SOC 297
Migration, Human Rights and Diversity
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Dept of Sociology

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General Information

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Credit points
3

Prerequisites
12cp

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
In this unit you will consider migration from a global perspective. You will focus on the way that population movements are shaped by global economic and political changes, as well as the impact of population movements on international and national politics. You will be introduced to the most vital practices and politics related to international migration and settlement. You will also analyse some of the key literature associated with the sociology of international migration.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at http://students.mq.edu.au/student_admin/enrolmentguide/academicdates/

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4. Demonstrate knowledge of a number of influential debates concerning migrants and migration, and multiculturalism
5. Provide constructive input into the presentations of others
6. Be able to source and engage with quality news coverage and opinion pieces.

**Assessment Tasks**

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**Tutorial Powepoint**

Due: **Assigned**  
Weighting: **25%**

**Tutorial PowerPoint Presentation**

In the first week of online tutorials, students must select a topic (from weeks 3 to 12) and prepare a PowerPoint presentation of at least 5 and no more than 10 slides.

- PowerPoint presentation should include a reflection on the required weekly reading highlighting the issues and arguments raised in it.
- Presentations must link the reading to recent events or examples (in Australia or elsewhere), and you are encouraged to engage respected news sources, blogs, and images where possible.
- This will require some further research into the phenomena raised in the reading.
- You are encouraged to include graphs, tables, and images in your presentation to illustrate your points.
- You will be expected to pose a question to the online discussion forum for that week’s topic and participate in the thread.

You must choose a DIFFERENT topic to that chosen for your Media Commentary Portfolio.

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Media Commentary Portfolio

Due: Week 8 - Monday 2nd May 5pm
Weighting: 25%

Media Commentary Portfolio

You are asked to choose **ONLY one topic** from either:

**Media Topic 1:** (Week 5: Immigration Controls, Asylum seekers, Refugees);

**Media Topic 2:** (Week 9: Managing Diversity: Multiculturalism, Assimilation, Social Cohesion), or;

**Media Topic 3:** (Week 12: Racism, Everyday Racism, Antiracism)

You must choose a **DIFFERENT topic to your Tutorial Powerpoint Presentation**.

Students are required to research *quality* news and opinion sources (Australian and international) and compile a portfolio of reporting and opinion commentary on the topic. The portfolio must include at least three (and no more than five) pieces. **You are asked to provide a 500 word reflection** on these materials. The aim of the exercise is to learn where to seek out informed news reporting and opinion commentary on important social issues. Sources should include quality news sources and QUALITY, well informed opinion pieces published in newspapers, blogs, or magazines covering social issues.

Following your reflection you must include a full reference with title, source, and link to the source.

**These are to be submitted through Turnitin in Week 8 (Monday 2nd May by 5pm.)**

A list potential sources will be provided in Week 2 as a guide to get you started.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

• Be able to source and engage with quality news coverage and opinion pieces.
Research Essay
Due: Week 12 - Friday 3rd June 5pm
Weighting: 30%

Only use references from the course reader or relevant migration studies journals and books. Only official internet sources can be cited. A minimum of 8 references should be used.

Submit through turnitin. Use HARVARD referencing. Double space.

Answer one question:

**Option 1:**
Why do migrants maintain persistent ties with their homeland and how are nation-states and migrant identities shaped by such processes? Draw on relevant readings in your discussion

**Option 2:**
The problem of unauthorised boat arrivals and asylum seekers is a divisive and bitterly debated issue in Australia. For this research essay, you are asked to conduct an informal interview with 2 or 3 people (eg a friend or family member) to gain their perspectives on this issue. Using the interview material and relevant readings discuss the concerns of Australians on this matter.

**Option 3:**
It is now 10 years since the Cronulla Riots. In the aftermath of the Riots in 2005, then Prime Minister John Howard condemned the attacks but insisted that there is no underlying racism in Australia. Is racism still an important issue to talk about today? Draw on relevant readings in your discussion.

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Online Participation
Due: Ongoing
Weighting: 20%
External students are expected to participate in a weekly online discussion via ilearn.

You must enter a minimum of ONE posting PER WEEK of 150 words. The entry should contain two components:

1. a reflection on the readings and issues covered in the lectures;
2. and raise one question from the material that could facilitate further online discussion.

Aside from this required post, you are also encouraged to respond to comments posted by fellow students on the discussion board. This exercise will be graded according to the number of responses, as well as the quality of the reflections that you are able to make on the readings in the course outline (at the very least, your reflection needs to exhibit having read the material and are connecting it to course concerns). Do not be so worried about ‘right’ or ‘wrong’ answers – this is the space for you to discuss with your peers any questions about the material. Be mindful and respectful of others and observe netiquette.

The Online discussion will commence from Week 3 and end in Week 12. You are expected to respond to at least 80% of the course materials and your weekly post must be submitted at the end of every week by Friday, 5pm. LATE POSTS WILL NOT BE GRADED and receive a 0 unless a medical certificate is provided. The tutor will monitor the online discussion and contribute comments where needed but the aim of the forums is to give you the opportunity to engage with your peers in the readings and lecture material. There will be 2 rounds of feedback for the online posts: Week 4 (you will be given brief written feedback to ensure you are on the right track with the task) and Week 13 (no written feedback, final grade only).

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**Delivery and Resources**

You are required to listen to a 2 hour lecture every week (and view the powerpoint slides) and this will be monitored. You are also required to participate in the online external student discussion forum contributing a minimum of one post per week of no less than 150 words. This is compulsory and forms part of your Participation grade (20%). Absences will only be excused with a valid medical certificate.
This unit has an online presence via ilearn and requires the student have access to a computer and reliable internet connection. Announcements will be made in lectures, tutorials and on ilearn. Lecture recordings and slides, and extra reading material are made available on ilearn.

**Required readings will be available on ilearn.** Further readings are made available in Reserve in the library (books and book chapters) or are accessible in the journals database (if it is a journal article).

**Week 1: Sociology of International Migration and Multiculturalism**

**NO TUTORIAL**

**Required Reading**

Please read the Unit Guide in full this week. Bring questions to lecture.


**Further Reading**


**WEEK 2: Theories of Migration and Methodologies**

**Required Reading**


**Further Readings**


**Week 3: Gender, Class and Social Inequality**

**Required Reading**


**Further Readings**


**Week 4: Migration, Development and Social Capital**

**Required Reading**


**Further Readings**


**Week 5: Immigration Controls, Asylum Seekers and Refugees**


**Required Reading**


http://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offerings/58206/unit_guide/print
Further Readings


Week 6: Global Diasporas and Transnationalism

Required Reading


Further Readings:


Week 7: No lecture and tutorials (consultation week)

Week 8: I for India

Available in the library reserve collection

Required Reading


Further Readings:
Week 9: Managing Diversity: Multiculturalism, 'Assimilation', Integration and Social Cohesion

**Required Reading**

Jakubowicz, Andrew, and Christina Ho, eds. ‘For those who’ve come across the seas…’: Australian Multicultural Theory, Policy and Practice. Anthem Press, 2014. - PART 1 'CONTEXT' - Pages 3 - 41

**Further Readings**


Week 10: Citizenship & Nationalism

**Required Readings:**


**Further Readings:**


**Week 11: Living with difference: Everyday Multiculture**

**LECTURE:** Screening of 'Once Upon a time in Cabramatta'

**Required Reading:**


**Further Reading:**


**Week 12: Racism, Everyday Racism and Antiracism**

**Required Reading**


**Further Reading**


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### Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:


In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the Learning and Teaching Category of Policy Central.

**Student Code of Conduct**

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: [https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/)

**Results**

Results shown in iLearn, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au.

**Student Support**

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit [http://students.mq.edu.au/support/](http://students.mq.edu.au/support/)

**Learning Skills**

Learning Skills ([mq.edu.au/learningskills](http://mq.edu.au/learningskills)) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module for Students
- Ask a Learning Adviser

**Student Enquiry Service**

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

**Equity Support**

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

**IT Help**

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit [http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/).

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.
Graduate Capabilities

Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

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Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

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Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

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Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

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**Effective Communication**

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

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Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation’s historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

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Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

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Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

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Take Home Exam removed from assessments. Weighting of assessments updated. Reading list updated. Required readings now available on ilearn.

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