

Description of the Course

Socio-Economic Consequences of International Migration and Refugees' Flows in the European Union and Ukraine

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Typology	Lectures, seminars, role game, brainstorming.
Description	<p>The course "Socio-economic Consequences of International Migration and Refugees' Flows in the European Union and Ukraine" is designed for the MA students in International Economic Relations.</p> <p>The course focuses on the consequences of international migration and refugees' flows that have become one of the crucial factors in development of world economy and national economies in recent decades. For the EU Member States, international migration has been a significant driving force in labour market development and economic grows. Approximately 4% of the EU population are citizens of non-EU countries. Immigration to the EU has been beneficial for the EU economic development and society in terms of filling gaps of labour force and solving demographic problems.</p> <p>Simultaneously, for countries of origin, migration helps to provide financial, human and social support for those who stayed. At the same time, within the last year Europe has faced challenging situation with refugees and asylum seekers, entering its borders. Only within the 2022 more than a 6 million people from Ukraine reached Europe after the start of a full-scale war of Russia against Ukraine.</p> <p>The new emerged situation has provoked hospitality debate and search of new decisions, as well as highlighting arguments of anti-immigration political parties in Europe. Obviously, now Europe is experiencing an outstanding process of international migration and asylum seeking that requires new points of view and approaches in order to deal with it. All these events require new comprehension, approaches and research in field of migration and asylum seeking.</p> <p>Furthermore, the on-going aggression of Russia in Ukraine forces internally displaced persons and refugees to seek legal stay in Europe. Taking into account relations between the EU and Ukraine, economic integration and social work with migrants and refugees becomes more crucial.</p> <p>Taking an interdisciplinary approach, within the course the socio-economic consequences of international migration in the European Union and Ukraine, focusing on the socio-economic inclusion of refugees and migrants, is explored.</p> <p>The aim of the course is to transfer knowledge and provide students with a strong learning and research environment to study the socio-economic consequences of international migration and refugees' flows in the European Union and Ukraine, creating a critical dialogue between them.</p> <p>The main learning formats of the course are: lectures, seminars, role game, brainstorming.</p> <p>The following lecture topics are proposed: theoretical approaches to the study of international migrations and refugees' flows; theoretical approaches to the study of social inclusion of refugees and migrants; history of international migration in Europe; current issues of migration process in Europe and Ukraine after the start of a full-scale war of Russia against Ukraine; institutional framework of the European and Ukrainian immigration and asylum policy; European experience of socio-economic inclusion of refugees and migrants.</p> <p>The following topics for the seminars are proposed: The Vyshegrad Group countries experience of the social inclusion of refugees and migrants; the EU - Ukraine relations and their perspectives (the expert from the department of European integration of Odessa Regional State Administration will be invited as a guest speaker for this seminar); Migration and refugees' flows between Ukraine and Moldova (the expert from the European Union Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine will be invited as a guest speaker for this seminar).</p> <p>The proposed topic for the role game is "Destination Europe" - a simulation on European asylum and migration policy".</p> <p>The proposed topic for the brainstorm is "New Ukrainian policy regarding inclusion of migrants and refugees after the start of a full-scale war of Russia against Ukraine".</p> <p>The main objectives of the course are:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to disseminate information among students about the current issues of migration process in Europe and Ukraine after the start of a full-scale war of Russia against Ukraine; • to provide a deep understanding of migration in the European Union and Ukraine from a socio-economic perspective; • to enhance importance of socio-economic inclusion of refugees and migrants, based on human rights and their ethnic differences; • to identify institutional framework of the European and Ukrainian immigration and asylum policy; • to exchange different opinions about the EU - Ukraine relations and their perspectives, based on critical dialogue between the lecturer, students and guest speakers; • to provide discussions about the EU measures focusing on the socio-economic inclusion of refugees and migrants, and make recommendations for Ukraine. <p>Assessment of the final grade will be broken down as following: lecture attendance –5%; participation in the seminar discussions – 25%; participation in the role game – 20%; participation in the brainstorm – 20%; final test – 30%.</p>
<p>Impact</p>	<p>The course “Socio-economic Consequences of International Migration and Refugees’ Flows in the European Union and Ukraine” is new as for Odessa National University as for other Ukrainian Universities.</p> <p>The structure of the course is a combination of lectures, seminars, role game and brainstorm. Benefiting from this variety of teaching approaches will combine theoretical knowledge and practical skills useful for students’ future carriers in different fields.</p> <p>After finishing the course, the student will be able to: demonstrate skills in applying theoretical tools to analyses of migration and refugees’ processes in Europe; demonstrate skills in applying theoretical tools to analyses of migration and refugees’ flows within and from Ukraine after the start of a full-scale war of Russia against Ukraine; demonstrate ability to critically reflect over the basic assumptions of different approaches to causes and consequences of migration and refugees’ processes; demonstrate an ability to evaluate sources and assess bias in material used as empirical evidence.</p> <p>Active teaching methods (role game and brainstorm), that will be used during the course, will enhance cognitive-practical activities of students, help students to open up as a person, allow students to acquire practical skills in classes.</p> <p>Students will also have an opportunity to express their own thoughts on socio-economic consequences of international migration and refugees’ flows in the European Union and Ukraine to the general public through participation in the conferences and round-tables.</p>