Governance of Migration, Displacement and Healthcare

The module aims to enable students to understand the relationships between migration, displacement and healthcare and how these are managed by a multiplicity of actors, such as national governments, inter-governmental organisations, humanitarian agencies and private actors such as labour recruitment and medical agencies. Students will be encouraged to explore understandings of the ways in which political, legal and economic processes interplay to shape governments’ and various actors’ attempts to manage the healthcare of migrants, including the role of national, regional and international frameworks for human rights, labour rights, health rights and ‘migration health’ policy. Focusing on labour migrants as well as forced migrants, students will develop their knowledge of the theoretical frameworks and models used by researchers to explain ‘migration health’ policymaking and humanitarian response. They will study existing empirical knowledge of the main patterns and trends in migration health policies and practice, and the ideological and practical perspectives that inform policy concerning the reception and resettlement of refugees. A recurring theme of the module is how both liberal and illiberal states exhibit dualistic inclusionary and exclusionary tendencies towards migrants, some of which are expressed through healthcare policy, which is perceived by some as another façade of immigration control. Students will investigate these apparent contradictions and how they can be understood across development and humanitarian contexts. The module is global in perspective, and it addresses the interconnected contexts of ‘origin’, ‘transit’, ‘destination’ and ‘return’ migrants.

Key texts


Structure

The weekly interactive hours will comprise of a 1 hour lecture and a 2 hour seminar.

Assessment

In-Class Group Presentation 20%
Research Essay 3000 words 80%