Radboud University Nijmegen
Radboud University Nijmegen is one of the leading academic institutions in the Netherlands. The Dutch Ministry of Education recently called Radboud University the top research university in the Netherlands. Renowned for its beautiful campus, modern buildings and state-of-the-art equipment, it has eight faculties and over 16,000 students enrolled in approximately 90 study programmes (40 Bachelor programmes and more than 50 Master programmes).

Nijmegen
The beautiful and lively city of Nijmegen was founded by the Romans (its original Latin name, Noviomagus, means New Market) and is the oldest city in the Netherlands. It is situated near the German border on the banks of the Waal river, a branch of the Rhine delta.

Info: www.ru.nl/masters/gmd

GLOBALISATION, MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT
Globalisation affects the lives of people all around the world. It does so in many different ways. Thus the closing down of factories in Europe and North America due to strong competition from developing countries that provide cheap labour, has resulted in a new, economically disconnected, underclass in western societies, whose dissatisfaction affects policy at local, national and international levels. At the same time the media also 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 between the North and South of this world.

What you will study

You will study various dimensions and aspects of globalisation, notably as this relates to socio-economic and spatial development for different parts of the world, the Global South in particular. Core issues on which this master specialisation will focus include: changing relationships of global and local societies through the rise of new social and spatial inequalities brought about by global processes, migration and mobility and the emergence of transnational identities versus local interpretations in so-called multicultural societies. Overall we give particular emphasis to the relationship with urban contexts of these issues, but do also link it up with rural domains, e.g. in studying sustainability of livelihood strategies and development policies in different regions.

Studying Globalisation, Migration and Development

Through this specialisation you will not only gain knowledge and insights in processes related to these concepts but also conduct own research and analysis of these in this field. Thereby you will be able to take a critical and independent position in often politicized societal debates on globalisation and migration processes. This specialisation should help to prepare you to further a career as policymaker, practitioner or academic, whether in The Netherlands, the EU, or elsewhere in the world.

You will be taught by lecturers who are specialists in the fields of globalisation, migration and development who derive their expertise from own research on these topics, which has been published in internationally accredited journals and refereed books, but which they also seek to disseminate through public and policy debates taking place in the global North and South. Beyond thematic courses discussing different aspects of this specialisation, helping to link theory and practice, you will also follow courses that will help you gain insight in major theoretical debates in the human geography and provide you with methodological and analytical skills. In these courses you will also have the opportunity to exchange views, insights and issues with fellow students. These skills will help you to set up and conduct an own master thesis on a topic that has your strong interest.

Programme

From the start of the master specialisation, you will be giving attention to your final thesis. This process starts with an intensive (individual) training to help you develop and design your master research. Furthermore you will delve into a number of core research themes which are covered by the three main courses of the programme. These are:

- International migration, globalisation and development
- Globalising cities and hinterlands
- Multiculturalism, Diversity and Space

Optional courses within the own master, but also courses provided elsewhere at the Radboud University and beyond can be elected with the support of your master thesis supervisor.

The logic behind this is that usually you will conduct your master thesis research in the framework of an internship as part of the programme. Indeed through an internship you can gain valuable experiences in the professional field helping to improve your career prospects.

Admission

The requirements for admission are either:

- a bachelor degree in Human Geography
- a bachelor degree in one of the disciplines of the Faculty of Management
- a bachelor degree in one of the disciplines of the Faculty of Social Sciences or
- another relevant bachelor degree

For more information on prerequisites for admission please contact the study advisor. More information can be found on the website: www.ru.nl/masters/gmd.

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