Responses to Migration: Europe and the Global South

Call for Applications for the NOVAMIGRA International Summer School

Date: 14 September to 18 September 2020
Location: Centre for Global Cooperation Research, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany
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Course description

The Centre for Global Cooperation Research, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany, welcomes applications for the International Summer School “Responses to Migration: Europe and the Global South” that will take place at the University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany, from 14 to 18 September 2020. The Summer School is part of the project “Norms and Values in the European Migration and Refugee Crisis” (NOVAMIGRA, www.novamigra.eu). This project has received funding from the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No. 770330.

The interdisciplinary course explores international, national and local responses to migration and refugee challenges in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. The main focus is on relations and comparisons between Europe on the one hand, and the Middle East and Africa on the other. Building on an analysis of the construction and consequences of migration crises, we consider immigration and refugee policies as well as popular movements for or against migrants in different countries and contexts. We analyze the ways in which these policies and movements relate to ideas about human rights and sovereignty, state interests and the politics of global and regional governance. The course combines an overview of recent research on EU migration policy-making with an in-depth study of current conceptual and policy debates in selected European, Middle Eastern and African countries and cities. In doing so, the course also examines some of the important political reform pressures the world as a whole is facing with regard to the future of global migration governance.

The programme of the course is structured around four thematic axes:

- Migration control through international cooperation
- National migration policies: The role of the media and knowledge production
- Welcoming and rejecting migrants: The role of cities
- Global migration futures

Participants and instructors will be selected from European as well as non-European countries.
Eligibility

PhD candidates and early-career researchers who are interested in deepening their knowledge about migration issues and North-South relations are encouraged to apply.

Registration & reimbursement of costs

Participation in the programme is free of charge. Further, participants will be reimbursed for their travel and accommodation expenses.

Application form

The application form can be found at:


Abstracts should relate to the main themes of the course and comprise between 600 and 800 words. Only complete applications, including an abstract and a CV, can be considered for selection.

The deadline for submission is 01 March 2020, 11:59 pm (CET).

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