# SOC 297

Migration, Human Rights and Diversity

S1 External 2015

*Dept of Sociology*

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## General Information

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  By appointment |
| **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 [https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates](https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates)

## Learning Outcomes

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**Reflection Essay**

Due: **Week 4 – March 20th (Friday)**  
Weighting: **30%**

Read the article (available on ilearn):


Outline the main ideas proposed by the author and present your own evaluation of the significance, approach and argument presented in the article. What does it tell us about the experiences of migrant women?

You are not required to read outside of the article. Your paper must be referenced where necessary. Submit your paper through turnitin.

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**Research Essay**

Due: **June 8 (Monday)**  
Weighting: **40%**

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. Use HARVARD referencing. Submit through turnitin. Double spaced.
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 to gain their perspectives on this issue. Using the interview material and relevant readings discuss the concerns of Australians on this matter.

**Option 3:**
In the aftermath of the Cronulla 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 Discussion**
Due: Ongoing
Weighting: 30%

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 may also 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.

https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offerings/45145/unit_guide/print
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**

The external unit is delivered online via ilearn and requires the student have access to a computer and reliable internet connection. Lecture recordings 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).

**READING LIST:**

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

**Required Reading**

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


Further Readings


Week 6: Global Diasporas and Transnationalism

Required Reading


Further Readings:


125-147.


**Week 7: I for India**

*Available in the library reserve collection*

**Required Reading**


**Further Readings:**


**Week 8: Assimilation, Integration and Social Cohesion**

**Required Reading**


**Further Readings**


Week 9: Citizenship

**Required Readings:**


**Further Readings:**


Week 10: No lecture and tutorials (consultation week)

Week 11: The Politics of Multiculturalism

**Required Reading**


**Further Reading**


Week 12: Everyday Racism and Antiracism

**Required Reading**


relaxed and comfortable nation', *Journal of Intercultural Studies* Vol. 26 No. 1-2, pp. 107-120

**Further Reading**


**Unit Schedule**

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| 7    | Film: I for India                      | Kristine Aquino |
Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central. Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy  http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html
Disruption to Studies Policy  http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.

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/
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.

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Assessment tasks

• Reflection Essay
• Research Essay
• Online Discussion

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.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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• Demonstrate knowledge of a number of influential debates concerning migrants and migration, and multiculturalism
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Assessment task

• Research Essay

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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