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QUEER MIGRATIONS

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Method of Delivery: This course is delivered in-person with an option for online accommodation. If you need to attend the course online, please contact the instructor to receive the Zoom link.

Course Description and Objectives:

In this course, we will explore the intersections of sexual and gender non-conformity and international migration from a critical, anti-colonial, anti-racist and feminist perspective. We will situate migration within colonial and racial histories of heteronormativity and examine the sexual politics and implications of settler colonial regimes. We will then work to conceptualize the relationship between sexuality as an axis of power within historical and contemporary regimes of border control and migration regulation. Further, we will consider the ongoing geopolitical, imperial, and global(ized) implications of queer migrations and their regulation: from the formation of queer diasporas and transnational sexual subjecthood and their transgressive potentialities, to the recuperation of neoliberal homonormativity in homonationalist projects of racial subjugation and imperialist wars, and the dilemmas and complications of sexual orientation and gender identity and expression (SOGIE) asylum/refugee protection. Working across several disciplines, geographies, and historical moments, we will work to “queer” migration regulation systems and theorize the sexuality of migration.

Readings:

Students are not required to purchase textbooks or other learning materials for this course. All readings are accessible online. Please see course Ares on Brightspace.

Course Requirements & Methods of Evaluation:

Discussion Posts (50%):

Discussant (20%):

Discussion Facilitator (15%):

Skill sharing (15%):