

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATIONS, GLOBALIZED MOBILITIES AND TRANSNATIONAL IDENTITIES

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Session: June

Language of instruction: English

Number of hours of class: 24

Objective of the Course

The objective of the course is to provide students with the intellectual tools and academic knowledge necessary for analyzing and understanding structures of migration trends (migration politics) and migrants' experiences at various levels (local, national, regional, international, transnational) and in various regions of the world.

This course aims to develop students' ability to conduct research on precise topics related to the concept of migration.

Summary

Who is governing migration flows today? Who are the actors? How important are decisions and conventions on global, regional, and state levels? How are non-state actors and migrants impacted – and how do they impact – policies and regimes of mobility?

The course offers a multi-scalar approach to migration studies. Its aim is to look at both global and very local actors, as well as transnational networks, to decode the complexity of today's regimes of mobility and the actors involved in framing migration flows. Migration is both a cause and an outcome of globalization, but international mobility also operates on a micro-level, woven into the dynamics of family units and local communities.

Organization of the Course

The course will be organized along the main themes of:

- Governance: global (UN conventions, UN institutions, Global Compact), regional and local, taking into account both state and non-state actors, voluntary and forced migrations.
- Economies of mobilities and labor regimes, with a particular focus on the feminization of migrations.
- Diasporas and transnational practices.

Main Professor Biography



H el ene Le Bail is a research fellow at CERI since 2015. She has a doctorate in political science from the Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po) and a master degree in Chinese studies from INALCO (National Institute for Eastern Languages and Cultures). She spent many years in Japan as a Ph.D student (Hitotsubashi University), as a post-doc (Waseda University), and more recently as a research fellow for the French research center on contemporary Japan, Maison franco-japonaise (Nichifutsu kaikan), Tokyo. Her research focuses on Chinese migrations (to Japan and France) and on migration policies in a comparative approach. Special focus is made on female routes of migration (marriage, reproductive labour, sex work) and on mobilization and collective actions.

