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People on the Move: Migrants, Refugees, and Displaced Persons from Ancient Times to the 21st Century.

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The purpose of the course is to reflect on human migration and mobility in historical perspective. Often perceived as a threatening emergency, migrations constitute instead a permanent, crucial, and largely positive aspect of human history, which can be analysed both as a collective and individual phenomenon.

The course offers a long-term, interdisciplinary, and multifaceted approach, dealing with a wide range of topics, events, and places from ancient times to the present day, and shedding light on a variety of state and non-state actors, their aspirations, attitudes, and behaviours. Concepts, tools, and methods typical of other disciplines, such as demography, ethnography, archaeology, sociology, anthropology, and political science will enrich our historical understanding of past and present migrations.

The teaching staff of the course combines visiting academics with members of the Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici and the Dipartimento di Scienze politiche e sociali of the Università degli Studi di Pavia. Multiple points of view, diverse interpretations, and different methodological approaches will be presented and discussed throughout the week, as the invited speakers share their insights and information with the audience.

As regards the format of the course, each day a lecture on an important subject will be given by an eminent scholar in the morning session, soon followed by a public debate introduced by a highly qualified discussant. A workshop will be held later on in the afternoon, connected to the main theme of the day, during which significant examples of primary and secondary sources will be examined and discussed together with crucial methodological and interpretive issues. Attendees are encouraged to contribute from the floor at any time during the event.

The official languages of the course are English and Italian.

The course thus offers a unique opportunity for participants to convene and meet with leading international experts in the field of migration and mobility, openly debating crucial and controversial issues, critically examining deep-rooted clichés and received wisdom, and making informed judgements about recent developments and current controversies. Participation is open for all those who are genuinely interested in the subject and free of charge.

The Director of the School
Prof. Elisa Signori