

POU44251 — Politics of Forced Migration

Module Information	
Module Code	POU44251
Module Title	Politics of Forced Migration
Department	Political Science
Year Group	Senior Sophister
Module Personnel	Dr. Oguzhan Turkoglu
Academic Year	2026-27
Credit Weighting	5 credits
Semester	Semester 1
Contact Hours	2 hour seminars per week

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Module Description	This seminar aims to introduce students to past and current research on the politics of forced migration. The content can be divided into three sub-sections: causes of displacement, effects of displacement flows on the destination, and how hosts respond to flows. It will start by introducing the main concepts and historical and legal developments. Then, it will explore the causes of forced migration movements with an emphasis on politics, conflict, and the environment. Later, it will move on to where people flee and investigate how forced migration flows affect the security and economy of host communities. A special emphasis will be paid to the Mariel Boatlift (Cuban migration to the US) for economic effects. Afterward, the module will focus on how destination countries govern forced migration flows and how people in the host countries react. Developed countries (e.g., Germany) as well as developing countries (e.g., Jordan) will be investigated. Finally, it will also cover under which circumstances displaced people move back to their home and the effects of this return on society.
Module Learning Aims	This module aims to introduce students to the state of current research on the politics of forced migration. Students will gain a thorough understanding of main concepts, theoretical and empirical approaches, and recent debates in the literature,

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	and be able to critically assess major issues in the politics of forced migration.
Learning Outcomes	On the successful completion of this module students should be able to: • Critically assess the theoretical and methodological approaches in the study of causes of forced migration; • Explore if and how forced migration flows impact the security and economy of host societies; • Evaluate different responses of governments to displacement flows and how their policies affect forced migrants; • Discuss the underlying mechanisms of variation in attitudes toward refugees both in developed and developing countries; • Identify possible issues with existing studies and avenues for future research.

Assessment

Assessment Components	Participation: 10% Short essay 1 (max 1000 words): 20% Short essay 2 (max 1000 words): 20% Final research proposal: 50%
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Additional Information

Prerequisites	None
Co-requisites	None
Any other information	None