

Contemporary Politics and Ethics

The Global Ethics and Management of Migration Flows

Semester: 1st

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Department: Philosophy

Unit level: Master

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Weekly hours: 3

Teaching language: English

Subject matter

Attempts to provide new foundations for political ethics on a global scale have gained momentum in recent decades. Political ethics are traditionally centred on state borders, or so have they been treated in the past century. And yet, attempts to formulate theories of political ethics on a global scale are scattered throughout the history of philosophy, long before state borders gained theoretical and practical meaning in the modern age. In past centuries, global political ethics mainly referred to matters of war and peace.

In the face of global challenges such as climate change, migration flows, inequality, etc., scholars, practitioners, and policy-makers, alike, have now acknowledged the need to develop political, practical, and theoretical tools that enable them to adequately address ethical problems whose dimension widely transcends state borders.

“Contemporary Ethics and Politics: The Global Ethics and Management of Migration Flows” aims to illustrate this change of paradigm, starting from the

classic Kantian approach to global ethics. From this basis, it will then follow two main trajectories.

- It will offer an introduction to “global justice” as a new theoretical branch of ethics in order to show how contemporary scholars conceptualise global challenges, and
- It will illustrate what it means to proceed from ethical thinking to political practice in that it introduces the specific challenge of negotiating affective global agreements. In order to circumscribe the topic, the 2019 classes will focus on the *Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration* (GCM).

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Teaching method

Seminar mode; Teamwork; Students' presentations.

Evaluation method

The evaluation will consist in:

- A paper that shall be previously proposed to and supervised by the lecturer (60%);
- Teamwork resulting in short essays and analytical papers (20%); - An individual presentation in class (20%).