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Geography 464
EUROPE TODAY:
Global, Transnational, and Immigrant Europe
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The upper division undergraduate course focuses on the processes and patterns of transnational, global, and immigrant, and the ways in which these processes and patterns are reshaping everyday lives, economies, and places across the continent. The first half of the course is devoted to showing how the idea of 'Europe' is a product of complex historical processes and patterns, including Greek, Roman, Arab, and trans-Atlantic influences, histories of trade, banking, mercantilism, capitalism, and colonialism/modernity, and how industrialism and war shapes the conditions of life in cities such as Paris, Manchester, and Berlin. In the second half of the semester, we will focus on the integration, expansion, consolidation, and more recent fragmentation of the idea of Europe through an investigation of the European Union; a 'borderless' Europe versus 'Fortress Europe'; post-socialism and post-fascism in Central and Southern Europe; economic globalization; and post-colonial immigration. The course is lecture based, with regular discussion periods, exercises and presentations, short exercises, and a short research paper. There are four short quizzes, a mid-semester exam, and a final.