

# Migration in the EU: Social and Media Perspectives

Course code: LUEES31E

## 1. Course instructor

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Her main research topic focuses on international migration and mobilities, particularly in European small islands.

## 2. Course description

Contact hours	Credits	Term
18 hours	4 ECTS	Spring

### Prerequisites

None

### Objectives and skills

The objective of these courses is to lead the students to overhaul all the stereotypes relating to contemporary migrations in Europe, and to be critical vis-a-vis the many untruths stated by the media and the politicians.

### Course description

As we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, borders have never been so closed or even barricaded to stop migrations. This course aims at thinking about the migratory dynamics and the process of borderization in Europe. The first step will be to clarify what is today the reality of migratory flows in Europe, far from stereotypes and alarmist and caricatural discourse. Then we will try to understand how Europe reacts to the so-called "migration crisis", often covered by the media and exploited by politicians, through the process of closing borders, at different scales in European region. Then we will address the consequences of such European policies.

This course will use a wide range of material, such as texts, press release, audiovisual documents like documentaries or films.

## 3. Course material

### Reference/reading Material

Laure Amilhat-Szary, *Qu'est-ce qu'une frontière aujourd'hui ?*, Paris, PUF, 2015

Jihane Ben Farhat, Karl Blanchet, Pia Juul Bjertrup, Apostolos Veizis, Clément Perrin, Rebecca M. Coulborn, Philippe Mayaud et Sandra Cohuet, « Syrian Refugees in Greece. Experience with Violence, Mental Health Status, and Access to Information during the Journey and While in Greece », *BMC Medicine*, vol. 16, n° 40, 2018

Nathalie Bernardie-Tahir et Camille Schmoll (dir.), « Irregular Migration to Southern European Islands », dossier

thématique, *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*, vol. 12, n° 2, 2014

Olivier Clochard et Migreurop, *Atlas des migrants en Europe. Approches critiques des politiques migratoires*, Paris, Armand Colin, 2017

Paolo Cuttitta, « La “frontiérification” de Lampedusa. Comment se construit une frontière », *L'Espace politique*, vol. 25, n° 1, 2015

Laurence Pillant, *La frontière comme assemblage. Géographie critique du contrôle migratoire à la frontière orientale de la Grèce*, thèse de doctorat, Aix-Marseille université/université Harokopio, 2017

Marta Esperti et Antoine Pécoud, « Les ONG sont-elles responsables de la crise des migrants en Méditerranée ? », *The Conversation*, 13 juin 2017

Camille Schmoll, Hélène Thiollet et Catherine Wihtol de Wenden (dir.), *Migrations en Méditerranée. Permanences et mutations à l'heure des révolutions et des crises*, Paris, CNRS Éditions, 2015

Camille Schmoll, « Quoi de neuf sous le soleil de Sicile ? Migrations internationales et enjeux géopolitiques en mer Méditerranée (2011-2017) », *EchoGéo*, 14 février 2018

### Reports

Maybritt Jill Alpes, Sevda Tunaboynu et Ilse van Liempt/ European University Institute, *Human Rights Violations by Design. EU-Turkey Statement Prioritises Returns from Greece over Access to Asylum*, novembre 2017

Amnesty International, *Libya's Dark Web of Collusion. Abuses Against Europe-Bound Refugees and Migrants*, 2017

Amnesty International, *Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea. Europe Fails Refugees and Migrants in the Central Mediterranean*, août 2018

Médecins sans frontières, *Confronting the Mental Health Emergency on Samos and Lesbos*, 2017

## 4. Course assessment

### Assessment details

Attendance and/or Oral participation in class (30%)

Final oral presentation (70%)

## 5. Course structure

(Forthcoming)