



Venice International University
VIU Summer School
Multiple Migrations and Transnationalism: Legal, Social, Linguistic and Educational Implications
June 29 - July 3, 2026

Faculty

Francesco Goglia, University of Exeter
Sara De Vido, Ca' Foscari University of Venice
Gracia Liu-Farrer, Waseda University

Guest speakers

Giulia Ferro, Ca' Foscari University of Venice
Valeria Tonioli, Ca' Foscari University of Venice

Course outline

M1 – Introduction to the Questions of the Course: Law, Sociology, Sociolinguistics and Education
M2 – Law and Multiple Migrations
M3 – Sociology and Multiple Migrations
M4 – Sociolinguistics and Multiple Migrations
M5 – Law, intersectionality and human rights
M6 – Education and Multiple Migrations
M7 – Social construction of skill in transnational labour markets
M8 – The case of Bangladeshis in Mestre (Venice) and London
M9 – Screening of two documentaries and structured debate
M10 – Entangled mobilities in multiple migrations
M11 – Class Symposium: Group Presentations with Q&A

Program

Monday, June 29, 2026

9:00 **Registration**

9:15 **Welcome and Introduction of VIU and the Summer School**
Structure of the course, practicalities and presentation of Faculty

9:30 **Student presentations**

Students introduce themselves and their research interests using one PowerPoint slide they have created beforehand.

10:45 *Coffee break*

11:00 **Module 1 – Introduction to the Questions of the Course: Law, Sociology, Sociolinguistics and Education**

Sara De Vido, Gracia Liu-Farrer, and Francesco Goglia

12:30 *Lunch*

14:00 **Module 2 – Law and Multiple Migrations**

Sara De Vido

The module will introduce some key legal terms and explain how international and EU law cannot properly respond to multiple migrations, due to different regimes applying to the situation of those who enter, transit and return.

15:30 *Break*

16:00 **Guidelines and Groups for the final presentation on Friday**

17:00 *End of the day*

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

9:30 **Module 3 – Sociology and Multiple Migrations**

Gracia Liu-Farrer

This module will introduce various patterns of multiple migrations, including education and labor mobilities, both international and internal mobilities. We will discuss topics ranging from the motivations for migrants to embark on multiple migration, the migration infrastructures that allow and facilitate such mobilities, and the international-internal migration linkages.

11:15 *Coffee break*

11:45 Continuation of Module 3

12:30 *Lunch*

14:00 **Module 4 – Sociolinguistics and Multiple Migrations**

Francesco Goglia

This module will explore the sociolinguistic outcomes of multiple migrations and transnationalism. We will discuss how linguistic repertoire, language maintenance and shift, and language practices may be influenced by diverse migration trajectories.

15:30 *Break*

16:00 **Session for students to prepare for the final presentation**

17:00 *End of the day*

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

9:30 **Module 5 – Law, intersectionality and human rights**

Sara De Vido

The module will explore human rights of migrants, reflecting on the specific situation of those that are forcibly transferred to another country or their country of origin, those that decide to go back to their country of origin, those that enter and those that remain in a limbo at the margin of a country. Intersectionality will be used as a tool to explore the situation of individuals at the intersection of different grounds of discrimination.

11:15 *Coffee break*

11:45 **Module 6 – Education and Multiple Migrations**

Francesco Goglia

This module will focus on the educational outcomes of multiple migrations and transnationalism. We will discuss the challenges and opportunities of students who have experienced multiple migrations, official language policies in schools and the link between language, education and transnationalism.

12:30 *Lunch*

14:00 **Module 7 – Social construction of skill in transnational labour markets**

Gracia Liu-Farrer

This module will focus on the question of skill in transnational migration. Taking the perspective that skill is socially constructed, we explore the phenomena and issues involved in skill development and utilization on the transnational labour markets and what they mean for migrants and sending/receiving societies. We examine the processes through which social inequality is reproduced.

15:30 *Break*

16:00 **Session for students to prepare for the final presentation**

17:00 *End of the day*

Thursday, July 2, 2026

9:30 **Module 8 – The case of Bangladeshis in Mestre (Venice) and London**

Giulia Ferro, Valeria Tonioli, and Francesco Goglia

11:15 *Coffee break*

11:45 Continuation of Module 8

12:30 *Lunch*

14:00 **Module 9 Screening of one documentary and structured debate**

Sara De Vido

Documentary film: In the Shadow. Women on the Move

15:30 *Break*

16:00 **Session for students to prepare for the final presentation**

17:00 *End of the day*

Friday, July 3, 2026

9:30 Module 10 –Entangled mobilities in multiple migrations

Gracia Liu-Farrer

Mobilities take place on different dimensions—physical, temporal, legal and social. This section introduces the entanglement of different kinds of mobilities in multiple transnational migrations. In particular, it discusses how life course, career aspirations, and social status considerations condition migratory trajectories.

11:15 Coffee break

11:45 Group preparation for symposium presentations.

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Module 11 – Class Symposium: Group Presentations with Q&A

Students, in teams of three will present on a specific case study of multiple migration and transnationalism critically analyzing it under the different perspectives of the course.

16:00 End of the day

Leading Faculty short bios



Francesco Goglia is Associate Professor of Migration and Multilingualism at the University of Exeter. His research interests include multilingualism and language contact in immigrant communities, code-switching, language maintenance and shift, Italian and Italo-Romance dialects abroad. He has published chapters and articles on multilingualism among immigrant and diasporic communities in Italy, Portugal and Australia. In the last years, he has published extensively on the topic of onward migration and sociolinguistic issues. His research on this topic was

supported by the Leverhulme Research Fellowship project 'Onward migration from Italy to the UK: sociolinguistic implications' (2019-2021).



Sara De Vido is Full Professor of International Law, Department of Economics, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, and is a delegate of the Rector for Gender Equality. She is senior expert on violence against women, by appointment of the European Commission, at the European Network of legal experts in gender equality and non-discrimination, based at Utrecht University. She is legal expert for the European Commission of the EU network on preventing gender-based violence and domestic violence (2024-25) and drafted the report EU law in light of the Istanbul

Convention. Legal Implications After the Accession. She is affiliated with the Manchester International Law Centre (UK), where she co-founded the Women in International Law Network (Wilnet). She is PI of the PRIN project Gendering international legal responses to chronic emergencies (2023-2025) and unit contact person of the PRIN PNRR project Ecce Human. She is also a member of the doctoral college 'Law, Market and Person' at Ca' Foscari University, Venice. She is a lecturer at Venice International University (she has taught Global Governance, Peace, Security, Cooperation and Development, Gender Studies and Globalisation, Ethics, Welfare and Human Rights).



Gracia Liu-Farrer is Professor of Sociology at the Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, and Director of Institute of Asian Migration at Waseda University, Japan. Her research examines immigration into Japan, transnational labor and student mobilities in East Asia as well as between Asia and Europe. She hopes to bring Asian experiences to migration and mobility theorization. She has published journal articles and book chapters

on migrants ranging from Chinese students, Nepali restaurant workers, to Syrian refugees.