



PhD in Demography

**A demographic perspective on Migrations.  
History, data and research challenges**

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**SYLLABUS**

The course offers an in-depth exploration of migration theories and diverse theoretical approaches to understanding migration and residential mobility, drawing from various disciplines such as geography, demography, and economics. It delves into key theories like push-pull factors, neoclassical economics, and network theory, providing a comprehensive framework for analysis. Participants will examine the history of international migrations, with a particular focus on Italy's migration phenomenon, exploring its unique characteristics and the integration of migrants.

Through a combination of lectures, discussions, and critical analysis of seminal research papers, students will engage with the intricacies of migration studies, addressing contemporary research challenges and exploring practical applications of theoretical concepts.

**Part 1**

Introduction to the main theoretical approaches of migration and residential mobility

Exploration of migration theories

Introduction of international migrations and trends

The migration phenomenon in Italy: data and trends

Migrants' integration

**Part 2**

Discussing the implications of the theories for empirical research

Discussing data and research challenges in migration research with case studies

Reading of papers related to migrations (e.g., papers concerning indicators of integration)

## Readings

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