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Title of the course:	DEBATES ON MIGRATION IN CONTEMPORARY WESTERN EUROPE		
Course ID:	VE-NPT020		
Level of education:	Regular & Erasmus	Academic semester:	Spring semester
Professor's name:	Soós Eszter Petronella	Academic title:	Lecturer
Hours per semester:	30 hours	Credits:	4
Exam:	Tests and Written exam	Pre-requisites:	Financial basics, Mathematics

AIM OF THE COURSE

The objective of the course is to present the contemporary history of multiculturalism in Western Europe – with a special focus on how multicultural societies came to be and how they function, especially in Germany, France and the UK. The course also aims to analyze the social situation and socio-economic status of migrants and of the descendants of migrants. Finally, students will be able to discover the political, social and academic debates that surround these issues in contemporary Western Europe.

INDICATIVE PLAN (SUBJECT TO PROSPECTIVE CHANGES)

1. Main concepts related to migration

Migrant, refugee, guest worker, immigrant etc. Who's who?

The beginnings of multiculturalism in Western Europe.

The legal framework of migration in contemporary Europe (authorities of the EU and member states).

2. Nation and multiculturalism

The anglo-saxon model.

The French model.

Philosophical and practical debates.

3. The split-up of the British empire and its consequences

Contemporary British society. Sources of migration. Legal framework. Debates. Intra-Union migration. The (possible) consequences of Brexit.

4. Contemporary German society

Sources of migration. The German-Turkish relationship and its tensions. Legal framework. Debates.

5. The French Republican model

Sources of migration. Bilateral relationships. Legal framework. Debates.

The Polish plumber and the EU.

Republicanism as a source of radicalization?

6. Social issues related to migration

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Generations of migration (1-2-3).
The socio-economic status of migrants.
Education, labor market etc.
Debates.

7. Security and migration

Is there a relationship between migration and criminality?
What is the role of socio-economic factors?
Terrorism, radicalization, foreign influences and security challenges.

8. Islam

Diversity of Islam. Theological debates.
Human rights and Islam. The problem of „compatibility”.
Women’s rights, antisemitism and homophobia (based on quantitative research data).
The organization of Islam (or lack thereof) in Western Europe.

9.-10. The 2015 migration crisis

The „numbers”.
The Geneva convention and Dublin system
Debates and reform proposals.
State-level policies.
The role of the Balkans (the Balkan route).
The Turkish deal.
The quota debate.
Public opinion and its influence on policies.

11. Migration and politics

A new clivage in the making? Local vs. global?
Electoral behavior and its changes.
The mainstream shifts to the right?
Cultural challenges to liberalism and social democracy.
Donald Trump, Brexit.

12. Outlook

Environmental migration until 2050 (outlook and scenarios).
Immigration reform models and ideas in the EU.
The problem of solidarity within in and outside the Eu.
Development aid and policies.

13. Summing-up

EXAM

The exam will be an oral one (at the end of the semester). Exam items will be based on the issues discussed in class.