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Core Course #5

“Migration, Mobility and Socio-Economic Inequality”

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University of Neuchâtel

Doctoral students are asked to register [here](#) until **24 October 2023**



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This Core Course is part of the second block of the Doctoral Program of the nccr – on the move (Introduction to theories and concepts, module-related). All doctoral students of Module II enrolled in the Certificate in Migration and Mobility Studies are expected to attend. Other members of the NCCR community are welcome to attend.

General Description

This course focuses on addressing conceptual, theoretical, and methodological challenges related to the examination of inequalities and discrimination. It delves into how these factors influence intergroup dynamics and how they intersect with aspects such as ethnicity, gender, and migration status. Using a multidisciplinary approach, students will gain an understanding of social psychological perspectives on intergroup conflicts and will acquire skills in conceptualizing and measuring discrimination in labor markets and healthcare. Ultimately, our goal is to foster engaging discussions that allow us to collectively explore avenues for improving our research by sharing insights and learning from one another.

Requirements

Doctoral students are expected to read the compulsory texts since they will be discussed during the course. The compulsory readings (pdf) can be downloaded [here](#).

Date and Place

The course takes place on Thursday 26 October at the University of Neuchâtel, Rue Abram-Louis Breguet 2, room 2.310 and on [Webex](#).

Doctoral students and interested NCCR Fellows are asked to register [here](#) until 24 October 2023.

Timetable

- 09:30 *Measuring Health Discrimination*
Philippe Wanner, University of Geneva
- 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:15 *Intergroup Conflict: Social Psychological perspectives*
Jessica Gale, University of Lausanne
- 12:45 Lunch Break
- 13:45 *Labor Market Discrimination: Economic Theories and Measurement*
Michael Siegenthaler, ETH Zurich
- 14:45 Coffee Break
- 15:00 *Labor Market Discrimination: Economic Theories and Measurement (cont.)*
Michael Siegenthaler, ETH Zurich
- 16:00 *Reflection and group discussion*

Measuring Health Discrimination

Philippe Wanner, University of Geneva

Abstract

Population health is a field subject to numerous inequalities, measured by subjective or objective indicators such as self-reported health or mortality rates. In this presentation, we will begin by highlighting some of the elements in the life course of migrant populations that need to be considered when measuring their health. We will also show why studies on migrant health have proliferated, notably by taking an epidemiological approach. Then, using practical examples from Switzerland, we'll show how situations of discrimination or inequality in healthcare can influence health status.

Compulsory Readings

Abraido-Lanza, A. F., Dohrenwend, B. P., Ng-Mak, D. S., & Turner, J. B. (1999). The Latino mortality paradox: a test of the "salmon bias" and healthy migrant hypotheses. *American journal of public health*, 89(10), 1543-1548. <https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.89.10.1543>

Donà, G. (2021). Race, immigration and health: the Hostile Environment and public health responses to Covid-19. *Ethnic and racial studies*, 44(5), 906-918. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2021.1881578>

Additional Reading

Harper, S., & Lynch, J. (2006). Measuring health inequalities. *Methods in social epidemiology*, 1, 134. <http://repository.stikim.ac.id/file/22-02-249.pdf#page=162>

Intergroup Conflict: Social Psychological Perspectives

Jessica Gale, University of Lausanne

Abstract

The objective of this course is to provide a social psychological perspective on intergroup conflict and socio-economic inequalities associated with migration and diversity. The first section will focus on different conceptions of social justice people as members of groups tend to adhere to in Western, immigrant-receiving societies, and how these conceptions can underlie conflict between groups and political movements for social change. The second section will focus on typical (social psychological but also interdisciplinary) methods for studying this topic from a contextual perspective in Europe and beyond, including an exercise and group discussion. Participants will be encouraged to think critically about existing societal preconceptions, perspective-take, and interpret data through different conceptual lenses. They will also have the opportunity to reflect on how the theory and methods discussed in this course relate to their own research interests and expertise in the NCCR.

Compulsory Reading

Green, E. G. T., & Staerklé, C. (2023). Migration and multiculturalism. In L. Huddy, D. O. Sears, & J. Levy (Eds.), *Oxford handbook of political psychology* (3rd ed., pp. 1016–1061). Oxford University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780197541302.001.0001>

Labor Market Discrimination: Economic Theories and Measurement

Michael Siegenthaler, ETH Zurich

Abstract

Why do women (compared to men) and members of ethnic minority groups (compared to majority group members) have lower employment rates and wages even if we only compare individuals with similar skills and qualifications? One explanation is discrimination by employers. This course first introduces the core economic theories of labor market discrimination: taste-based discrimination, statistical discrimination, and implicit biases. We then discuss the conceptual difficulties in measuring the causal effects of gender and minority membership on labor market outcomes. Finally, the course provides an overview of methods that overcome these challenges, focusing on regression decomposition methods, correspondence studies, and methods based on online labor market data.

Compulsory Reading

Neumark, D. (2018). Experimental research on labor market discrimination. *Journal of Economic Literature*, 56(3), 799-866, Chapters 1-4, 7 and 8. <https://doi.org/10.1257/jel.20161309>