**Multiculturalism and Its Controversies**

This course explores the meanings of multiculturalism, distinguishing societal, political and theoretical dimensions as well as liberal and republican models. What is a multicultural society? Who constitutes the “multi” and what constitutes the “cultural” in multicultural? What is perceived as otherness and why? What are the underlying assumptions about citizenship and democracy informing different conceptions of multiculturalism? What are their implications for creating a more inclusive society? In overviewing classic and recent works, this course tackles the challenges and opportunities involved in the accommodation of “diversity” and sheds light on the dynamics that reinforce political and cultural difference.

1. **The challenge of Multiculturalism: sociological, political and moral approaches**

2. **To accommodate or to recognize... what? The issues at stake in the normative values of cultures**

**Issues and Theories**

3. **Against Multiculturalism: the liberal-egalitarian position (Brian Barry, Susan Okin)**
4. **Immigration and nation**


5. **Immigration and State: open borders and exclusion**


6. **Accommodating Multiculturalism: 1) *formal* recognition of cultural minorities: liberal-national (Will Kymlicka) and communitarian (Charles Taylor) conceptions**


7. **Accommodating Multiculturalism: 2) recognition as an intersubjective process of development (J. Tully) and of deconstruction of power hierarchies (I. M. Young).**

   - **Tully, James (2000).** “Struggles over Recognition and Distribution”, Constellations, 7, 4: 469-482

8. **Redistribution vs recognition: the debate between Honneth and Fraser**