The Ethics of Migration
This module will offer a wide-ranging overview of key debates about the ethics of migration in contemporary political philosophy. Students will be introduced to a set of pressing questions about the freedom to move across borders, the state’s rights to exclude, detention and deportation, settlement and access to citizenship, the definition of a refugee and responsibility for refugees, and the effects of migration.

Aims:
- To engage with a selection of key topics in the ethics of migration
- To think about philosophy’s contribution to these pressing debates
- To consider the strengths and limitations of current approaches to these issues

Objectives:
By the end of the module, the students will be able to demonstrate intellectual, transferable and practicable skills appropriate to a Level 6 module and in particular will be able to demonstrate:
- A good understanding of the central debates and core readings
- The ability to critically assess the arguments in question.

Pre-requisites: Either 5AANB007 Political Philosophy II: Theories of Justice or 5AANB008 Political Philosophy II: History of Political Philosophy (or equivalent, in the case of Study Abroad students).

Assessment methods and deadlines

- **Formative assessment:** 2 x 1500 word essays
  First essay due: 16:00 on Friday 30 October 2015; second essay due: 16:00 on Friday 11 December 2015
- **Summative assessment:** 2 x 2500 word essays (100 %)
  Deadline: 12:00 (NOON) on Thursday 19 May 2016

Please note that for semester I-only Study Abroad students deadlines may vary (details TBC).
Be sure to familiarise yourselves with the College’s guidelines on plagiarism and correct referencing:
http://www.kcl.ac.uk/library/help/plagiarism/index.aspx
Outline of lecture topics (plus suggested readings)

NB: ALL CORE READINGS ARE AVAILABLE ON KEATS

**Week One <24.09.15>: Freedom of Movement I: Immigration**
Core reading:
- Kieran Oberman, ‘Immigration as a Human Right’, in Fine and Ypi, as above.

**Week Two <01.10.15>: Freedom of Movement II: Emigration**
Core reading:
- Anna Stilz, ‘Is There an Unqualified Right to Leave?’, in Fine and Ypi, as above.

**Week Three <08.10.15>: Right to Exclude I: Self-Determination**
Core reading:

**Week Four <15.10.15>: Right to Exclude II: Territory**
Core reading:
- David Miller, National Responsibility and Global Justice (Oxford University Press, 2007), chapter 8.

**Week Five <22.10.15>: Detention and Deportation**
Core reading:

**READING WEEK – NB FIRST FORMATIVE ESSAY DUE - 16:00 on Friday 30 October 2015**

**Week Six <05.11.15>: Discrimination and Historical Injustice**
Core reading:
- Sarah Fine, ‘Immigration and Discrimination’ in Fine and Ypi, as above.

**Week Seven <12.11.15>: Refugees**
Core reading:
- Chandran Kukathas, ‘Are Refugees Special?’ in Fine and Ypi, as above.

**Week Eight <19.11.15>: Membership**
Core reading:
**Week Nine <26.11.15>: The Effects of Immigration**

Core reading:

**Week Ten <03.12.15>: The Effects of Emigration**

Core reading:
Suggested essay questions

1. Should we recognise a human right to immigrate?
2. What terms and conditions (if any) may states place on those leaving the country?
3. What is the best argument in defence of a right to exclude would-be immigrants?
4. Do practices of detention and deportation have any place within a legitimate immigration policy?
5. Should all state residents have the option of acquiring citizenship within that state?
6. Why distinguish between refugees and other migrants?
7. ‘Assuming that states have the right to control who, if anyone, may enter their territories, does it follow that a country may adopt a policy that explicitly excludes people based upon their race, religion or ethnicity?’ (Wellman). Discuss.
8. How should we think about the relationship between the history of European colonialism and the ethics of immigration restrictions now?
9. Is immigration a threat to the pursuit of social justice?
10. Does the problem of ‘brain drain’ legitimise restricting freedom of movement across borders?
### Introductory and overviews

### Freedom of movement
- Christopher Heath Wellman, ‘Freedom of Movement and the Rights to Enter and Exit’ in Fine and Ypi.

### Right to exclude

### Detention and deportation

### Discrimination and Historical Injustice
- Frederick Douglass, ‘The Composite Nation’ speech: http://www.blackpast.org/1869-frederick-douglass-describes-composite-nation\$t\$hash.R2doiAX5.dpuf
Membership

- Michael Dummett, On Immigration and Refugees (Routledge, 2001), chapter 2.

Refugees

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Effects of migration

- Ayelet Shachar, ‘Selecting By Merit: The Brave New World of Stratified Mobility’, in Fine and Ypi.