

FAS2882B: Influence of Migration on Landscapes of Singapore
FASStrack 2024

Schedule: PM Session (2pm-5pm, Singapore Time)
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday

Course Description

This course examines the influences of international migration on Singapore's social, cultural and urban landscapes. Focusing on migration flows alongside the rapidly changing landscapes provides a lens through which we can examine the interlinked social, cultural, political and economic dynamics as well as debates undergirding Singapore's development since its independence. It also considers how the recent pandemic and border closures have raised severe concerns about both the management of mobile bodies and the landscape. Finally, it examines the underlying forces driving Singapore's migration policies and the design of its urban landscape to establish itself as a desirable migration destination.

Preclusion/ Prerequisite

Nil

Lecturer

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Course Assessment

Assessments		Assessment deadlines
Class Participation	10%	Every class [Individually graded]
Short Quiz (mixture of MCQ and open text)	20%	9 July 2024 [Individually graded]
Group Project (multimedia production)	30%	16 July 2024 [Graded as a group]
Group Presentation	10%	19 July 2024 [Individually graded]
Essay (under 2,500 words)	30%	24 July 2024 [Individually graded]
Total for CA:	100%	

- Class Participation (10%): Students are expected to participate actively in class, answer questions and contribute to class discussions.
- Short Quiz (20%): This is a short quiz comprising multiple-choice questions and/or questions requiring short open text answers.

- Group Project (30%): Students will work in groups comprising around 3-4 members to produce a short 5-minute multimedia production on a selected topic.
- Group Presentation (10%): Students will present on the group project and answer questions from their classmates. Each member of the group will receive individual grades.
- Essay (30%): Students will write short essays on selected topics. There may be 1 or 2 sub questions and the total number of words should not exceed 2,500.

Course Topics [the following schedule is a guide and subject to change]

Week	Day	Topic	Session Activities
1	Tuesday	History of Migration into Singapore	
	Wednesday	Migration Flows and Drivers of Migration into Singapore	
	Thursday	Landscape Concepts	
	Friday	Fieldtrip	Fieldwork
2	Tuesday	Historical Landscapes: Remnants of Past Migration	Short Quiz
	Wednesday	Globalisation and its Impacts on Singapore's Everyday Landscape	
	Thursday	Migrants' Lodging versus Public Housing	
	Friday	Fieldtrip	Fieldwork
3	Tuesday	Migrant Enclaves and the Underbelly of Singapore	Group Project
	Wednesday	Migration and the Education Landscape	
	Thursday	The Pandemic and its Impacts on Singapore's Migrant Landscape	
	Friday	Conclusion	Group Presentation

Reading List (background reading)

- Yeoh, B.S.A. and T. Lam (2024) The Nation and its Margins: The Cultural Politics of Multiracialism and Migration in Singapore. In *Migration and Nationalism: theoretical and empirical perspectives*, edited by M. Samers and J. Rydgren, pp. 156-173. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.
- Yeoh, B.S.A. (2019) Migration and Social Diversity in Singapore. In *Insights on Singapore's Economy and Society from Leading Thinkers*, edited by Institute of Policy Studies, pp. 1-10. Singapore: World Scientific Publishing, 2019.