

## Summer School

### The Politics of Migration. A Policy-Oriented Summer School.



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The Summer School **The Politics of Migration** is an international residential educational initiative promoted by the University of Padua. It aims to offer critical and interdisciplinary insights into contemporary migration politics. Within the evolving landscape of complementary academic offerings, it stands out as the first Summer School specifically designed for master's students (and advanced undergraduate students) focused on migration policy. The School seeks to create a stimulating environment for learning, exchange, and the development of academic and professional skills in the fields of migration, public policy, and international relations.

The program will take place over five intensive days at the *Centro Studi per l'Ambiente Alpino* in San Vito di Cadore. The adopted approach is **Challenge-Based Learning**, which encourages active student participation in solving real-world problems and formulating policy proposals.

In addition to providing theoretical and analytical tools to understand migration policies at the European and global levels, the Summer School will promote the development of transversal soft skills such as teamwork, synthesis and communication, policy design, and the effective presentation of project ideas to policymakers. Career-oriented activities and interactions with non-governmental and international organizations will allow participants to explore potential professional pathways in the sector.

### Activities:

- Six interactive and interdisciplinary academic sessions on five thematic areas: International Migration and Borders; Public Policies and Migration; Citizenship Policies and Politics; Migration and International Relations; and Policy Advocacy and Engagement.
- Two sessions dedicated to the development of applied competences (applied skill sessions)
- Three career planning sessions with experts working in international organizations, European institutions, and international NGOs.
- Six group activities aimed at drafting and presenting policy briefs. During collaborative work sessions, students—divided into small groups—will develop a policy brief addressing a real issue in the field of migration, under the supervision of expert faculty members. Students are expected to finalize their policy brief after the conclusion of the School and submit it to obtain the certificate of participation.
- A field visit and/or interactive session with local authorities and other stakeholders engaged in the field of international migration.

**Target participants:** Master's students, with a maximum of 21 participants. The School is primarily designed for students who have ideally already attended courses on migration policy or related topics, but remains open to those without prior experience. Participants will be selected through an open call requiring the submission of a curriculum vitae and a motivation letter, where they are also asked to specify the academic courses they have attended on migration-related issues and other experiences they have in the field.

**Credits:** 3 ECTS credits with final grade, based on evaluation of students' engagement in the School and the final assignment to be submitted by 15 September.

### Academic Board and Lecturers:

The sessions will be conducted by European scholars and experts in the field of migration policy. The teaching team will include members of the Academic Board as well as four external experts (practitioners) working in international organizations, European institutions, and NGOs active in the area of international migration. The Academic Board includes the following members (TBC):

- Matteo Bassoli, Associate Professor, University of Padua
- Gianni d'Amato, Full Professor, University of Neuchâtel, and Director of the research center NCCR on the Move: The Migration-Mobility Nexus
- Laura Lo Presti, Assistant Professor, University of Padua
- Andrea Pettrachin, Assistant Professor, University of Padua
- Gerasimos Tsourapas, Chair and Professor of International Relations, University of Birmingham, and Principal Investigator of an ERC project
- Daniela Vintila, Associate Professor, University of Liège, and Coordinator of the IMISCOE Network and the Standing Group on Migration & Ethnicity of the European Consortium for Political Research
- Verena Wisthaler, Head of the Center for Migration and Diversity, EURAC Research

## KEY INFO

**Dates:** 12<sup>th</sup> July 2026 – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Target:** Master's students

**Minimum number of participants:** 20

**Maximum number of participants:** 21

**Location:** San Vito di Cadore (BL)

**ECTS:** 3

**Fee:** 190 euros for 19 participants / 50 euros for 2 participants. The fee includes half board accommodation.

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**Application dates:** 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025 – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026