap PRESS
- AFTERMATH: CULTURES OF THE ECONOMIC CRISIS by CASTLES M ET AL 2014 OXFORD UP
- CASUALTIES OF CARE: IMMIGRATION AND THE POLITICS OF HUMANITARIANISM IN FRANCE by MIRIAM TICKTIN 2011 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PRESS
- THE DEPORTATION REGIME by DE GENOVA, N (Ed.) 2010 DUKE
WEEK1 The Problem-space of Globalization

Karl Polany. “The Great Transformation”

Comaroffs, 2000 Millennial Capitalism: First Thoughts on a Second Coming. Available at: http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/public_culture/v012/12.2comaroff.html

WEEK2: Globalisms

Harvey, D. 2006 Spaces of Global Capitalism. Verso


WEEK 3: Global Shadows


WEEK4 The Global Situation: from prognosis to invention

David Held, etc. Global Transformations.


WEEK5


WEEK6 Immigration Tests the New Order

Massey Douglas theories of international migration

International Migration at the Dawn of the 21 century
http://www.migrationpolicycentre.eu/docs/SummerSchool2013/readings/Weinar_Reading.pdf
You might want to see also this video lecture: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wITLu1ygaeE


Castles Stephen, 2008 Understanding Global Migration: A Social Transformation Perspective

**WEEK 7: Spaces in migration**

Dzenovska, Dace 2010 “Notes on Emptiness and the Importance of Maintaining Life”

Amin A. 2012 “Land of Strangers”


http://www.spacesofmigration.org/?cat=111

**WEEK 8: Regimes of mobility**


Schiller and Salazar 2013 “Regimes of Mobility” Special Issue

Nicholas De Genova and Peutz N 2010 “Introduction” to The Deportation Regime

**WEEK 9: The Migration Apparatus**


WEEK 10: Transnationalism and diasporas


Shiller and Faist, 2010. Migration, Development and Transnationalization In Critical Interventions

Robyn Magalit… Migrants for Export: How the Philippine State Brokers Labor to the World

Laurie A. Brand 2006. Citizens Abroad. Cambridge

WEEK 11. Illegality of movement


Peter Benson's “El Campo: Faciality and Structural Violence in Farm Labor Camps” (2008) In Cultural Anthropology


Dzenovska, D. 2014 Bordering encounters, sociality and distribution of the ability to live a 'normal life'.

WEEK 12: The Organization of Intimacy, Love, Sex and Globalization the term intimacy refers not only to those areas of work normally thought of as caring labor, but
also to the spheres of interiority, emotionality, and self-fashioning associated with the neoliberal project as well as to the dimensions of expectation and anxiety surrounding economic and political participation.


Urry and Elliot Mobile lives ch 5


WEEK 13: Global Mobilities: cosmopolitans and elite anthropology

Guilhot Nicolas “Reforming the World” In:

Skidelsky Robert The world on a String


Urry and Elliot From “Mobile lives” ch 4


WEEK 14. Spaces of hope and no hope


Feldman G 2015 We Are All Migrants: