Globalisation, Migration and Development

A specialisation of the Master's programme in Human Geography
Nijmegen School of Management

Introduction
Globalisation affects the lives of people all around the world in many different ways. The closing down of factories in Europe and North America due to strong competition from developing countries providing cheaper labour, has produced a new, economically disconnected underclass in western societies, whose dissatisfaction affects policy at local, national and international levels. At the same time the media presents us with images of African migrants attempting to cross the Mediterranean Sea in fragile, overfull boats, trying to reach Europe’s riches. The determination of these migrants indicates that there is still a strong divide in prosperity levels between the global north and south.

Why should you choose Globalisation, Migration and Development in Nijmegen?
• Insight into various globalisation and migration processes and their impact on societies and economies, both local and global
• Opportunity to conduct extensive own empirical research
• Preparation for a career as policy advisor, practitioner, teacher/lecturer, or academic in the Netherlands, the EU, or elsewhere

The programme
This is a one-year Master’s programme (60 ECs) and it is structured as follows:
• Four specialisation courses (24 ECs)
• Two elective courses (12 ECs)
• Master’s thesis (24 ECs)

Once you have graduated, you will be awarded a Master of Science degree (MSc).

Marleen Revenberg
Alumna specialisation Globalisation, Migration and Development

‘This specialisation focuses on the ongoing process of globalisation, as this relates to socio-economic and spatial development for different parts of the world, particularly the Global South. I really appreciate the excellent small-scale interaction between professors and students that is prevalent at Radboud University. Also the guest lectures from professors from all over the world and the excursions provide added value to this specialisation.’

Dr Lothar Smith
Assistant professor in the specialisation Globalisation, Migration and Development

‘Every year September provides the opportunity to engage with a new group of students who are eager to be part of the programme we offer. The variety of disciplines and their many different cultural backgrounds make for stimulating debate during lectures, in workshops, and in personal conversations.’
Admission requirements
You are required to have a Bachelor’s degree in Human Geography or a similar discipline from a research university. You must also have sufficient proficiency in English and sufficient knowledge of social scientific research methods. For details, please visit www.ru.nl/masters/humangeography.

Application deadlines
The programme starts on 1 September. The application deadline is 1 April for students from non-EU/EEA countries and 1 May for students from within the EU/EEA. Successful international applicants who apply before these dates will be guaranteed accommodation and support with the visa and residence permit application. If you apply after these dates, we will still consider your application and provide assistance where possible, but accommodation cannot be guaranteed. Dutch students can apply until 1 September.

How to apply?
Your application procedure depends on your previous education.
Dutch students can apply via: www.studielink.nl.
International students can apply via: www.ru.nl/masters/application.

The best Human Geography Master’s programme
Radboud University offers the best Human Geography Master’s programme in the Netherlands. This is the conclusion of the Dutch magazine ‘Elsevier’ special edition ‘Best Studies’.

After reading all the information, are you interested and enthusiastic about the specialisation Globalisation, Migration and Development at Radboud University?
Then apply now! We hope to see you in Nijmegen, the Netherlands!

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Changing perspective
This specialisation strongly encourages you to conduct field research for a number of months on location in Asia, Latin America or Africa, either rural or urban. Obviously some topics lend themselves to research in Europe or the Netherlands, so going abroad is not prescribed. In the past years topics have been quite diverse. Examples are: the importance of the informal economy, the impact of soya production on rural livelihoods and the opportunities for sustainable eco-tourism. What emerges from this range of topics is a clear applied nature in the research focus. Thereby the aim is to work theories that may well upend existing conventional views regarding how to achieve development. Finally we hope you agree that it is important to, where possible, take seriously the potential of working with partners in the Global South. This concerns academic and non-academic partners. To that end, we try to draw on existing partnerships with partners in the Global South when identifying research themes and locations for thesis research. These include municipalities or provincial governments, local and international NGOs, consultancy firms, and applied research institutes. The internship at one of these organisations will help to ensure these local actors also profit through exchanges and information sharing from the insights you gain from your research.

Career prospects
Our graduates are employed in a wide range of jobs. They work for governments at local, regional, national and international levels, focusing on development issues such as poverty, livelihoods, empowerment, city development, etc. Others work as practitioners with NGOs in development cooperation, for example as a field officer for Fair Trade. A number of graduates go into the teaching field. Finally some follow up their education with work at a research institute.

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