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Jean Monnet Module on “Migration policy challenges in the EU and the South Caucasus” (MiPEC) is designed to address legal, political, cultural and social aspects of migration in the region and the European Union. It is compulsory part of the MA in European Studies curriculum and it is additionally offered as optional course for international relations, law and sociology students. A module on migration is taught for the first time in the frames of the MA in European Studies.

MiPEC is multidisciplinary in its structure and approach. In terms of teaching, it is divided into three parts where each is designed or modified to meet general objective of the module and the curriculum, syllabus structure, identification of learning outcomes, etc. The courses are taught by four professors from different departments (law, political science, linguistics, Centre for European Studies) of the Yerevan State University. The Module consists of the following courses:

Course 1. Multiculturalism, identity and values (course was modified on the bases of “Introduction to European integration. Cultural perspective”(team teaching)),

Course 2. Legal regulation of the migration processes and asylum issues in the EU and the RA (new course),

Course 3. Labour migration policy: EU and the South Caucasus (new course).

The module will be based on student-centred education that implies application of various teaching/learning activities (lectures, seminars, webinars, group and individual works, cases studies and simulations), etc.

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The textbook examines the processes of labor migration in the EU and their impact on the labor market and trade unions. The main attention is paid to internal and external labor migration. The textbook focuses on the social dialogue of labor migration at the EU level, triangular cooperation and social agreements in European countries, collective bargaining procedures and expansion. The textbook analyzes the activity of social partners (European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) and employer associations at the European and national levels), mechanisms for informing, advising and participating workers in decision-making. The textbook is devoted to a wide range of issues related to European labor migration and trade unions in a globalizing world. The theoretical aspects of studying the impact of labor migration on various spheres of life in the European community, including on the demographic level, population, labor market, regional development, social policy and security, are comprehensively examined. Particular attention is paid to the protection of social rights and freedoms of labor migrants in the EU.

The textbook is designed for students, PhD-students, teachers, researchers and government officials. The study materials in the textbook were prepared as part of the course “Labor migration policy: EU and the South Caucasus”, implemented as part of the Jean Monnet Module program.

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“The European social partners use a very narrow definition of social dialogue, reserving the notion of social dialogue for their bipartite, autonomous work. Whenever European public authorities are involved, the social partners prefer to speak of tripartite concertation.” (*Eurofound 2018*)

“BusinessEurope believes that the European social dialogue has an important role to contribute to EU policy-making on social policy, and make labour markets more efficient and adapted to new and changing economic and social realities. Social dialogue can be an effective tool for successful labour market adaptation to change. For that, social partners should prioritise actions aiming to foster Europe’s global competitiveness, and inclusive growth and employment in Europe.” (*BusinessEurope 2019*)

“European social dialogue is at the heart of European Union governance. It enables the European social partners to help to define European social standards, and is a fundamental part of the European social model.” (*European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) 2019*)

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