

**HIST 4900**  
**STUDIES IN WORLD HISTORY**  
**Migration and Empire- the case of global South Asians**  
Spring 2026  
Th: 5:00-7:50 PM  
Wooten Hall 267  
University of North Texas

**Course Description**

This reading-based seminar introduces graduate students to the place of South Asian migration histories within the larger field of Empire and migration histories. We will discuss the field's methodologies, theories, and major scholarly works. Class sessions focus on an intensive discussion of assigned class readings.

**Readings**

Students should have purchased/rented/borrowed required books unless they are available as ebooks via UNT library. As for the required articles- they are available through UNT library. In some cases if the UNT library does not have the articles, the Professor will provide them via CANVAS. The movie/s required for this course are also available via UNT Library.

**Course Assignments and Evaluation (See Canvas for more details)**

**CLASS SCHEDULE** (See Canvas for readings)\*

**Week 1**

**Introductions + World Histories and place of South Asian migrations**

**Week 2**

**Convict Labor Migrations**

**Week 3**

**A New System of Slavery**

**Week 4**

**Gender, Women and South Asian Migration Narratives**

**Week 5**

**Serving the Empire's Wars**

**Week 6**

**Servants and Care workers**

**Week 7**

**Migrant workers in the "New World"-I**

**Week 8**

**Migrant workers in the "New World"-II**

**SPRING BREAK**

**Week 9**

**The "new" Global South Asian "labor"**

**Week 10**

**Afterlife of Empire and South Asian Migration-I**

**Week 11**

**Afterlife of Empire and South Asian Migration-II**

**Week 12**

**Week 13**

**Writing Workshop Week**

**Week 14**

Guest Speaker:

*Discussions on the state of the field*

**Week 15**

**Final Class meeting: concluding discussions**

**Final submission: State of the Field ESSAY- DUE on 1May**