

Kurzbeschreibung:

The current displacement of 67 million people worldwide is the most significant since the Second World War. These displacements happen in the context of civil war, state violence, political purifications and environmental disasters. They produce untold human suffering on a scale hard to assess with conventional measurements. They also open new forms of subjectivity and ethnic consciousness; new modes of sociality; and new modes of structural accommodation and resistance amidst heightened precarity. We will analyze the fundamental concepts which will become integral to our theory toolkit: refugeehood, diaspora, migration and ethnic belonging. We will then explore these dynamics through ethnographic case studies taken from all over the world: Tibetan refugees in India and Lhotshampa (Bhutanese) refugees in Nepal; Vietnamese migrants in Germany and Laotian Hmong refugees in America; and the refugee crisis sweeping across Europe. By the end of the course, students should have a firm grasp on different theoretical approaches to understanding human flight and migration – forced and aspirational.

Literatur: