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Migrants, Refugees and Religion

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Migration, refugees, race, and religion are words which, when used together, evoke uneasy sentiments as could be seen in the rise of anti-immigration political parties in Europe. The recent surge of Middle-Eastern refugees into Europe laid bare these sentiments, often framed in terms of the hospitality-hostility debate. When viewed through the prism of race and religion, indeed, the debate becomes problematic.

Human mobility, particularly in modern times, comes with considerable challenges. Migrants and refugees however, are not only sites of need; they also come bearing gifts. Indeed, the rhetoric and stories in the destination countries are not just about gloom and doom but also about promise and hope. This course will examine the multifaceted experience of migrants and refugees. Topics that will be engaged include:

- the Rohingya Muslim refugees in Asia
- Australia’s “turn back the boat” policy and outsourcing of responsibilities toward refugees to other countries;
- migrant workers in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, with attention to gender
- undocumented Hispanic migrants in the United States
- Christian migrants and refugees from the Global South [Asia, Africa, Middle East] living in the Global North [e.g., Europe and North America] and their impact on local as well as global Christianity and

- intercultural and interreligious relations in the context of contemporary migration.

The course will be run through lectures and engaging discussions, with a lot of group work, case studies, and viewing of short video clips and documentaries. It will also feature guest speakers from various parts of the world [mostly via Skype] including migrants and refugees.

After this course you are able to

- Appreciate the challenges, struggles, dreams and successes that migrants, refugees and asylum seekers have in their countries of origin and destination. Understand the importance of intercultural and interreligious dialogue and relationship.
- Recognize the rise of Southern Christianity and its implications on local/global
Christianity, theology, and praxis.

- Explore the role and intersection of race and religion in relation to the experience of people on the move.

**Numer of EC**
2 ECTS credits

**Entry level**
Bachelor, Advanced Bachelor, Master and Professional

**Course leaders**
Gemma Tulud Cruz and Edmund Chia, Senior Lecturers, Faculty of Theology and Philosophy, Australian Catholic University

**This course is designed for**
- Those interested in social issues surrounding migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers.
- Those engaged in ministries or social work among migrants, refugees and asylum seekers.
- Those interested in learning about intercultural and interreligious dialogue.
- Those interested in issues of World Christianity and the global Church.

**Dates**
Monday 14 August - Friday 18 August 2017

**Course fee**
€525
Want to be part of the RSS experience?

More than just a course!
Radboud Summer School is more than an academic event. It is a unique opportunity to meet other international students and researchers and to get to know Radboud University and the city of Nijmegen. Our participants come from all over the world and have different cultural and academic backgrounds. Our programme includes the following activities free of charge: welcome reception, sports activity, guest lecture and farewell drink. We offer also a BBQ, River Cruise, City Tour, Pub quiz and excursion for a small fee.

Have a look at what participants had to say about their experience!

And do not forget to register now!

Discounts
- 10% discount if you register before April 1, 2017.
- 15% additional partner-discount for students from partners universities on all course fees! See website for complete partner list!

Deadline application
June 1, 2017

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