



Migration and Egypt

Year:	
Catalog Number:	
Teacher(s):	
Language:	English
Blackboard:	No
EC:	5
Level:	300
Period:	Semester 1 & 2
Hours of study:	104 hrs
Lectures:	24 hrs
Practical work:	12 hrs
Tutoring:	hrs
Examination:	hrs
Other:	hrs
Elective choice:	Yes/No
Contractonderwijs:	Yes/No
Exchange:	Yes/No
Study abroad:	Yes/No
Evening course:	Yes/No
A la carte:	Yes/No
Honours class:	Yes/No

Admission requirements

This course is available for second and third year Bachelor students from the Humanities and Social Sciences. Please note: this course takes place in Cairo, Egypt.

Description

Egypt is a key transit country for migrants because of its central position on the migratory route from the Horn of Africa, crossing Egypt's southern border with Sudan, extending through the Sinai Peninsula to Israel, as well as towards Libya and the northern Mediterranean. Egypt is also host to refugee and asylum-seeker populations from Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Palestine, and Palestinians fleeing Syria. Taking Egypt's case as a starting point, this course's focus will be on three distinct phenomena grouped together under the terms forced migration and displaced persons/peoples: refugees, asylum seekers, and internally displaced persons (IDP). Attention will be split across three different aspects of these phenomena: 1) the causes of forced migration (e.g. economic constraints, trafficking, war), 2) the humanitarian aspect of refugees and displaced persons, and 3) the legal framework governing the various



statuses. To that end, the course will deal with the political power relations and historical events that effectuated these phenomena, as well as the roles of governments and assistance organizations in dealing with displaced persons. The course includes field trips to NGO's and government offices involved with migrant issues.

Course objectives

At the end of this course students will

- have deepened their knowledge on the causes of and reasons for migration in a general sense and applied to the region's role;
- be familiar with the legal framework that governs the status of refugees and displaced persons in Egypt and internationally;
- be able to politically and historically contextualize the phenomena of (forced or voluntary) migration and (internally) displacement persons/peoples;
- have familiarized themselves with the scholarly debates in migration studies, migration law, social sciences and humanities concerning the topic;
- have experienced the methods current in humanities and social sciences related to this topic;
- have developed their skills in exploring a limited topic according to academically sound methods;
- have developed skills in presenting their own academic analyses orally and in written form.

Mode of instruction

Weekly lectures and seminars of 2 hours per week. The seminar will include participation of local experts as guest lecturers and local initiatives which will be visited during the course. Amongst such expert initiatives we will endeavor to involve in the class are::

- Regional Centre for Strategic Studies (Cairo), The Syrian Crisis: refugees and internally displaced populations
- Saint Andrew's Refugee Services/CIHRS, Refugees in Egypt
- International Organization for Migration (IOM), Regional Office for Middle East and North Africa.

Course load

The total course load for the course is 140 hours (5 EC x 28 hrs), broken down as follows:

- Attendance in weekly lectures and seminars: $12 \times 2 = 24$ hrs
- Time for reading and studying compulsory literature: 52 hrs
- Preparing assignments: 12 hrs
- Research and writing of paper: 52 hrs



Assessment method

The final grade is made up of:

- Participation 10%
- Oral presentation 30%
- Final Paper 60%

Blackboard

N/A

Literature

- Akram, S. "Reinterpreting Palestinian Refugee Rights under International Law," in *Palestinian Refugees: The Right of Return*. Pluto, 2001, pp. 165-194.
- Chatty, Dawn. (2010) *Displacement and Dispossession in the Modern Middle East*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

A list of further literature will be made available to student at the beginning of semester.

Registration

To register and for further information, please contact NVIC (info@nvic.leidenuniv.nl).

Registration studeren à la carte and contractonderwijs

N/A

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Remarks

Is part of	Programme type	Semester	Block
The Arab World Today: a semester abroad in Middle East Studies	Semester abroad, Bachelor	1 & 2	