

Sociology
Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) 21
Sociology of Migration

Discipline Specific Elective-21 (DSE - 21) : Sociology of Migration

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
DSE 21 Sociology of Migration	4	3	1	0	12th Class Pass	Nil

Learning Objectives:

1. To understand migration as a complex multilayered sociological issue
2. To explore migration as a process and map the economic, social, and cultural effects of migration both in its source and destination.
3. To examine the relationship between Migration, Transnationalism, Diaspora, Refugees and Forced Migration
4. To understand the challenges of migratory movements by linking them to **SDG 8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth, SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities and SDG-17 Partnership for the Goals**

Learning outcomes:

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Arrive at a broader understanding of the multiple economic, social, political, and cultural dimensions of migration
2. Learn to compare and contrast the experience of diverse migrant groups through ethnographic case studies
3. Develop critical thinking skills in the analysis of displacement
4. Assess migration as a complex and key issue within the process of globalization
5. Demonstrate understanding of the challenges of migratory movements by linking them to **SDG 8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth, SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities and SDG-17 Partnership for the Goals**

SYLLABUS OF DSE:

Unit I. Making sense of Migration (9 Hours)

This unit introduces migration as a multi-dimensional issue in the contemporary world

- a. What is Migration?**
- b. Sociology of Migration**

Unit II. Perspectives on Migration (9 Hours)

This unit explores the various sociological perspectives in understanding migration as a complex sociological phenomenon

- a. Cultural, Social and Phenomenological Perspectives**
- b. Theories of International Migration and Transnationalism**

Unit III. Contexts of Migration (12 Hours)

This unit delves into the intersectional dimensions of migration through case studies.

- a. Migration for Work**
- b. Migrating for Marriage**
- c. Forced Migration**

Unit IV. Migration: Identities, Politics and Policy (15 Hours)

This unit explores the relationship between migration, its politics, and the policy responses to migration

- a. Class and Ethnicity in Migration**
- b. Refugees and Undocumented Migrants**
- c. State, Migrants and Migration Policy**

Practical Component: NIL

Essential/Recommended Readings:

Unit I: Making Sense of Migration

- a. What is Migration?**

Lewellen, Ted C. *The Anthropology of Globalization: Cultural Anthropology Enters the 21st Century*. Bergin, 2002. Ch. 6 Pp. 123-145.

- b. Sociology of Migration**

Castles, Stephen. Twenty-First-Century Migration as a Challenge to Sociology. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 2007. 33(3). Pp. 351–368.

Gardner, K., & Osella, F. (2003). Migration, modernity and social transformation in South Asia. *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, 37(1-2), v–xxiv.

Unit II. Perspectives on Migration

a. Cultural, Social and Phenomenological Perspectives

Brettell, Caroline. B. *Migration Theory: Talking Across Disciplines*. Taylor & Francis, 2014. Ch. 5. Theorizing Migration in Anthropology: The Cultural, Social, Phenomenological, and Embodied Dimensions of Human Mobility. Pp. 194-214.

b. Theories of International Migration and Transnationalism

Hania Zlotnik 2006 ‘Theories of International Migration’ in Graziella Caselli, Jacques Vallin, and Guillaume Wunsch (ed.) *Demography: Analysis and synthesis, Volume II*, London: Academic Press, pp. 293-306.

Waldinger, Roger and David Fitzgerald. “Transnationalism in Question.” *American Journal of Sociology* 109, 2004. No. 5: 1177-1195.

Unit III. Contexts of Migration

a. Migration for Work

Kikon, Dolly., Karlsson, Bengt G. *Leaving the Land: Indigenous Migration and Affective Labour in India*. India: *Cambridge University Press*, 2019. Introduction. Pp. 1-23.

Lan, P. C. (2003). Maid or madam? Filipina migrant workers and the continuity of domestic labor. *Gender & society*, 17(2), 187-208.

b. Migrating for Marriage

Uberoi, Patricia. Rajni Palriwala. *Marriage, Migration and Gender*. India: Sage Publications, 2008. Ch 1. Exploring the Links: Gender Issues in Marriage and Migration. Pp. 23- 50.

Constable, Nicole. "A tale of two marriages: International matchmaking and gendered mobility." *Cross-border marriages: Gender and mobility in transnational Asia* (2005): 166-86.

c. Forced Migration

Castles, Stephen. "Towards a sociology of forced migration and social transformation." *sociology* 37.1 (2003). Pp. 13-34.

Unit IV. Migration: Identities, Politics and Policy

a. Class and Ethnicity in Migration

Esman, Milton J. *Diasporas in the Contemporary World*. Germany: Polity Press, 2013. Pp. 3-21.

Van Hear, Nicholas. Reconsidering Migration and Class. *International Migration Review*, 48(2014). Pp. 100–118.

b. Refugees and Undocumented Migrants

Zetter, Roger, "Labelling Refugees: Forming and Transforming a Bureaucratic Identity", *Journal of Refugee Studies* 4(1), 1991, pp. 39-62. (23)

Chavez, Leo R. "Outside the imagined community: Undocumented settlers and experiences of incorporation." *American ethnologist* 18, no. 2 (1991): 257-278.

c. State, Migrants and Migration Policy

Torpey, John 1998. *Coming and Going: on the state monopolization of the legitimate* "Means of movement". *Sociological Theory*. Vol. 16, No. 3 pp. 239-257

Fassin, Didier 2005: "Compassion and Repression: The Moral Economy of Immigration Policies in France" in *Cultural Anthropology* Vol 20. Pp. 362-383.

Suggested Readings:

Adam Hanieh. "The Contradictions of Global Migration." *Socialist Register*. Vol 55 (2019): Pgs. 50 – 73.

Adas, Michael. Ed. *Essays on Twentieth-Century History*. Temple University Press, 2010. Jose C. Moya and Adam McKeown Ch.1 World Migration in the Long Twentieth Century. Pp. 9-45.

Agier, Michel. *On the Margins of the World: The Refugee Experience Today*. United Kingdom: Polity, 2008.

Barbora, Sanjay et.al. "Migration Matters in South Asia: Commonalities and Critiques." *Economic and Political Weekly* 43, no. 24 (2008): 57–65

Breman, Jan. *Of peasants, migrants, and paupers: rural labour circulation and capitalist production in west India*. India: Oxford University Press, 1985

Brubaker, Rogers. (2005). The "diaspora" diaspora. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 28(1), 1–19.

Clifford, James. "Diasporas." *Cultural Anthropology* 9, no. 3 (1994): 302–38.

Cohen, Jeffrey H., Sirkeci, Ibrahim. *Cultures of Migration: The Global Nature of Contemporary Mobility*. University of Texas Press, 2011.

George, Sheba M. *When Women Come First: Gender and Class in Transnational Migration*. Ukraine, University of California Press, 2005.

Illicit Flows and Criminal Things: States, Borders, and the Other Side of Globalization. Edited by William Van Schendel & Itty Abraham

Levitt, Peggy. *The Transnational Villagers*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2001.

Picherit, D. (2018). Labour migration brokerage and Dalit politics in Andhra Pradesh: A Dalit fabric of labour circulation. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 45, 2706– 2722

Piper, Nicola. "Wife or worker? Worker or wife? Marriage and cross-border migration in contemporary Japan." *International journal of population geography* 9, no. 6 (2003): 457-469.

Portes, A. (2010). Migration and Social Change: Some Conceptual Reflections. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 36(10), 1537–1563.

Shah, Alpa. The labour of love: Seasonal migration from Jharkhand to the brick kilns of other states in India. *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, (2006). 40. Pp. 91 – 116.

Weiner, Myron. *Sons of the Soil: Migration and Ethnic Conflict in India*. United States: Princeton University Press, 2016.

Westra, Laura. *Environmental Justice and the Rights of Ecological Refugees*. United Kingdom: Taylor & Francis, 2009.

Wimmer, A., & Glick Schiller, N. (2002). Methodological nationalism and beyond: nation-state building, migration and the social sciences. *Global Networks*, 2(4), 301–327.

Wimmer, Andreas, And Nina Glick Schiller. “Methodological Nationalism and the Study of Migration.” *European Journal of Sociology* 43, no. 2 (2002): 217–36. (18) can be in suggested reading and in tutorial discussion

Zolberg, Aristide R. et.al. *Escape from Violence: Conflict and the Refugee Crisis in the Developing World*. United Kingdom: Oxford University Press, 1989.

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.