

Module Title: Migration and Politics of Belonging

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Pre-requisite modules:

Content Description

Contemporary life is hardly imaginable without mobility - of capital, things, ideas, and images and people. At the same time, some forms of mobility such as international migration, are often thought to undermine modern political forms, such as the nation-state, as well as threaten the polities associated with them. This module will investigate the relationship between mobility, modern political forms and different conceptions of belonging and membership. It will pay attention to some of the crucial tensions of the current historical moment - for example, the tension between the principle of freedom of movement and nation-state sovereignty. It will also ask whether and how practices of mobility open possibilities for imagining organization of collective life beyond the currently predominant political forms.