Introduction course MUSA 7,5 credits

for doctoral programmes in IMER and Urban Studies within the research area MUSA, Migration, urbanisation and societal change at the Faculty of Culture and Society

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Starting point: "Migration and urbanisation are both consequences of and driving forces in current societal change. They have a significant impact on living conditions in the world today. The concepts of migration and societal change are widely used in both academic and popular science texts, but here they are qualified in relation to the concept of urbanisation. Studies in Migration look at movements between and within countries, as well as the new interfaces that arise in relation to more permanent communities, often in urban contexts. Migration is therefore a prerequisite for urbanisation, which we understand as the emergence of cities as dynamic clusters of buildings, population and material resources. Phenomena like serial and circular migration, ethnic segregation, and global competition between cities emphasise the movement and crossover of these transformation processes. Societal change ultimately involves on the one hand structuring processes that are seemingly difficult to impact - in this case primarily migration and urbanisation - and on the other hand, the active pursuit in policy and planning fields to shape society and the urban. (From MUSA application 2011, p. 7)

“In sum, the research area MUSA offers insights into the impact of migration and urbanisation on identity building in the emerging multi-ethnic society, and about how encounters take place between people of different social, cultural and religious backgrounds within civil society, public and everyday life and politics. Together, the two subjects – International Migration and Ethnic Relations and Urban Studies – provide conditions for understanding social relations, communities, cultural patterns and identities, as well as the roles of civil society and institutions in an urban context. The dynamic convergence of the two subjects provides significant added value. The subjects IMER and US contribute valuable insights for sustainable social development and are the core elements of the building and consolidation of MUSA as a knowledge and research environment.” (From MUSA application 2011, p. 11)

Structure and teaching methods
The course is based on lectures and seminars, and of writing a paper. In preparation of the lectures and seminars each participant will read the mandatory literature and prepare a reflection on the literature. At a final seminar the participants will present and discuss their paper.

Collaboration within MUSA
In addition to the thematically based course seminars, it is also expected that the course attendants also take part in the open seminar series the Migration seminar and the Urban Studies seminar at the Faculty of Culture and Society, and that they regularly attend the MUSA Brown Bag Seminars.
Credits
7.5 credits are given for active participation in the course (90% presence obligatory), and a paper with a passing grade and responding to another student’s paper.

About the reading
The lists in this course description include both mandatory and optional literature. The optional, or reference literature is meant to be guiding for further reading later on and when writing your paper.

Themes and content
The aim of this course is to contextualise the research subjects of IMER and US, and to illustrate the subjects’ interconnectedness. Migration and urbanisation are part of changes which interconnect global processes with local situations and conditions. They involve political, economic, social and cultural aspects, as well as physical and infrastructural dimensions. Mobility is a basic condition for the existence of cities: the flows of people, information, goods and money. While financial and political themes sometimes seem abstract and fluid, while in fact always materializes. Other dimensions appear concrete and bodily (gendered and racialized) and influence the everyday lives. Finally, the sixth seminar theme will focus on migration in relation to economic structural changes over time, but also looking into how migrants settle in the urban environment and what is meant by the concept of segregation. Why is unemployment much higher among immigrants/ethnic minorities? How do we measure discrimination in the labour market? How do policies affect integration in the labour market? Which policy measures are taken to improve/increase integration in the workplace?

Each meeting will begin with the lecturers’ introduction, followed by seminar based on the participants reading and questions.

Course Schedule 2018

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Lecturers:

Per-Markku Ristilammi, Professor in Ethnology, Dept. of Urban Studies, Malmö University
Claudia Fonseca Alfaro, PhD in Urban Studies from Malmö University
Pieter Bevelander, Professor in International Migration and Ethnic Relations(IMER) at MIM, Malmö Institute of Migration, Diversity and Welfare, Malmö University
Maja Povranovic Frykman, Professor in Ethnology, Dept. of Global Political Studies, Malmö University

Literature (Number refers to lecture/seminar above)

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Additional Reading (this list is meant as an inspiration and orientation for further reading and when writing your paper)


Dant, Tim: Materiality and Society, Open University Press, 2005


Samers, Michael: *Migration*, Routledge 2010
Standing, Guy (2011) *The Precariat. The New Dangerous Class*, Bloomsbury academic
Wacquant, L. (2007) *Urban Outcasts: A Comparative Sociology of Advanced Marginality*, Univ. of California, Berkeley