



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Continuing Studies

Course: *"Migration and Displacement"*

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Course Abstract

This multimedia and action oriented course explores the contradictions and complexities of migration as a form of displacement of peoples across the globe. Consider how contemporary migration is collapsing boundaries and reconfiguring our notions about the "First World" and the "Third World", thus challenging us to direct our struggle for global justice locally. Explore the root causes of forced migration and how this is directly linked to survival, including the livelihood and well-being of extended families, communities and remittance-dependent economies. Take a critical approach to the different actors involved and approaches to the field by examining present global policies, initiatives and alternatives to forced migration.

Overall Course Learning Objectives

1. Understand migration and displacement in the context of colonialization and global economic restructuring
2. Understand the precarity inherent in migration and displacement lived by racialized peoples of the Global South
3. Learn how communities in the Global South view, experience and respond to migration
4. Interrogate international policy instruments and agencies seeking to amend and contain the precariousness in migration and displacement through diverse means
5. Explore the local to discern how migration is changing and challenging the Global North
6. Be exposed to inspiring migrant/refugee rights initiatives in order to strengthen course participants' advocacy interventions (praxis) "in the field" and in "local communities"

Content

Module 1: Understanding Contemporary Migration

Module 2: Migration as Survival: Economic, Political and Environmental Refugees

Module 3: Controlled Migration: Guest Worker Programs, 'Mail Order Brides' and Human Trafficking (Online Streaming of El Contrato, NFB)

Module 4: Human Rights, Well-Being and Precarity in Migration

Module 5: Alternatives to Migration or Migration as Development (Case Study and Interview with Community Organizer in San Mateo Ozolco, Puebla, Mexico)

Module 6: Advocacy, Assistance and Resistance in Migration

Assignments

Journal Reflections

Weekly Student Directed Discussions

Case Studies of Diverse Migration Flows and Issues for Course Interactive Online Map

Profile of a migrant rights organization/movement or project in the world

Interview a Migrant/Refugee or a Migrant/Refugee Rights Advocate

Development of Action Plan & Personal Code of Ethics for Migrant/Refugee Rights

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