

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: SOC-540 Family and Kinship

Department: Social Sciences

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
SOC-540	Family and Kinship	5
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall or Spring	42	Graduate Standing
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Social Sciences	Upper Division	English

Course Description

“Mediterranean Societies” as an object for study.
Integration and Coherence of symbolic systems
Capitalist Transformation and State Integration:
The intensification and diversification of markets
The partial transformation of gendered persons
Migrations – rural-urban/state-to-state/ return migration
Forced Migration.
Cultural domination versus cultural diversity:
Group security and the human rights of majorities and minorities.

Instructor

Dr Peter Loizos

Course Aims and Objectives

The course aims to introduce students to in-depth descriptions and analyses of rural and urban societies in the E. Mediterranean. There will be a bias towards Greece, and Cyprus, but reference will also be made to the Balkans, to Spain, Portugal, Italy, to Turkey, as well the societies of the Maghreb. The key theoretical issues to be addressed will include – the symbolic coherence of pre-modern rural communities; economic, social and political transformation resulting from capitalist integration, gender separations and convergences; ethnic, religious and cultural diversity, and the problems of minority identities and hegemonic nationalism; religion and the challenge of secularization; migrations; social impact of war and the process of post-war re-construction. At the end of the course, students should have a grounded knowledge of how societies in the region have been transformed in the past 75 years. They will also have absorbed key features of modern anthropological and sociological theoretical frameworks.

Teaching Methods

Interactive lectures, discussions, student summary presentations of required readings.

Course Teaching Hours

42 hours (14 weeks x 3 hours).

Evaluation and Grading

One mid-term unseen examination: 50%

One final unseen examination: 50%

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

Sara Delamont 1995 Appetites and Identities: An Introduction to the Social Anthropology of Western Europe

Recommended Reading

Various journal articles and book chapters