Content

Course Code	Course Name	Semester	Theory	Practice	Lab	Credit	ECTS
SOC424	Methodology of Migrations	8	3	0	0	3	6

Prerequisites	
Admission Requirements	

Language of Instruction	French
Course Type	Elective
Course Level	Bachelor Degree
Objective	This course introduces qualitative research methods used in the social sciences to study migration and mobility in their different dimensions. Drawing on anthropology, sociology, geography, and history, it enables students to formulate research questions relevant to the study of migration and to develop a coherent research design to address them. Students will have the opportunity to become familiar with and apply a range of methods, including in-depth interviews, focus groups, observation, and document analysis. The course also places particular emphasis on research ethics, reflection on the researcher's positionality, and critical consideration of the challenges encountered in the field.
Content	The course covers the theoretical and methodological foundations of qualitative field research. Topics include defining a research subject and questions, gaining access to the field, preparing interview guides and questionnaires, conducting interviews and observations, and analysing and interpreting data. Particular attention is given to ethical issues, the positionality of the researcher, and the challenges of conducting research in sensitive settings. The practical component takes the form of a collaborative field study of migration and mobility dynamics in the Laleli-Kumkapı area of Istanbul. Students enrolled in the "Master Migrations" programme at Université Paris 1 and EHESS, the four French academics accompanying them, and the course instructor will apply the methods covered in class. Drawing on their interviews and observations, students will prepare a final project in the form of a written paper or another narrative format.

References	READINGS ON METHODOLOGY - Beaud, S., & Weber, F. (2003). *Guide de l'enquête de terrain*. Paris: La Découverte. - Alami, S., Desjeux, D., & Garabuau-Moussaoui, I. (2019). *Les méthodes qualitatives*. Presses Universitaires de France. - Clavé-Mercier, A., & Rigoni, I. (2017). « Enquêter sur les migrations : une approche qualitative ». *Migrations Société*, 167, 13–28. - Blanchet, A., & Gottman, A. (1992). *L'enquête et ses méthodes : l'entretien*. Paris: Éditions Nathan. - Bizeul, D. (2007). « Que faire des expériences d'enquêtes ? Apports et fragilité de l'observation directe ». *Revue française de science politique*, 57(1), 69–89. - Chauvin, S., & Jounin, N. (2012). « L'observation directe ». In S. Paugam (Ed.), *L'enquête sociologique* (pp. 143–165). Presses Universitaires de France. - Aldrin, P., Fournier, P., Geisser, V., & Mirman, Y. (2022). *L'enquête en danger : Vers un nouveau régime de surveillance dans les sciences sociales*. Armand Colin. - Canut, C., & Sow, A. (2014). « Les voix de la migration. Discours, récits et productions artistiques ». *Cahiers d'études africaines*, 213–214, 9–25. - Peretz, H. (2004). *Les méthodes en sociologie. L'observation*. Paris: La Découverte. - Schmoll, C., & Morange, M. (2016). *Les outils qualitatifs en géographie : méthodes et applications*. Paris: Armand Colin. READINGS ON KUMKAPI - Burtin, J. (2011). « Kumkapı : marge ou faubourg de l'Europe ». *Plein droit*, 1, 24–27. - Binaté, I., & Boubacar Diané, S. (2022). « Les produits made in Turkey en Afrique de l'Ouest : Acteurs, circulations et dynamique entrepreneuriale des jeunes ». *Afrique(s) en mouvement*, 1, 11–19. - Biehl, K. S. (2020). "A dwelling lens: migration, diversity and boundary-making in an Istanbul neighbourhood." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 43(12), 2236–2254. - Biehl, K. S. (2014). *Exploring migration, diversification and urban transformation in contemporary Istanbul: The case of Kumkapı*. - Peraldi, M. (2009). « Istanbul, le bazar du monde ». *La Pensée de midi*, 3, 35–44. - Burtin, J. (2009). *Il y a du monde à la fenêtre. Économie d'un espace liminaire. Exemple du quartier de Kumkapı, İstanbul*. - Piart, L. (2012). « Le lien entre le commerce à la valise et l'industrie de la confection à Istanbul ». *Anatoli. De l'Adriatique à la Caspienne. Territoires, Politique, Sociétés*, 3, 25–40. - Pérouse, J.-F. (2022). « Restructuration et inerties d'une scène commerciale mondiale au cœur d'Istanbul ». In *Un Moyen-Orient ordinaire : Entre consommations et mobilités* (p. 156). - Şaul, M. (2014). "A Different 'Kargo': Sub-Saharan Migrants in Istanbul and African Commerce." *Urban Anthropology and Studies of Cultural Systems and World Economic Development*, 143–203.

Theory Topics

Week	Weekly Contents
1	Introduction to Migration and Migration Studies
2	Migration and Mobility through the Case of Kumkapı
3	Methods for Studying Migration
4	Foundations of Qualitative Field Research
5	Understanding the Field through Observation
6	Accessing the Field: Negotiation and Research Challenges
7	Conducting Research in Sensitive Field Settings
8	Preparing an Interview Guide and Conducting an Exploratory Interview
9	Analysing and Interpreting Interview Data
10	Conducting Urban Research in Istanbul
11	Researcher Positionality and Reflexivity
12	Ethics in Field Research
13	Fieldwork Preparation and Fieldwork in Kumkapı
14	Evaluation of Student Projects and General Conclusions