

Course title: Fracturing movement, migration and community – Towards an international political sociology of life in motion

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ECTS: 5 study credits

Aims:

Upon successful completion of the course the student will be able

1. to discern conceptions of movement as social and political force
2. to recognize ways of participation in fracturing worlds through movement
3. to construe transversal conceptions of migration and changing forms and conditions of mobile peoples
4. to reflect on the manifestation and results of movement fracturing community

Content:

The course explores what it would mean to understand life and matter as movement rather than as community or order. It asks how the primacy of movement changes our understanding of social and political relations and participation in the making of social and political worlds. Giving movement primacy challenges conceptions of the social and political in terms of community, borders, bounded spaces, and the people.

The course works with a close reading of texts that introduce problematisations of movement. The seminars are concept driven but will be applied to the study of migration, touching on questions of community, contestations and struggles, governmental techniques, and borders. Throughout students are also asked to think through what implications prioritising movement would have for their own work.

Implementation and methods: 9 hours of seminars

Seminar topics and readings:

Seminar 1: Towards the primacy of movement: no borders – migration as pathways and meshwork

Students introduce their own projects briefly for the purpose of integrating them into the discussion

Part 1: Philosophy: ontologies of motion

Nail, Thomas. 2018. "The ontology of motion." *Qui Parle* 27 (1):47-76.

Part 2: Sociology/Anthropology: lines and pathways

Ingold, Tim. 2011. *Being alive. Essays on movement, knowledge and description*. London: Routledge: chapter 12 Against space.

Seminar 2: Politics of fracturing movement: governance through movement and counter-mapping migration

Part a: Movement and governance: motion, circulation, movement

Reading: Aradau, Claudia. 2016. "Political grammars of mobility, security and subjectivity." *Mobilities* 11 (4):564-74.

Part b: Counter-mapping migration

Reading: Tazzioli, Martina. 2014. *Spaces of governmentality. Autonomous migration and the Arab uprisings*. London: Rowman & Littlefield. Chapter 6: Unspeakable maps.

Seminar 3: Towards fracturing political community: mobile peoples and multiplicities

Part 1: Mobile peoples

Isin, Engin. 2018. "Mobile peoples: transversal configurations." *Social Inclusion* 6 (1):115-23.

Part 2: Migrants and the formation of collective political subjects

Tazzioli, Martina. 2017. "The government of migrant mobs: Temporary divisible multiplicities in border zones." *European Journal of Social Theory* 20 (4):473-90.

Timetable:

Tuesday 19.3 . 14–17 (seminar)

Wednesday 20.3 14–17 (seminar)

Thursday 21.3. 14–17 (seminar)