Content

Course Code	Course Name	Semester	Theory	Practice	Lab	Credit	ECTS
RI450	EU Migration and Asylum Policy: Challenges and Future Directions	8	3	3	0	3	5

Prerequisites	
Admission Requirements	

Language of Instruction	English
Course Type	Elective
Course Level	Bachelor Degree
Objective	This course aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the European Union's migration and asylum policies. It explores the evolution of these policies, focusing on their external dimensions. The course also seeks to familiarise students with the integration policies implemented by EU member states, critically assessing their successes and challenges. Another key goal is to examine the rise of far-right and populist political movements across Europe, alongside increasing xenophobia and anti-refugee sentiments. The course analyses how these trends shape political debates, influence EU migration and asylum policies, and challenge European norms and values of solidarity and human rights.
Content	This course is part of the Jean Monnet Chair of Migration Governance for Sustainability and Resilience (MIGOSUR) and is supported by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. It examines the complex landscape of the European Union's migration and asylum policies, with a particular emphasis on their external dimensions. The course also explores the EU's efforts to establish legal migration channels and address labour market needs, particularly in sectors requiring skilled workers. Through case studies and discussions, students will analyse the intricate relationships between migration, sustainable development, and societal resilience.
References	Readings will be provided on a weekly basis. Indicative readings: Castles, Stephen, Hein de Haas, and Mark J. Miller. (2014). The age of migration: international population movements in the modem world (Fifth edition). Palgrave Macmillan. Geddes, A. (2021). Governing migration beyond the state: Europe, North America, South America, and Southeast Asia in a global context. Oxford University Press. Gold, Steven J., and Stephanie J. Nawyn, (eds.) (2019). Routledge international handbook of migration studies. Routledge. Eule, T. G., Borrelli, L. M., Lindberg, A., & Wyss, A. (2019). Migrants Before the Law. Contested Migration Control in Europe. Springer International Publishing. Hollifield, J. & Foley, N. (2022). Understanding Global Migration. Redwood City: Stanford University Press.

Theory Topics

Week	Weekly Contents
1	Introduction and the presentation of the course
2	Migration and asylum in Europe since 1945.The Legal Framework and the Evolution of EU Migration Policy
3	Europe's 2015 Migration Crisis. Balkan route, Mediterranean migration route
4	External Dimensions of EU migration policy
5	Border politics in the EU. Frontex operations. Pushbacks and border violence
6	Migration Policy Divides, Differentiated responses, The Visegrád Group. The Ukrainian refugee crisis and the EU's policy responses
7	Midterm Exam
8	Migration and European identity. Diverging Approaches to Integration.The rise of the far-right in the EU: Anti-migration discourse, xenophobia and populist identity politics
9	The New Pact on Migration and Asylum: A Fairer and More European Approach?
10	EU Strategies for Legal Migration Pathways. Circular Migration

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11	Tackling the Root Causes of Migration EU's external action, development cooperation, and migration partnerships
12	Voluntary vs. forced return. EU return and readmission policies: Towards a humane and effective system?
13	Field Trip
14	Concluding Remarks