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Course Description
This course examines recent patterns of migration, transnational diasporic communities and the role of media forms and practices in redefining culture and citizenship. We will discuss how the material presence of immigrants and refugees contributes to the shaping the vision of national belonging. How are immigrants and immigration imagined, represented, surveilled in the global urban context of Berlin? What role do media and technology play in the (re)imagining of cultural politics, citizenship and immigrant activism in the context of global mobility and relocations? Through field trips, structured, discussions and lectures, students will engage with the subject of migration, mobility and the cultural politics of transnational diasporic communities from both a global perspective and the specific context of Berlin.

Course Objectives
To expose students to 1) current issues, research and theory about media and global migration and 2) the comparative study of global mobility, media texts and practices in the context of global urban landscapes.

Evaluation
Participation: 20%
Students are expected to actively participate in daily seminars. Your participation, involvement in discussions, and level of engagement in class will be graded.

Reading Responses: 30%
Students will post (4) responses to the readings/field trips on NYU classes during the period of the course. There will also be an additional post on the pre-departure readings. Each of the posts will be about 300 words minimum. They will serve as a place to reflect on the readings, raise questions and relate to the field trip/observations you make while in Berlin. You are free to voice your opinion, make a comment or relate the readings to other contexts in these short responses. The posts are intended to demonstrate that you have engaged with the assigned texts.
* Post first response on pre-trip readings
* There will be two prompts each week under Forums in NYU Classes where you will post your responses.

Final project: 50%
- The final project details are posted on NYU Classes under Assignments.
- It is recommended that you keep field notes throughout the trip as this will help you construct the final project.
Pre Trip:
- Start following the news about global migration and specifically current issues in Berlin.
- Complete pre-trip readings which are listed below.

In Berlin:
- We will meet every morning from 9:30am - 12pm (unless notified otherwise) for lecture and discussion.
- Class trips and field visits are a significant part of the learning experience and you are expected to attend all of them.
- In case of emergency, NYU Berlin can be contacted by dialing +49-30-290-2910 or the NYU Department of Public Safety 00-1-212-998-2222.

Post Trip
- Final papers are due by TBD
- Please ensure that papers follow the format listed in the description of the final assignment and email papers to the instructor.

Pre Trip Readings to complete

**Book to be bought/Articles in Resources**


SAMPLE ITINERARY
WEEK 1

Session 1: Orientation

Readings:

5pm: NYU Berlin Arrival Orientation in Student Residence
7pm: Welcome Dinner
Villa Tomasa Kreuzberg, Kreuzbergstraße 62, 10965 Berlin
(http://www.tomasa.de/tomasa-restaurant/tomasa-villa-kreuzberg-berlin)

Session 2: Space and Migration

Readings:

Field trip:
9.15 sharp: Meet in front of the NYU Berlin Student Residence
9:30am–12:30pm: Walking tour of Kreuzberg with Cigdem Ipek & visit to German Chancellery Office for Migration, Refugees and Integration
12:30–1:45pm: Lunch at 3Schwestern (http://3schwestern.com/)
1:45–2:15pm: transportation to the Chancellery
2:30pm: Visit to German Chancellery, Office for Migration, Refugees and Integration

Session 3: Cityscapes & Histories
Readings:
- Arendt, H. We refugees. In M. Robinson (ed) *Altogether Elsewhere: Writers on exile.* (100-119) London: Faber & Faber.

*Field trip:* Walking tour of Jewish Berlin with Ares Kalandide

9.45am: Meet at the Student Residence

Session 4: Connecting/Narrating the Migrant Experience

Readings:
- Somaskanda, S. (2017) “Blitzkrieg: Breitbart Invades Germany!” *Foreign Policy*
- Somaskanda, S. (2017) “For Those Fleeing Poverty, Not War, Germany’s Doors Are Closed,” *Foreign Policy*

*Speaker: 10-12 pm:* Sumi Somaskanda (Journalist) & Member from Singa Germany

*Class Activities: 1pm: Film Screening: Paul Came Over the Sea*

*2.30pm-3.30pm: Guest: Paul René Nkamani*

Session 5: Nativism and Protest

Readings:

*Speaker: 10 am -12 pm: Fabian Virchow (University of Dusseldorf) and Tanja Thomas (University of Tubingen)*
WEEK 2

Session 6: Diasporic Routes

Readings:

Speaker: 10-11.30 am: Urmila Goel (Humboldt University)

Session 7: Space/Archive/Migration

Readings:

Speaker: 10AM: Noa Ha
Center for Integration Studies
Technical University Dresden
(https://tu-dresden.academia.edu/NoaHa)

Session 8: Diakoria/Gender/Film
Readings:


**Speaker:** 10 am: Sun-Ju Choi, Film maker/Director of Asian Women’s Film Festival, Berlin

**Speaker:** 1pm: Yener Bayramoğlu, Institute for Media and Communication Studies, Freie University, Berlin

Session 9: Migration, Education & Communication

Readings:


**Field Trip:**

**10:00am:** in front of the Student Residence

**10.30am:** Kiron, Open Higher Education

*Am Festungsgraben 1, 10117 Berlin*

*Presentation by Dr. Ana Sofia Morais*

Session 10: Wrap Up

Reflections on the experience and discussion of final project.

Readings:


**9.30am:** Meet for Breakfast *Knofi Feinkost, Bergmannstraße 98, 10961 Berlin*

Suggested Sites to Visit on your own:

- Dong Xuan Market (Vietnamese Market), Herzbergstr. 128-139, 10365 Berlin
- Gedenkstätte Berliner Mauer (Berlin Wall Memorial), Bernauer Straße 111, 13355 Berlin