

Research Colloquium on Migration Empirics

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ECTS: 4

Zielgruppe: MSc/IMP(Econ.&Pol.)

Sprache: englisch

TeilnehmerInnen: max. 16

Weekly Meetings: Monday, 12.15-3.45, HS 1108

Migration has become an increasingly important topic in the international political arena. Globalization processes make workers and students more mobile, and at the same time domestic and international conflicts as well as humanitarian and environmental catastrophes cause flows of refugees and asylum seekers.

This seminar is conducted as a colloquium that relies on active participation and preparation. In the discussion, we will focus on critically assessing empirical methods and assumptions as well as implications. We will apply theoretical reasoning to current questions concerning consequences of migration. Further, current research will be critically assessed. In every class, we will discuss one or two articles that will be announced the week before. **Preparing the required readings carefully and participating actively in the discussion in each class is mandatory.**

By the end of the course, students will be familiar with empirical concepts and methods in the area of economics of migration, with a special focus on the identification of causal effects. Students will develop the ability to read and understand the content of scientific empirical papers and write (short) critical academic essays.

The lecture (Migration Economics) complements the seminar as it focuses on underlying theoretical concepts.

Preliminary Organization of the Course (different aspects can be added):

1. Introduction: Why do we study migration?
2. The Determinants of Migration: Why do people migrate?
3. Selection of Immigrants: Who Migrates?
4. Economic Assimilation: How do Migrants do?
5. Children of Immigrants: How Does the Second Generation do?
6. Effects of Immigration on the destination country
7. Effects of Immigration on the source country

Course Assessment:

- 1) Review report for one paper (40%): Each student has to write a 1.500 word review on one paper covering two parts:i) Summary of the paper ii) critical evaluation. The latter should cover the following questions: Are there problems with the methodology? How general/important are the findings? Do we learn something new that we did not know before? How could the paper be improved or extended?
- 2) Presentation in class or a second review paper (one of the two, registration for presentations in the first week, 40%): Presentations should address the same questions as the review paper. Length of presentation: 10-15 minutes. A one-page summary plus the slides need to be handed

in the evening before the presentation. The focus is on how you transmit those main points to your audience.

3) Participation in class

Deadlines:

- Application until March 15th, 2019 (with the form and a transcript of records)
- Withdrawal after April 29th, 2019 is not possible (or will be graded with a 5.0)
- Registration for a presentation instead of a review report: April 29th, 2019
- Submission of review reports: August 15th, 2019.

Schedule (including weakly readings)

(Preliminary, please check the updated schedule at the beginning of the semester. Changes in required readings will be announced at least one week in advance.)

Date & Topic	Readings
29 April 2019	<p>Organizational Introduction Why do we study migration? Required Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borjas, G. J. 2015. "Immigration and Globalization: A Review Essay." <i>Journal of Economic Literature</i> 53 (4): 961–74.
6 May 2019 Determinants of International Migration	<p>Basic Reading: Bansak, Simpson, and Zavodny (2015, ch. 2) Required Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayda, A. M. 2010. "International Migration: A Panel Data Analysis of the Determinants of Bilateral Flows." <i>Journal of Population Economics</i> 23 (4): 1249–74. <p>Potential Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adserà, A. and M. Pytliková. 2015. "The Role of Language in Shaping International Migration." <i>Economic Journal</i> 125 (586): F49–F81.
13 May 2019 Selection of Immigrants	<p>Basic Reading: Bansak, Simpson, and Zavodny (2015, ch. 4), Borjas (2014, ch. 1) Required Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grogger, J., and G. H. Hanson. 2011. "Income Maximization and the Selection and Sorting of International Migrants." <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> 95 (1): 42–57. <p>Potential Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beine, M. & Salomone, S. (2013). Network effects in international migration: education versus gender. <i>The Scandinavian Journal of Economics</i> 115, 354-380. • Bauernschuster, S., Falck, O., Heblich, S., Suedekum, J., & Lameli, A. (2014). Why are educated and risk-loving persons more mobile across regions?. <i>Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization</i>, 98, 56-69.
20 May 2019 Multilateral resistance to migration	<p>Required Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bertoli, S., & Moraga, J. F. H. (2013). Multilateral resistance to migration. <i>Journal of Development Economics</i>, 102, 79-100. <p>Potential Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bertoli, S., & Moraga, J. F. H. (2015). The size of the cliff at the border. <i>Regional Science and Urban Economics</i>, 51, 1-6
27 May 2019 Countries of Destination: Economic Assimilation	<p>Basic Reading: Borjas (2014, ch. 2), Bodvarsson and Van den Berg (2013, ch. 4.5), Bansak, Simpson, and Zavodny (2015, ch. 5) Required Reading:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abramitzky, R., L. P. Boustan, and K. Eriksson. 2014. "A Nation of Immigrants: Assimilation and Economic Outcomes in the Age of Mass Migration." <i>Journal of Political Economy</i> 122 (3): 467–506. <p>Potential Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aleksynska, M. (2011). Civic participation of immigrants in Europe: Assimilation, origin, and destination country effects. <i>European Journal of Political Economy</i>, 27(3), 566-585.
3 June 2019 Countries of Destination: Economic Integration	<p>Required Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edin, P.-A., Fredriksson, P. and Aslund, O. (2003). 'Ethnic enclaves and the economic success of immigrants – evidence from a natural experiment', <i>Quarterly Journal of Economics</i>, vol. 118(1), pp. 329–57 <p>Potential Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boeri, T., De Philippis, M., Patacchini, E., & Pellizzari, M. (2015). Immigration, housing discrimination and employment. <i>The Economic Journal</i>, 125(586), F82-F114.
10 June 2019	No class, Pentecost Break
17 June 2019 Children of Immigrants	<p>Basic Reading: Borjas (2014, ch. 9), Bodvarsson and Van den Berg (2013, ch. 5-7), Bansak, Simpson, and Zavodny (2015, ch. 7-8)</p> <p>Required Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blau, F. D., L. M. Kahn, A. Y.-H. Liu, and K. L. Papps. 2013. "The Transmission of Women's Fertility, Human Capital, and Work Orientation across Immigrant Generations." <i>Journal of Population Economics</i> 26 (2): 405–35 <p>Potential Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dustmann, C., T. Frattini, and G. Lanzara. 2012. "Educational Achievement of Second Generation Immigrants: An International Comparison." <i>Economic Policy</i> 27 (69): 143–85.
24 June 2019 Countries of Destination: Labor Market Effects	<p>Basic Reading: Borjas (2014, ch. 3-6), Bodvarsson and Van den Berg (2013, ch. 5-7), Bansak, Simpson, and Zavodny (2015, ch. 7-8)</p> <p>Required Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glitz, A. 2012. "The Labor Market Impact of Immigration: A Quasi-Experiment Exploiting Immigrant Location Rules in Germany." <i>Journal of Labor Economics</i> 30 (1): 175–213 <p>Potential Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ortega, F., & Peri, G. (2014). Openness and income: The roles of trade and migration. <i>Journal of International Economics</i>, 92(2), 231-251. Cortés, Patricia, and José Tessada. 2011. Low-skilled immigration and the labor supply of highly skilled women. <i>American Economic Journal: Applied Economics</i> 3, 88–123
1 July 2019 Immigration Policy	<p>Basic Reading: Bodvarsson and Van den Berg (2013, Introduction to Part III)</p> <p>Required Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facchini, G., & Steinhardt, M. F. (2011). What drives US immigration policy? Evidence from congressional roll call votes. <i>Journal of Public Economics</i>, 95(7-8), 734-743. <p>Potential Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halla, M., Wagner, A. F., & Zweimüller, J. (2017). Immigration and voting for the far right. <i>Journal of the European Economic Association</i>, 15(6), 1341-1385.
8 July 2019 Transfer of Norms	<p>Required Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Docquier, F., Lodigiani, E., Rapoport, H., & Schiff, M. (2015). Emigration and democracy. <i>Journal of Development Economics</i>, 120, 209-223.

	<p>Potential Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barsbai, T., Rapoport, H., Steinmayr, A., & Trebesch, C. (2017). The effect of labor migration on the diffusion of democracy: evidence from a former Soviet Republic. <i>American Economic Journal: Applied Economics</i>, 9(3), 36-69. • Bertoli, S. & Marchetta, F. (2015). Bringing it all back home-return migration and fertility choices. <i>World Development</i> 65, 27-40
<p>15 July 2019 Countries of Origin: Brain Drain and Brain Gain</p>	<p>Basic Reading: Bansak, Simpson, and Zavodny (2015, ch. 11), Bodvarsson and Van den Berg (2013, ch. 8)</p> <p>Required Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beine, M., Docquier, F., & Rapoport, H. (2008). Brain drain and human capital formation in developing countries: Winners and losers. <i>The Economic Journal</i>, 118(528), 631-652. <p>Potential Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bahar, D., & Rapoport, H. (2018). Migration, knowledge diffusion and the comparative advantage of nations. <i>The Economic Journal</i>
<p>22 July 2019 Countries of Origin: Remittances</p>	<p>Required Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Docquier, F., Rapoport, H., & Salomone, S. (2012). Remittances, migrants' education and immigration policy: Theory and evidence from bilateral data. <i>Regional Science and Urban Economics</i>, 42(5), 817-828 <p>Potential Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dustmann, C., & Mestres, J. (2010). Remittances and temporary migration. <i>Journal of Development Economics</i>, 92(1), 62-70 • Bollard, A., McKenzie, D., Morten, M., & Rapoport, H. (2011). Remittances and the brain drain revisited: The microdata show that more educated migrants remit more. <i>The World Bank Economic Review</i>, 25(1), 132-156.

Textbooks or articles for general preparation:

- Borjas, G. J. 2014. *Immigration Economics*. Harvard University Press.
- Bodvarsson, Ö. B. and H. Van den Berg. 2013. *The Economics of Immigration: Theory and Policy*. 2nd edition. Springer
- Borjas, G. J. 1994. The Economics of Immigration. *Journal of Economic Literature* 32 (4): 1667–1717.
- Dustmann, C., U. Schönberg, and J. Stuhler. 2016. The Impact of Immigration: Why Do Studies Reach Such Different Results? *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 30 (4): 31–56.
- Hanson, G. H. 2010. International Migration and the Developing World. In *Handbook of Development Economics*, edited by D. Rodrik and M. Rosenzweig, 5th ed., 5:4363–4414. Elsevier BV.

List of papers for review reports

- Determinants of International Migration
 - Belot, M. and S. Ederveen. 2011. "Cultural Barriers in Migration between OECD Countries." *Journal of Population Economics* 25 (3): 1077–1105.
 - Ruysen, I., & Salomone, S. (2018). Female migration: A way out of discrimination?. *Journal of Development Economics*, 130, 224-241.
 - Abbott, A., & Silles, M. (2016). Determinants of international student migration. *The World Economy*, 39(5), 621-635.
 - Dreher, A., Fuchs, A., & Langlotz, S. (2019). The effects of foreign aid on refugee flows. *European Economic Review*, 112, 127-147.
 - Cattaneo, C., & Peri, G. (2016). The migration response to increasing temperatures. *Journal of Development Economics*, 122, 127-146
 - De Giorgi, G., & Pellizzari, M. (2009). Welfare migration in Europe. *Labour Economics*, 16(4), 353-363
- Selection of Immigrants
 - Kaestner, R. and O. Malamud. 2014. "Self-Selection and International Migration: New Evidence from Mexico." *Review of Economics and Statistics* 96 (1): 78–91.
 - Abramitzky, R., L. P. Boustan, and K. Eriksson. 2012. "Europe's Tired, Poor, Huddled Masses: Self-Selection and Economic Outcomes in the Age of Mass Migration." *American Economic Review* 102 (5): 1832–56.
 - Gould, E. D. and O. Moav. 2016. "Does High Inequality Attract High Skilled Immigrants?" *Economic Journal* 126 (593): 1055–91.
 - Frédéric, D., Aysit, T., & Riccardo, T. (2018). Do emigrants self-select along cultural traits? Evidence from the MENA countries (No. P220). FERDI.
 - Nejad, M. N., & Young, A. T. (2016). Want freedom, will travel: Emigrant self-selection according to institutional quality. *European Journal of Political Economy*, 45, 71-84.
- Economic Assimilation
 - Cortes, K. E. 2004. "Are Refugees Different from Economic Immigrants? Some Empirical Evidence on the Heterogeneity of Immigrant Groups in the United States." *Review of Economics and Statistics* 86 (2): 465–80.
 - Antecol, H., P. Kuhn, and S. J. Trejo. 2006. "Assimilation via Prices or Quantities? Sources of Immigrant Earnings Growth in Australia, Canada, and the United States." *Journal of Human Resources* 41 (4): 821–40.
- Children of Immigrants
 - Böhlmark, A. 2008. "Age at Immigration and School Performance: A Siblings Analysis Using Swedish Register Data." *Labour Economics* 15 (6): 1366–87.
- Labor Market Effects of Immigration
 - Foged, M. and G. Peri. 2015. "Immigrants' Effect on Native Workers: New Analysis on Longitudinal Data." *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 8 (2): 1–34.
 - Dustmann, C., U. Schönberg, and J. Stuhler. 2017. "Labor Supply Shocks, Native Wages, and the Adjustment of Local Employment." *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 132 (1): 435–83.
 - Boustan, L. P., P. V. Fishback, and S. E. Kantor. 2010. "The Effect of Internal Migration on Local Labor Markets: American Cities During the Great Depression." *Journal of Labor Economics* 28 (4): 719–46.
 - Friedberg, R. M. 2001. "The Impact of Mass Migration on the Israeli Labor Market." *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 116 (4): 1373–1408.
 - Lewis, E. 2011. "Immigration, Skill Mix, and Capital Skill Complementarity." *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 126 (2): 1029–69.

- D'Amuri, F., G. I. P. Ottaviano, and G. Peri. 2010. "The Labor Market Impact of Immigration in Western Germany in the 1990s." *European Economic Review* 54 (4): 550–70
- Rocha, R., Ferraz, C., & Soares, R. R. (2017). Human capital persistence and development. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 9(4), 105-36.
- Other Effects in the Destination:
 - Akay, A., Constant, A., & Giuliatti, C. (2014). The impact of immigration on the well-being of natives. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 103, 72-92.
 - Giuntella, O., & Mazzonna, F. (2015). Do immigrants improve the health of natives?. *Journal of Health Economics*, 43, 140-153.
- The Perspective of Origin Countries
 - Docquier, F., Lodigiani, E., Rapoport, H., & Schiff, M. (2015). Emigration and democracy. *Journal of Development Economics*, 120, 209-223.
 - Bertoli, S. & Marchetta, F. (2015). Bringing it all back home-return migration and fertility choices. *World Development* 65, 27-40.
 - Le Goff, M., & Salomone, S. (2016). Remittances and the changing composition of migration. *The World Economy*, 39(4), 513-529.
 - Anelli, M., & Peri, G. (2017). Does emigration delay political change? Evidence from Italy during the great recession. *Economic Policy*, 32(91), 551-596.
 - Ivlevs, A., Nikolova, M., & Graham, C. (2019). Emigration, remittances, and the subjective well-being of those staying behind. *Journal of Population Economics*, 32(1), 113-151.
- Return migration
 - Bijwaard, G. E., Schluter, C., & Wahba, J. (2014). The impact of labor market dynamics on the return migration of immigrants. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 96(3), 483-494.
 - Dustmann, C., & Görlach, J. S. (2015). Selective out-migration and the estimation of immigrants' earnings profiles. In *Handbook of the Economics of International Migration* (Vol. 1, pp. 489-533). North-Holland
 - Bijwaard, G. E., & Van Doeselaar, S. (2014). The impact of changes in the marital status on return migration of family migrants. *Journal of Population Economics*, 27(4), 961-997.
 - Artuç, E., & Özden, Ç. (2018). "Transit Migration: All Roads Lead to America.". *Economic Journal*.