

# Syllabus

for course at advanced level

**Migration and Labour in Asia**  
**Migration och arbete i Asien**

**7.5 Higher Education  
Credits**  
**7.5 ECTS credits**

<b>Course code:</b>	SAM251
<b>Valid from:</b>	Autumn 2020
<b>Date of approval:</b>	2020-06-17
<b>Department</b>	Department of Social Anthropology
<b>Main field:</b>	Social Anthropology
<b>Specialisation:</b>	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

## Decision

This syllabus is approved by the Head of Department on delegation by the Departmental Board 2020-06-17

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

A bachelor's degree in social anthropology or corresponding social science or cultural science subjects.  
English 6

## Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
M251	Migration and Labour in Asia	7.5

## Course content

This course offers an introduction to labor migration in and from Asia during the modern era, focusing on China, India, and Southeast Asia. The course has an anthropological perspective but a broad inter-disciplinary engagement. More specifically, it takes as its starting point the two mobility revolutions that have formed the basis for Asian migrations; the first centered on the coolie migrations that took shape during the colonial period in the 1870s, as natural resources in Asia fueled the industrial revolution in Europe, the second beginning in 1970s as economic development across the region and the Middle East fueled the migration of a wide range of low-skilled workers. Of particular concern during the latter period is the feminization of migration, in which factory and domestic work, in particular, has been a defining characteristic, as well as the development of state-organized international labor migration programs from countries such as the Philippines. In conclusion, the course engages with ongoing transformations and poses questions about the future of Asian migrations and mobilities.

## Learning outcomes

For a passing grad, the student is expected to be able to:

- describe the general historical and contemporary patterns of labor migration in and from Asia during the modern era;
- account for key anthropological debates in contemporary Asian labor migration;
- reflect on various forms of labor migration in or from Asia through anthropological case studies;
- account for different theoretical perspective on labor migration applied to the Asian context;
- problematize and discuss the widespread concern with south-north migrations in scholarly literature and public debate by taking Asian migrations as a starting point.

## **Education**

Teaching consists of lectures and seminars.

Attendance at seminars is compulsory. Up to two missed seminars can be compensated by completing exercises provided by the teacher.

The course is taught in English.

## **Forms of examination**

The course is examined through a take-home exam and seminar assignments. Examination is done in English.

### Grading scale

Grading is done according to a goal-related, seven-step scale.

A= Excellent

B = Very good

C = Good

D = Satisfactory

E = Sufficient

Failing grades

Fx = Failed, some extra work required F = Failed, significant extra work required

### Grading criteria

The written grading criteria are provided to the students at the start of the course.

### Final grade

For a passing final grade on the course, students must have at least a grade of E on the take-home exam, passed seminar assignments, and a total seminar attendance of at least 80 %.

Supplementary or late assignments cannot be given a higher grade than C. (Exceptions can be made if special grounds exist, following a decision by the Director of Studies).

### Failing

Students given a grade of Fx (i.e. failing) can supplement their submitted assignments. Students given a grade of F on a test are normally offered at least three exam dates within the span of a year. A final grade on the course as a whole requires at least a grade of E according to the seven-step scale. Students with a grade of at least E on a test may not re-take the test in order to raise their grade. Students who are given a grade of Fx or F on a test at least twice on the same course by an examiner may request another examiner to grade their test. Such a request shall be made to the department board.

### Supplementary assignments

A grade of Fx may be supplemented to become a passing grade if the student is close to achieving a passing grade. The assignment shall be provided within 10 working days of the need for supplementation being announced by the examiner.

For approved supplementation of simple formal errors, grades A-E are used. For approved supplementation of errors stemming from lack of understanding, grades C-E are used.

If the student has a certificate from Stockholm University with a recommendation regarding special support, the examiner may provide an adapted test or allow the student to take the test in an alternative way.

## **Interim**

Students may request examination according to this course syllabus no more than three times during a two-year period after it has ceased to apply. A request in this regard shall be made to the department board. Other compulsory course elements are considered equal to tests.

## **Misc**

The course is a compulsory course within the Master's Programme in Political Science with specialization in global Asian studies during semester 1.

## **Required reading**

The reading list is posted on the department's website,  
[www.socant.su.se](http://www.socant.su.se)

A current reading list will be posted no later than two months before the start of the course.