

Mod. V – EDUCATION AND GENDER

Course Title: **Human Capital, Labour & Migration**

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Course Description:

The desire to pursue better living conditions, to gain personal freedom, to address risks and to escape from natural and human made disasters are behind the large movements of populations that have shaped and will continue to shape the world we live in. Migration is globally at the base of a continuing harsh debate whose outcomes affect our daily live and our future. The aim of this course is to offer the students the basic instruments to understand, from an economic point of view, the reality and the main characteristics of migration, its determinants, the impact that movements of people have on origin and destination countries, including the costs that migration imposes on receiving and sending countries. An in-depth discussion of possible policy interventions to contribute to a sustainable migration will offer the students instruments to assess the current policy debate.

Exam:

The students will be assessed based on a presentation of a topic of their choice.

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Course Content:

Module 1. THE MAIN ECONOMIC THEORIES

- Bodvarsson & Van Den Berg (2013). The Economics of Immigration. Chapter 2
- Ozden et al. (2018) Moving for Prosperity: Global Migration and Labor Markets. Chapter 2

Module 2. SELECTION INTO MIGRATION

- Bodvarsson & Van Den Berg (2013). The Economics of Immigration. Chapter 3
- Ozden et al. (2018) Moving for Prosperity: Global Migration and Labor Markets. Chapter 2

Module 3. THE IMPACT OF MIGRATION ON DESTINATION COUNTRIES

- Mariani et al. (2020) Elementary Facts About Immigration in Italy.
- Bodvarsson & Van Den Berg (2013) The Economics of Immigration. Chapter 5
- Ozden et al. (2018) Moving for Prosperity: Global Migration and Labor Markets. Chapter 4

Module 4. MIGRATION AND THE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

- Bodvarsson & Van Den Berg (2013). The Economics of Immigration. Chapter 8
- Brown, R. P., & Jimenez-Soto, E. (2015). Migration and Remittances
- Ozden et al. (2018) Moving for Prosperity: Global Migration and Labor Markets. Chapter 5

Module 5. IMPACT OF MIGRATION ALTERNATIVE OUTCOMES

- Capretti et al (2025). Caring Connections in Italy: The Role of Immigrant Caregivers in Improving the Welfare of Elders and Reducing Public Health Costs
- Mariani & Rosati (2022). Immigrant supply of marketable child care and native fertility in Italy