FINAL RESEARCH ESSAY – SOC 797 CONTEMPORARY MIGRATION RESEARCH

Guidelines for the DRAFT of the final paper

The draft should contain **approximately 1,000-1,200 words.**

The draft of the final paper should consist of:

- **Introduction/background of the topic** (what is already known about the subject? What is not known about the subject and hence you would like to write about? Are there conflicting views on the subject that you would like to discuss? Why do you consider it an important topic; why should the reader be interested in it?)
- **Research question or problem** you want to address (list one key "how" or "why" question to be answered in the paper + max. 3 sub-questions developing the subject)
- **Theories, concepts, literature** (what existing knowledge is relevant for your subject, what literature you are planning to use – you may list the key titles (these are not included in the 1,000-1,200 word count).
- **Hypothesis, main argument** (what do you expect to find out, what do you want to argue)
- **Preliminary Outline of the paper** (what topics you need to cover in order to answer your question)

Guidelines for the peer-to-peer feedback on the draft of the final paper

By **May 19**, you will find the document "Peer-to-peer Feedback Pairs" in the **IS Study Materials** with working pairs - you will find out whose draft you should comment on. Prepare a short commentary on the draft of your colleague (300-400 words). The goal of the peer-to-peer feedback is to improve the quality of your papers.

The peer-to-peer feedback should include:

1. Evaluation of the topic of the paper – Is the topic/aim of the paper clear enough? Is there a clear research question/problem articulated?
2. Evaluation of the theoretical background – Is the topic framed by adequate theoretical concepts?
3. Is the main argument/answer to the research question clearly outlined?
4. Potential strengths and weaknesses - What are the strengths of the draft? What are the weaknesses? What do you suggest to improve the quality of the paper?