



***Smuggling of Migrants and Trafficking in Human Beings:
Memories, Rights and Forms of Resistance towards and across the
Mediterranean***

I Semester
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Language: English

Number of hours: 20

Number of credits: 3 credits for "additional educational activities" (art. 10 co. 5 lett. d. DM 270/2004)

Credits recognition: Participation in at least 80% of the lectures/activities foreseen and final paper will grant 3 credits.

Access:

Migration Studies and New Societies-MSNS;
International Relations-REL (credits recognition subject to the approval of the academic board)

Educational goals: The workshop is aimed at addressing the various forms of mobility that currently allow a wide array of people on the move to reach Europe through the various Mediterranean routes. Starting from a comprehensive analysis of the characteristics and dynamics of forced and undocumented migration flows occurring in and across the Mediterranean area, altogether with a critical understanding of border control policies implemented by the European Union, it will expressly focus on the phenomena of smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings, their relationships and growing intersections. Thanks to the analysis of specific case-studies, the workshop will provide suitable analytical and conceptual tools for combining institutional and policy-oriented debate with the outcomes of ongoing fieldwork activities which valorise the standpoint and experience of migrant women and men. Thus, their subjective experiences, biographical paths, memories, expectations as well as forms of survival and resistance will be addressed and discussed through the use, inter alia, of data coming from interviews, workshops and ethnographic observations carried out during fieldwork activities, as well as the use of audio-visual tools.

Teaching organization: Teaching methods foresee introductory lessons, group discussions, meetings with experts, an on-site visit in the area of Milan, screening of documentaries and audio-visual tools, and participation to seminars. During the workshop a reading list with a number of relevant articles and research papers on the topics addressed will be made available to all students. Given the highly participatory method foreseen, attendance of the entire workshop is warmly recommended.

Registration: Interested students should send an email to Prof. Monica Massari monica.massari@unimi.it by **September 7, 2026**, specifying their Degree; only 10 students will be accepted beyond the places already granted to students of the MA in Migrations Studies and New Societies-MSNS.