



DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

# MA MIGRATION AND INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

Photo by Luca Prestia, from the project *Beyond the border*.



**Gain a firm understanding of the social, cultural, and linguistic issues surrounding migration and develop your language skills with our MA in Migration and Intercultural Studies.**

This programme is designed for UK and international graduates coming from a broad range of undergraduate degree subjects who are committed to improving policies and media/social debates surrounding the issue of migration.

**Key features of the programme:**

- explore the socio-cultural, linguistic, and political issues at the heart of migration
- study a diverse range of topics
- learn from our experts
- study a language as part of the course
- build your professional network and experience whilst you study
- prepare yourself for a career in migration-related organisations
- develop as a researcher

**What you will study:**

This interdisciplinary programme covers a diverse range of topics, including:

- language studies
- applied linguistics and sociolinguistics
- politics and international relations
- human rights and philosophy
- international refugee law
- history of migration phenomena
- media and literary representations of migration

**Core Modules**

As part of this course, you will take two compulsory modules:

- *Introduction to Migration Studies* (40 credits)
- *Language and Migration* (30 credits).

You will then have a choice between either

- a Dissertation (90 credits)

or

- an Extended Project (70 credits)  
+ a Work Placement (20 credits).

**Optional modules**

Students will be able to complement their mandatory modules (*Introduction to Migration Studies* and *Language and Migration*) with either:

- the optional study of a language (20 credits) delivered by our **Institution-Wide Language Programme** (IWLP)

or

- a 20-credit module from the School of Literature and Languages, such as *Identity and Conflict in Modern Europe*, *Language and Power*, *Diasporas of the Mind: Minority Literatures in Britain*, *Routes and Roots: Migration in Contemporary World Literature*

or

- relevant modules from the School of Agriculture, Policy and Development and the School of Politics, Economics and International Relations, and the School of Law (up to 20 credits).

**Taught by top researchers in the field**

You will study with an established team of researchers and teachers from different disciplines who have an international record of publications and award-winning impact activities in language and migration, translation and cultural change, language policies and language planning and post-colonial studies.

Research-based teaching will provide you with a set of analytical skills to critically understand, monitor, and investigate migration phenomena, trajectories, and processes.

Programme Director: **Federico Faloppa**

Federico Faloppa has worked on the construction of otherness through language, on language policy and migration, on the representation of minorities and migration phenomena in the media, on racism in language and hate speech.

Together with photographer Luca Prestia he has led the interdisciplinary project and exhibition *Beyond the border: Signs of passages across European frontiers*.

He has co-lead the ESRC-funded project ProLanguage: *The protective role of language in global migration and mobility* (2017-2019), he is currently leading the team on *Multilingualism in migration and refugee settings* within the EU-funded ITN *Multimind: The multilingual mind*.

In addition, Federico Faloppa is the research lead of the Erasmus-Plus project *Key-Co System: Key-competences for adult migrant learners*, and of the GCRF-funded project *CHAS-BIH - Conflict and Hate Speech Bosnia-Herzegovina*.

With the Italian journalist association "Carta di Roma" he has been training journalists on migration and media narratives since 2015. Federico Faloppa is also a consultant and researcher on hate speech and language and discrimination for Amnesty International Italy. He is the coordinator of the Italian "Rete nazionale per il contrasto ai discorsi e ai fenomeni d'odio", and a member of the "Committee of Experts for Combating Hate Speech" of the Council of Europe.

You will also be taught by an internationally esteemed team of scholars, including:

- **Tony Capstick**, a world-leading expert on language provision in refugee and migration settings, and the author of *Language and Migration* (Routledge, 2020)
- **Cherilyn Elston**, an award-winning expert on the cultural politics of memory, human rights, and transitional justice in Colombia, and currently working on the memory activism of the Colombian diaspora in the UK
- **Melani Schroeter**, a world-leading expert on critical discourse studies and pragmatics who has published on the language used to discuss migration.
- **Yasmine Shamma**, whose ground-breaking research focusing on testimonies of displacement, migration, and resettlement is leading to the creation of the digital archive *Making Home Away*.

**Build your career whilst you study**

We can help you secure work placements with governmental and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in the UK and overseas. You will have the opportunity to do research and activities to support refugees, or work with institutions assisting migrants and refugees.

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