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**Migrants’ social and economic practices in the contemporary world**

**Seminar Class**

**Monday 4.30-7.30 pm (room 27)**

**Wednesday 4.30-730 pm (room 23)**

**Short rationale and presentation:**

The growing process of globalization has increased the number of migrations and of mobilities. The complexification and the pluralization of migratory paths raises crucial questions about their inscription within the different social, economic, political and moral orders of the spaces the go through. As a multi-scalar process, migration has concurrently invested local and global spaces, which are growingly embedded and intertwined through migrants’ heterogeneous practices. Social, economic, urban moral inequalities and hierarchies characterize contemporary migratory movements. However, these can be contested, challenged or transgressed through the mobilization of social, economic and moral resources which call into question static dichotomies such as the local and the global, “here” and “there”, departure and arrival, physical and digital.

Thereby, students will be provided with some theoretical instruments to apprehend few specific aspects of migrations and mobilities, together with some empirically-based case studies. This part of the course is intended to develop the interpretative tools to analyze the emergence of novel forms of mobility in the globalized world, though few empirical cases observed in Europe (Italy and France) as well as East-Asia (China and Taiwan).

**Evaluation:**

Students are asked to read compulsory texts which will be discussed during the class.

Students will be asked to make by groups a short presentation at the beginning of each class, where they present an empirical case of study in line with the topic of the seminar. Student also need to write a final report-paper (topic to be discussed, max. 1200 words) to send to the teacher by

Students who attend the class (=3/4 seminars) will be exempted the compulsory book “Migration, Border and Citizenship” for the final exam.

**Schedule:**

1. **Feb. 24th**: Migrants’ transnational economic activities: from physical entrepreneurship to translocal e-commerce
2. **Feb. 26th**: Migration, hierarchies and inequalities in the labor market: the case of migrant workers in contemporary China
3. **March 2nd**: Gender and marriage-migration: the case of Taiwan
4. **March 4th**: Migrants’ resources and networks: case studies from China’s internal and international migrations
5. **March 9th**: Migrations, Globalisation and urbanization: urban inequalities, ghettos and segregation in China
6. **March 11th** : Labor markets, informal economies, exploitation and violence: crossed perspectives on migrants’ employment in France and in Italy

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