COURSE OVERVIEW & REQUIREMENTS

The structure of classes:

- All up-to-date info, presentations, class summaries and texts for download will be in SIS (Student Information System):
  https://is.cuni.cz/studium/eng/index.php -> main page -> subjects -> “contemporary trends in migration studies”
  OR

- Each class includes our presentation, accompanied by questions asked of you, and some activity (game, quiz, group work, video watching, analysis of pictures, texts or data), wrapped up with class discussion. Activities will aim at testing what you have learnt from the previous class(es), from your obligatory reading and/or other homework, and/or making you analyze aspects of the topic dealt with in the current class. Three classes include a feedback session where you will get individual feedback on your essay topic selection and writing progress.

- Requirements for 6 of the classes include an obligatory reading you are supposed to have read before coming to class – the following in-class activity will always somehow work with your knowledge of the text and you also need to know them for the final exam. For all classes there is a list of recommended readings which you are very advised to read to deepen your knowledge of the particular topics and get ready for the exam. They might also be useful for your essay writing.
  - The list of obligatory and recommended readings for all classes is in SIS (class summaries include somewhat longer lists meant as sources of additional, more detailed information on particular issues – you are encouraged to use them according to your needs).
  - Downloadable versions of obligatory readings will be uploaded to SIS usually a week before each respective class. The recommended readings can also be uploaded or sent to you if you ask for them.

- For some classes you will be given other homework too.

- After all classes, we will provide you with a class summary in PDF format. The class summaries are meant to serve as study material, however, they should be accompanied by your own note-taking in class, reading of obligatory and recommended texts.

- The last class of the semester will be devoted to a “miniconference” – here you will present your essays and be able to get final feedback on them before submission.

Course requirements:

Two options of completing the course

- 3-credit version (“zápočet“, MZ340M09Z): not classified (no grade!!!), pass/fail only – recommended only for local students, not Erasmus (no-grade course result cannot be transferred to the classification systems of most other countries)

- 5-credit version (“zkouška”/exam, MZ340M09): classified (grades 1, 2, 3 or “fail“ = 4) – recommended for everyone
Your final course evaluation will be based on a combination of the following:

1) **Activity (obligatory for everyone):** This includes attendance, doing homework, active participation in classes and at the miniconference, as well as communication with the teachers and attendance at feedback sessions. By “active participation” we mean responding to and asking questions, taking part in activities and discussions. We will pay attention to this and count this towards your final evaluation. If you **do your homework (reading or other),** you will always be more prepared for such participation. It is alright if you miss some classes, but remember, it is hard to be active in class if you are not physically present. If you know you are going to miss more classes, please talk to us in advance.

2) **Essay (obligatory for everyone):** An analytical paper written by you on a topic of your choice. You will be expected to work on your essay throughout the whole semester and submit its “working versions” at designated deadlines (see below). In case the teachers do not find your final version of the paper sufficient, they may ask you to correct and re-submit it (**only one re-submission of the final paper is possible**). For those signed up **for the 5-credit version of the course having fulfilled the essay requirement is a necessary condition for being allowed to take the exam.**

3) **Miniconference (obligatory for everyone):** A 3-10 minute presentation of your essay in front of your teacher(s) and classmates. You will be expected to respond to questions/comments from the audience, which might help you improve your essay before its final submission. You are also expected to ask questions/comment on your classmates’ presentations. **Please let us know well in advance in case you are not going to be in Prague on the day the miniconference takes place.**

4) **Oral exam (obligatory for the 5-credit version only):** Individual talk with one of the teachers on usually two topics dealt with during the course, including obligatory readings. You will be expected e.g. to be able to explain the main concepts and theories and their mutual relations, discuss their advantages and shortcomings, apply them to specific country examples, know the names of key associated scholars etc. Exams will take place in the second half of January and beginning of February. **If you need to take the exam earlier, let us know in advance and please note that you will have to submit your final essay at least 7 days before the exam and it has to be accepted as complete by the teachers.**

To make it clearer for you as to what portion of the grade these aspects represent, we have prepared a table of points (see below). This is not to run after single points, but rather to make the system of evaluation more transparent. For all your duties, we have an extensive table where we mark your progress and discuss it between us.

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Contemporary trends in migration studies (a discussion seminar)
MZ340M09/ MZ340M09Z
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For the 5-credit version of the course, the maximum then is 100 points. To pass the course you need at least **60 points** and you need to hand in the **essay in sufficient quality** and pass the exam.

For the 3-credit version of the course, the maximum number of points you can get is **70**. The **minimum number of points to pass is 55** and you need to hand in the **essay in sufficient quality**.

**Essay:**
Please read the “ESSAY GUIDELINES” (a separate document) **very properly to find out what your essay should look like** in terms of content, structure, length, style, referencing and format.

**Submission dates:**
1) Essay topic, research question and chosen method – 23/10/2019 *(you will fill these in a shared Google table)*
2) Rough proposal *(This should include at least: the preliminary title and research question/problem, the expected structure of the paper, including an overview of the sources you aim to use, their critical evaluation and possibly a beginning of the analysis. Try to “fill up” your structure with ideas, main arguments and counter-arguments and/or the first comparisons. “Nail down” the main issue you wish to discuss. The more you write, the better!)* – 06/11/2019
3) Draft *(a work-in-progress form of the paper, including some of the main parts of the paper named above; should provide a general idea of how you have worked with your sources, where your analysis is heading and what your findings are/will be. Again, the more you write, the better.)* – 08/12/2019
4) Presentation at the miniconference *(see above)* – 08/01/2020
5) Final paper *(a finalized version of the paper fulfilling all the requirements stated in the “ESSAY GUIDELINES”) – 12/01/2020*

It is **your responsibility** to do your **submissions on time** and to be **present at feedback sessions** which take place in class shortly after the submission deadlines (see SIS).

Your **submissions** have to be done **via e-mail to your tutor**. By seminar 4 (30/10/2019) at the latest you will be informed which one of the teachers it is. Your essay tutor is the person who will read all the submitted working versions of your essay, discuss your further progress with you during feedback sessions or when asked for and help out if needed.

If you have any questions, please let us know asap!

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