

HUMAN RIGHTS AND MIGRATIONS

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1. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is an introduction to the history and trajectory of human rights, which have always also been understood as minority rights. Both the Genocide Convention and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights are answers to two World Wars and the Holocaust. One of the critical discourses of that time was the examination of the status of refugees, as theorized by Hannah Arendt. More contemporary discussions of the topic by Giorgio Agamben and Nancy Fraser point to the necessity of understanding the human dimensions of displacement and the status of refugees, which oftentimes pose a challenge to the definitions of national identity. This will be discussed in the context of recent migrations within and towards Europe.

2. COURSE SCHEDULE

07/24, 10:45-12:15: Session I: The notion of global citizenship in a global world

Welcome, Syllabus, Format, Assignments

07/24, 13:30-15:00: Session II: The idea of Global Citizenship

Appiah, Kwame Anthony. (2006) "Global citizenship." *Fordham L. Rev.* 75.

07/26, 10:45-12:15: Session III: Mobility in a Globalized World (I)

Greenblatt, Stephen (2010): "A mobility studies manifesto." *Cultural Mobility: A Manifesto.* 250-253.

07/26, 13:30-15:00: Session IV: Mobility in a Globalized World (II)

Kunow, R. (2011). Unavoidably side by side. *Kulturelle Mobilitätsforschung: Themen-Theorien-Tendenzen*, 17.

07/31, 10:45-12:15: Session V: Non-State Actors and other precarious identities in a Global World

Butler, J. (2006). *Precarious life: The powers of mourning and violence.* Verso. Excerpt.

07/31, 13:30-15:00: Session VI: Current Challenges to Human Rights and Democracy

Agamben, G. (1998). *Homo sacer: Sovereign power and bare life.* Stanford University Press. Excerpt.

Final Exam

3. GRADING

Final average grade: final exam covering all subjects of the course program (70%) and active participation in class (30%).

4. BIBLIOGRAPHY

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