Mastermodule

mir110 - Introduction to Migration Studies

Module label
Introduction to Migration Studies

Module code
mir110

Credit points
8.0 KP

Workload
240 h

Used in course of study
- Master's Programme European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations (Master) -

Contact person
Module responsibility
- Martin Butler
- Lydia Potts

Entry requirements
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Skills to be acquired in this module
LO1 to LO4
• achieved an overview of migration processes and policies in the past and present and be able to critically evaluate their structures, implications, and scenarios for the future, including categories and approaches of migration research;
• acquired in-depth knowledge about theories on migration and inter/transcultural relations and multiculturalism and the ability to autonomously contextualise terms and concepts in related fields;
• acquired knowledge about and experience with research methods, methodology and knowledge production and be able to reflect their significance, unpredictability and interdependencies in transcultural contexts;
• gathered competence to design a research agenda, to develop research projects and to conduct them in a self-reflexive manner in a diverse team;

LO7
• developed an understanding of theories, concepts and policies related to at least one of the programme’s foci (i.e. gender, diversity and intersectionality; development, conflict and justice; representation, power relations and knowledge production; education and citizenship) and acknowledges their cross-cutting and strategic relevance in the field of migration and intercultural relations;

LO12 to LO16
• acquired competence in handling new media and communication technology in a critical and reflexive way scrutinising its indications and connotations;
• the ability to condense and visualise work results in order to present it to various audiences;
• developed competence in self-management including the ability to prioritize, set goals and make decisions in individual and group work processes;
• the ability to identify and critique discriminating forms of verbal and non-verbal communication, reflecting power relations and his/her own biases aiming at self-reflective interaction;
• developed competence to initiate, lead and/or participate in team work in inter/transcultural contexts orienting themselves in unfamiliar areas, countries and contexts.

Module contents
The Intensive Phase “Studying Global Migration in the 21st Century” takes place annually in September. Students are provided introductions to their new study and living environment, to all aspects of the programme. Being jointly taught by EMMIR partners, students also become acquainted with partner universities and their Course Directors as well as with the field of study. Teaching focuses on state of the art overviews as well as exemplary approaches to key areas in migration studies and intercultural relations by means of workshops, lectures, study trips and other formats. In order to share standards for the evaluation of students’ work and, as a measure of quality assurance, presentations and written work during the IP is graded jointly by staff of the partner universities.

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Reader's advisory
see syllabus and reader

Links
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Language of instruction
English

Duration (semesters)
1 Semester

Module frequency
jährlich

Module capacity
30

Reference text
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Modullevel
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| **Final exam of module**    | September           | 1. Active participation – including readings as specified in the syllabus  
2. Group presentation of your working group (max. 30 minutes, 50%)  
3. Individual paper connected to the topic of your working group (1,000 words, plus title, bibliography and annexes, 50%) |

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**Total time of attendance for the module** 56 h
mir120 - Evaluating und Developing Research Methods for Transcultural Contexts

Module label
Evaluating und Developing Research Methods for Transcultural Contexts

Module code
mir120

Credit points
14.0 KP

Workload
420 h

Used in course of study
- Master's Programme European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations (Master) > Mastermodule

Contact person
Module responsibility
- Lüder Tietz
- Heike Derwanz
- Lydia Potts

Entry requirements
mir110

Skills to be acquired in this module
LO3• acquired knowledge about and experience with research methods, methodology and knowledge production and be able to reflect their significance, unpredictability and interdependencies in transcultural contexts;
LO4• gathered competence to design a research agenda, to develop research projects and to conduct them in a self-reflexive manner in a diverse team;
LO7• developed an understanding of theories, concepts and policies related to at least one of the programme’s foci (i.e. gender, diversity and intersectionality; development, conflict and justice; representation, power relations and knowledge production; education and citizenship) and acknowledges their cross-cutting and strategic relevance in the field of migration and intercultural relations;
LO10to LO 16enhanced proficiency in several languages, applied in research, interaction in the field and academic writing, thus further accentuating his/her bi-/multilingual profile;
• practical expertise to present and structure an argument in academic English based on enhanced reading and writing skills in various genres;
• acquired competence in handling new media and communication technology in a critical and reflexive way scrutinising its indications and connotations;
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• developed competence to initiate, lead and/or participate in team work in inter/transcultural contexts orienting themselves in unfamiliar areas, countries and contexts.

Module contents
The different parts of the module aim at giving students an orientation about methodology and qualitative as well as quantitative methods and at providing them with research tools applicable in the field of migration studies, incl. improved writing skills in English. Seminars, lectures and tutorials are complemented by a range of elective workshops by Oldenburg scholars and international guest scholars.

The seminars offered explore the potentials and limits of various research methods from the social sciences, ethnography and cultural studies for research in the field of migration studies. In so doing, the module equips students with a set of tools for the analysis of migration processes and/in transcultural contexts, while critically assessing the formative potential of methodologies and methods in processes of, e.g., knowledge production at the same time. In teams and supported by scholars, students conceptualise their own small-scale research projects: they select a research topic, agree on a research question, develop an adequate theoretical and methodological framework, analyse their data and critically evaluate their findings.

In addition, academic writing support is provided in different formats – starting with a half-day workshop in October and continuing as individual support throughout the semester.

Reader's advisory
see syllabus

Language of instruction
English

Duration (semesters)
1 Semester

Module frequency
jährlich

Module capacity
30

Reference text
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Modullevel
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Theorizing Historical and Contemporary Migration Processes & Intercultural Relations

Module label: Theorizing Historical and Contemporary Migration Processes & Intercultural Relations

Module code: mir130

Credit points: 8.0 KP

Workload: 240 h
- Contact: 90 hrs / Independent studies: 60 hrs / Assignments: 90 hrs

Used in course of study:
- Master's Programme European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations (Master) - Mastermodule

Contact person:
- Module responsibility
  - Martin Butler

Entry requirements:
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Skills to be acquired in this module:
- LO1: achieved an overview of migration processes and policies in the past and present and be able to critically evaluate their structures, implications, and scenarios for the future, including categories and approaches of migration research;
- LO2: acquired in-depth knowledge about theories on migration and inter/transcultural relations and multiculturalism and the ability to autonomously contextualise terms and concepts in related fields;
- LO7: developed an understanding of theories, concepts and policies related to at least one of the programme’s foci (i.e. gender, diversity and intersectionality; development, conflict and justice; representation, power relations and knowledge production; education and citizenship) and acknowledges their cross-cutting and strategic relevance in the field of migration and intercultural relations;
- LO11 to LO15: practical expertise to present and structure an argument in academic English based on enhanced reading and writing skills in various genres;
- acquired competence in handling new media and communication technology in a critical and reflexive way scrutinising its indications and connotations;
- the ability to condense and visualise work results in order to present it to various audiences;
- developed competence in self-management including the ability to prioritize, set goals and make decisions in individual and group work processes;
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Module contents:
The module familiarises students with a range of theories and theoretical concepts through which processes and phenomena of migration in different historical and regional contexts can be approached. In order to do so, it takes both a historical and a systematic perspective: It sheds particular light
- on the historical dimension of migration and migration studies in selected European and Non-European (esp. African) contexts as well as on possible futures of migration and migration studies,
- on postcolonial perspectives on migration and in migration studies,
- on the relationship between the social, the political, and the symbolic dimension of migration societies by exploring theories of representation, identity, and the subject, and
- on the situatedness and limits of theories and theoretical concepts, specifically by also addressing non-western epistemologies.

In this module, seminars, lectures and tutorials are complemented by an interdisciplinary lecture series and a range of elective workshops by scholars from Oldenburg and by international guest scholars to equip students with the theoretical expertise necessary to navigate the interdisciplinary field of migration studies.

Reader's advisory:
- see syllabus

Links:
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Language of instruction:
- English

Duration (semesters):
- 1 Semester

Module frequency:
- jährlich

Module capacity:
- 30

Reference text:
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Modullevel:
- Pflicht / Mandatory

Lern-/Lehrform / Type of program:
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| **Total time of attendance for the module** | 28 h |
# mir220 - Theorizing Migration and Multiculturalism

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## Skills to be acquired in this module

- Learning Outcomes (LO)
  - (LO 1) acquired in-depth knowledge about theories on migration and inter/transcultural relations and multiculturalism and the ability to autonomously contextualise terms and concepts in related fields (modules 11, 13, 22);
  - (LO 2) acquired knowledge about and experience with research methods, methodology and knowledge production and be able to reflect their significance, unpredictability and interdependencies in transcultural contexts;
  - (LO 3) acquired competence to evaluate the relevance of disciplinary as well as multi-/inter-/transdisciplinary approaches to specific research questions including the ability to position his/her own work in the field of studies and its emerging issues;
  - (LO 4) developed an understanding of theories, concepts and policies related to at least one of the programme’s foci (i.e. gender, diversity and intersectionality; development, conflict and justice; representation, power relations and knowledge production; education and citizenship) and acknowledges their cross-cutting and strategic relevance in the field of migration and intercultural relations;
  - (LO 5) practical expertise to present and structure an argument in academic English based on enhanced reading and writing skills in various genres;
  - (LO 6) acquired competence in handling new media and communication technology in a critical and reflexive way scrutinising its indications and connotations;
  - (LO 7) developed competence in self-management including the ability to prioritize, set goals and make decisions in individual and group work processes;
  - (LO 8) the ability to identify and critique discriminating forms of verbal and non-verbal communication, reflecting power relations and his/her own biases aiming at self-reflective interaction.

## Module contents

1. Migration and Integration
   - The module focuses on integration paradigms in the light of theory, policy (and politics) and practice. Concepts of conformity, assimilation, melting pot and multiculturalism are discussed from synchronic and diachronic perspectives against the backdrop of terms such as integration, welfare and solidarity. The module is divided into three thematic sections:
     1. Theorising migration: Students revise, systemise and deepen their knowledge on migration theory and methodological nationalism obtained in the first semester;
     2. Integration: Theories and policies concerning immigration, focusing on: inherent nonassimilation, assimilation, integration, multiculturalism, acculturation, inclusion;
     3. Welfare state and integration: Students get insights into the welfare state - social policy - integration nexus and discuss recent social dynamics in the EU and globally.

2. Migration, Borders and Citizenship
   - In this module, students familiarise with definitions and basic concepts of borders and citizenship and different understandings of those concepts across disciplines. While borders are understood as symbols through which states, nations and localities define themselves and constitute the division of inside and outside, it is also necessary to reflect on the definitions and implications of geographical territory and socio-cultural spaces. These reflections are complemented by an assessment of concepts and acts of citizenship and its protagonists. Students discuss borders and citizenship, also reflecting on related issues such as diaspora, human rights, social recognition, transnationalism, globalisation, cosmopolitanism, integration, exclusion, deportability, vulnerability, victimisation and illegality. In order to grasp the contemporary situation in the field of theory, the history of migration research and development of different theories including multidisciplinary research approaches are also taken into account.

   - This course aims to describe and analyze the main characteristics of African migration, with a special focus on visuals and security aspects. The course will take into account both South-South Migration and South-North Migration, voluntary, forced and circular migration. The migration process will in particular be understood within the framework of the mobilities paradigm (Urry, 2007). As Schapendonk puts it, “within this paradigm, mobility (instead of only settlement) is perceived as integral to human lives which challenges social science to go beyond their sedentary viewpoints” (Schapendonk, 2010: 293). Terms such as migrant trajectories, (im)mobility, non-linearity and interconnections will, among others, be emphasized.
   - Furthermore, the course highlights migrants not as victims, nor villains, but as actors, and more specifically actors of development, social change and innovation, both past and present. We will look into the history of migration studies and of slavery and mobility in Africa. Moving into the present, the focus will be on current
4 Migration, Gender, Work
Migration as a gendered process - deeply embedded in the structures of different forms of work and exploitation - will be studied from historical and contemporary perspective in the context of different world regions regarding structural social determinants that are keys for comprehending the importance of work and gender in migration processes. Apart from theoretical and historical background, the testimonies of migrants will be the basis for analysis. Personal life stories, testimonies and experiences of migrants are essential to study the role of gender and work in the migration context.

Lectures, workshops and reading groups will provide an in-depth insight into the topics of: restructuring of gender roles; trafficking and other forms of moving for work; "feminization of migration"; global care work and transnational parenthood; identity (re)constructions; self-reflexivity and the ideological position of the student/researcher.

5 Controversies over Multiculturalism
The module is divided into three thematic areas, each focusing on specific concepts and themes related to multiculturalism and intercultural dynamics:

I. Multiculturalism in the light of theory, policy/politics and practice
Students will familiarise themselves with the basic theoretical categories needed for an in-depth understanding of multiculturalism: state, citizenship, patriotism, society, culture, ethnic/national identity, stigma, prejudice, tolerance, diversity. Policies and practices of multiculturalism will be systemised and critically evaluated.

II. Multiculturalism – welfare state – solidarity
Multiculturalism will be considered in the context of welfare states. The concepts of recognition and redistribution in contemporary welfare regimes will be problematised and their relationship will be discussed in the light of the principle of solidarity.

III. Education for multicultural dialogue
Guidelines and tools for the promotion of intercultural dialogue will be analysed using selected policy documents. Lectures and workshops will be organised to provide in-depth insights into the above themes. On successful completion of the module the student will be able to critically evaluate theories and policies on multiculturalism with regard to the conceptual, methodological and theoretical issues and confidently take part in discussions on current pressing issues relating to multiculturalism.

6 Intercultural Education
The module is divided into three thematic areas, each focusing on specific concepts and themes related to intercultural education, intercultural dialogue and inclusion:

I. Intercultural education in the light of theory, policy/politics and practice
Students will familiarise themselves with the basic theoretical categories needed for an in-depth understanding of intercultural education. The development from multicultural to intercultural education, policies and practices in the field of intercultural education will be evaluated. Students will explore and critically evaluate some multicultural / intercultural education models, and discuss policies in selected countries.

II. Intercultural competence, intercultural dialogue, prejudices
Students will explore the connections between intercultural dialogue and intercultural competence. They will raise awareness of prejudices (towards children of economical migrant and refugees) and overcoming prejudices. The recognition and redistribution of intercultural competence will be discussed in the light of the multi perspective curriculums. Intercultural dialogue will be considered in the context of intercultural education. Guidelines and tools for the promotion of intercultural dialogue will be analysed using selected policy documents.

III. Inclusion and cooperation
Inclusion will be discussed through the role of teachers, migrants, civil society and the state, especially ministry of education. Students will explore the possibilities for cooperation (instead of tolerance) between school and civil society in the local environment (majority and minority / migrants' communities, associations). The issue of responsibility for preserving migrant children’s mother tongue will be discussed, too. Some techniques, best practices for intercultural dialogue between people with different cultural background at schools, in local environments will be introduced.

Lectures and workshops will be organised to provide in-depth insights into the above themes. On successful completion of the module the student will be able to critically evaluate theories and policies on intercultural education with regard to the conceptual, methodological and theoretical issues and confidently take part in discussions on current pressing issues relating to intercultural education.
Vorkenntnisse / Previous knowledge

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<td>During the internship, students become familiar with practical activities in relevant professional fields and analyse these in the context of your academic qualifications. The internship module offers the opportunity to tackle specific issues in the field of Migration and Intercultural Relations, and encourages self-reflective application of knowledge and competencies acquired. Students conduct a research project linked to their practical experience. This assignment provides greater insight into project-related work and qualifies them in particular for activities involving evaluation and conceptualisation. The development of a research question, the research design, and the implementation of the project also provide the opportunity to complete independent academic work. Students are assigned a lecturer/professor, who supervises them when conceptualising and carrying out the research project. The internship and the research project included in it may be used as preparatory work for the MA dissertation. The internship offers the possibility of choosing a topic for the MA dissertation in consultation with the institution concerned as well as with EMMIR lecturers/professors, thereby opening up prospects for further cooperation or collaboration.</td>
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mir320 - Theory and Methods in Migration Studies

Module label: Theory and Methods in Migration Studies
Module code: mir320
Credit points: 15.0 KP
Workload: 450 h
   - Contact: 60hrs
   - Independent studies: 210hrs
   - Assignments: 150hrs

Used in course of study:
- Master's Programme European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations (Master) > Mastermodule

Contact person:
- Module responsibility
  - Martin Butler
  - Lydia Potts

Entry requirements:
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Skills to be acquired in this module:
- LO5 to LO8: gained experiences in designing and addressing complex and original research questions and be able to independently evaluate research processes and results;
- acquired competence to evaluate the relevance of disciplinary as well as multi-/inter-/transdisciplinary approaches to specific research questions including the ability to position his/her own work in the field of studies and its emerging issues;
- developed an understanding of theories, concepts and policies related to at least one of the programme’s foci (i.e. gender, diversity and intersectionality; development, conflict and justice; representation, power relations and knowledge production; education and citizenship) and acknowledges their cross-cutting and strategic relevance in the field of migration and intercultural relations;
- gained up-to-date expert knowledge in a specific area linking his/her disciplinary with transdisciplinary perspectives and specifying his/her individual profile;
- LO10: practical expertise to present and structure an argument in academic English based on enhanced reading and writing skills in various genres;
- LO11: developed competence in self-management including the ability to prioritize, set goals and make decisions in individual and group work processes;
- the ability to identify and critique discriminating forms of verbal and non-verbal communication, reflecting power relations and his/her own biases aiming at self-reflective interaction;
- developed competence to initiate, lead and/or participate in team work in inter/transcultural contexts orienting themselves in unfamiliar areas, countries and contexts.

Module contents:
The module is designed for EMMIR students intending to pursue an academic or research career after their graduation. It focuses on issues related to universities or other research institutions as work environment. Students are actively involved in activities connected to research and other academic projects pursued e.g. by the Working Group “Migration – Gender – Politics” or the research cluster “Transculturality and Cultural Mobility” at the School of Linguistics and Cultural Studies. There is also the option to participate in other relevant classes at the University of Oldenburg in the School of Linguistics and Cultural Studies and the Center for Migration, Education and Cultural Studies. The activities are tailored to the interests and expectations of the EMMIR students coming to Oldenburg; one main goal of the module is to develop a comprehensive MA dissertation proposal, if possible based on the research undertaken during the internship.

Reader's advisory:
- see syllabus

Language of instruction:
- English

Duration (semesters):
- 1 Semester

Module frequency:
- jährlich

Module capacity:
- unlimited

Reference text:
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Modulart:
- je nach Studiengang Pflicht oder Wahlpflicht

Lern-/Lehrform / Type of program:
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**Total time of attendance for the module**  
42 h
Abschlussmodul

mam - MA Dissertation

Module label: MA Dissertation
Module code: mam
Credit points: 30.0 KP
Workload: 900 h

Used in course of study: Master's Programme European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations (Master) > Abschlussmodul

Contact person:
Module responsibility:
- Martin Butler
- Lydia Potts

Entry requirements: 60 ECTS

Skills to be acquired in this module:
- gained experiences in designing and addressing complex and original research questions and be able to independently evaluate research processes and results;
- acquired competence to evaluate the relevance of disciplinary as well as multi-/inter-/transdisciplinary approaches to specific research questions including the ability to position his/her own work in the field of studies and its emerging issues;
- developed an understanding of theories, concepts and policies related to at least one of the programme’s foci (i.e. gender, diversity and intersectionality; development, conflict and justice; representation, power relations and knowledge production; education and citizenship) and acknowledges their cross-cutting and strategic relevance in the field of migration and intercultural relations;
- gained up-to-date expert knowledge in a specific area linking his/her disciplinary with transdisciplinary perspectives and specifying his/her individual profile;
- gathered experience in the occupational sphere shaping his/her professional profile and employability;
- practical expertise to present and structure an argument in academic English based on enhanced reading and writing skills in various genres;
- the ability to condense and visualise work results in order to present it to various audiences;
- developed competence in self-management including the ability to prioritize, set goals and make decisions in individual and group work processes;
- the ability to identify and critique discriminating forms of verbal and non-verbal communication, reflecting power relations and his/her own biases aiming at self-reflective interaction;

Module contents:
Writing the MA Dissertation is the students’ opportunity to prove that they are able to conduct independent scholarly research in an international and transcultural context in the field of migration studies/intercultural relations. They design their dissertations based on self-conducted research projects, applying and connecting methodological, theoretical, and empirical knowledge. The dissertation should reflect the student’s specialisation within the field of migration studies/intercultural relations and prove competence in scholarly work. Dissertations integrate trans-cultural and self-reflective perspectives as well as disciplinary/transdisciplinary international research results.

The full cohort meets at the start of semester four in December for a proposal colloquium (various partners involved) at the University of Oldenburg in order to prepare for the MA dissertation on a theoretical and methodological level – in cooperation with students’ first examiners (supervisor). Teachers from different partner universities are present and involved. Subsequently, students join supervision groups and have research colloquia at the selected partner university. Students are supposed to dedicate the fourth semester entirely to writing the MA dissertation to be submitted by 30 June. MM41 consists of:

a) the proposal colloquium at UOL in December,
b) a thesis colloquium (with supervision group) and

the actual dissertation writing

Reader’s advisory:
individual recommendations

Links:

Language of instruction: English
Duration (semesters): 1 Semester
Module frequency: jährlich
Module capacity: unlimited
Reference text:

Module level: Abschlussmodul (Abschlussmodul / Conclude)
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