PRIFYSGOL ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY

SEMESTER TWO EXAMINATIONS 2026

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND EARTH SCIENCES

GS09620: The "Othered" Migrant: Social Science Perspectives

Time allowed: 2 hours

Seen Exam

Answer TWO questions

Notes Permitted

1. No more than 1 side of word-processed notes (i.e. not handwritten) on A4 paper.
1. Line spacing – not less than single (1.0) spacing.
2. Font size – not less than 12 point.
3. Margins – not less than 1 cm.
4. Font type – Times New Roman, Arial or Calibri (standard font, not narrow).

STUDENTS MAY SUBMIT ANSWERS TO THIS PAPER IN EITHER WELSH OR ENGLISH

Once seated, students may complete the front cover of the answer book(s) and the attendance slip ONLY.

DO NOT TURN THE EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER OVER UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO.

1. How did the ‘Cultural Turn’ offer a new direction for theories of migration? Your answer should draw on at least two specific theories.

[50%]

2. Reflecting on a country of your choice, describe and critically evaluate the media framing of asylum seekers.

[50%]

3. Discussing a country of your choice, evaluate how the post 9/11 War on Terror has contributed to ‘practices of bordering’/ deterrence strategies.

[50%]

4. Define ‘medical surveillance’ and critically evaluate how it contributed to historical border policies in the UK and/or the USA.

[50%]

5. Describe the ‘bordering infrastructure’ and technologies utilised by a European country of your choice. In your answer, you should also critically reflect on the populations who are targeted by such infrastructures.

[50%]

6. Discuss the representation of multicultural communities in the news media of one European country. Explain why gender is often a frequent theme in such representations.

[50%]

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