

**SOCI 5503F/ PECO 5503F/ PSCI 5504F**  
**Political Economy of Migration**  
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**Course Description:**

Migration is a complex phenomenon that needs to be approached from inter/multi/trans disciplinary approaches. However, economic explanations (such as push-pull and rational cost-benefit analysis) have had a major influence in the debates on migration. This course intends to go beyond these economic/economistic explanations by developing a political economy approach to understand and analyze complex migration processes. It will address such themes as the development of a migration industry, the migration-development nexus (in sending communities), the political economy of border securitization, ethnic entrepreneurship, and the political economy of migrant communities (in receiving states), as well as the political economy of transnational / diasporic communities. Examples will be taken from the corridor of Mexican and Central American migration to Canada and United States, but also from other migrant communities residing in Canada. The course will involve off-campus visits to get acquainted with local political economic geographies of migrant communities. As this course aims to be highly interactive, students are expected to participate through presentations, blogs, and field visits. The course will also make use of audio-visual materials.