

Research Colloquium on Migration Empirics

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ECTS: 4/6

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

Sprache: englisch

TeilnehmerInnen: max. 16

Weekly Meetings: Monday, 16.15-17.45, online (Zoom or BigBlueButton)

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. Current research will be critically assessed. In every class, we will discuss one or two articles that will be announced the week before. Connected to the required readings, student's presentations on a related article will add another perspective. **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 and their Children do?
5. Effects of Immigration on the destination country
6. Effects of Immigration on the source country

Course Assessment:

- 1) Review report for one paper: 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: 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
- 4) For 6 ECTS: two review papers **and** one presentation. Modalities see above.

Deadlines:

- Application until April 5th, 2021 (with the form and a transcript of records)
- Withdrawal after April 19th, 2021 is not possible (or will be graded with a 5.0)
- Registration for a presentation: April 12th-20th, 2021
- Submission of review reports: August 30th, 2021.

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 |
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| <p>19 April 2021 Introduction: Organizational, Technical, and Thematic</p> | <p>Required Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dustmann, C., Schönberg, U., & Stuhler, J. (2016). The impact of immigration: Why do studies reach such different results?. <i>Journal of Economic Perspectives</i>, 30(4), 31-56. Please focus on page 31 to 36 <p>Please note: The required reading provides an overview and we will cover (some) of the empirical approaches at a later point. We will also read parts of the papers included in this review.</p> <p>For today's first meeting, please focus on the following questions while you read the paper:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is migration relevant? • What is the prevalent perspective in this paper? • What other perspectives can you think of? <p>Voluntary Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clemens, M. A. (2011). Economics and emigration: Trillion-dollar bills on the sidewalk?. <i>Journal of Economic Perspectives</i>, 25(3), 83-106. • Peri, G. (2016). Immigrants, productivity, and labor markets. <i>Journal of Economic Perspectives</i>, 30(4), 3-30. |
| <p>26 April 2021 Determinants of International Migration</p> | <p>Basic Reading: Bansak, Simpson, and Zavodny (2015, ch. 2)</p> <p>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 Presentations (register via ilias):</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. |
| <p>03 May 2021 Determinants of International Migration</p> | <p>Basic Reading: Bansak, Simpson, and Zavodny (2015, ch. 2)</p> <p>Required Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beine, M., Bourgeon, P., & Bricongne, J. C. (2019). Aggregate fluctuations and international migration. <i>The Scandinavian Journal of Economics</i>, 121(1), 117-152. <p>Potential Presentations (register via ilias):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruysen, I., & Salomone, S. (2018). Female migration: A way out of discrimination?. <i>Journal of Development Economics</i>, 130, 224-241. • Feigenberg, B. (2020). Fenced out: The impact of border construction on US-Mexico migration. <i>American Economic Journal: Applied Economics</i>, 12(3), 106-39. |
| <p>10 May 2021 Selection of Immigrants</p> | <p>Basic Reading: Bansak, Simpson, and Zavodny (2015, ch. 4), Borjas (2014, ch. 1)</p> <p>Required Reading:</p> |

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| | <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. |
| 17 May 2021 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 Feigenberg, B. (2020). Fenced out: The impact of border construction on US-Mexico migration. <i>American Economic Journal: Applied Economics</i>, 12(3), 106-39. |
| 24 May, 2021 No Class, Holiday | |
| 31 May 2021 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)</p> <p>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"> Gathmann, C., & Keller, N. (2018). Access to citizenship and the economic assimilation of immigrants. <i>The Economic Journal</i>, 128(616), 3141-3181. Boeri, T., De Philippis, M., Patacchini, E., & Pellizzari, M. (2015). Immigration, housing discrimination and employment. <i>The Economic Journal</i>, 125(586), F82-F114. |
| 7 June 2021 Countries of Destination: Economic Assimilation | <p>Required Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kuka, E., Shenhav, N. A., & Shih, K. (2020). Do human capital decisions respond to the returns to education? Evidence from DACA. <i>American Economic Journal: Economic Policy</i>, 12(1), 293-324. <p>Potential Presentation:</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 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 |
| 14 June 2021 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> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dustmann, C., U. Schönberg, and J. Stuhler. 2017. "Labor Supply Shocks, Native Wages, and the Adjustment of Local Employment." <i>Quarterly Journal of Economics</i> 132 (1): 435–83. <p>Potential Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 |
| 21 June 2021 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"> Piopiunik, M., & Ruhose, J. (2017). Immigration, regional conditions, and crime: Evidence from an allocation policy in Germany. <i>European Economic Review</i>, 92, 258-282. |
| 28 June 2021 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"> Rayp, G., Ruysen, I., & Standaert, S. (2017). Measuring and explaining cross-country immigration policies. <i>World Development</i>, 95, 141-163. <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. Dustmann, C., Vasiljeva, K., & Piil Damm, A. (2019). Refugee migration and electoral outcomes. <i>The Review of Economic Studies</i>, 86(5), 2035-2091. |
| 5 July 2021 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 |
| 12 July 2021 Countries of Origin: Brain Drain and Brain Gain | <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"> 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 |

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| | <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>• Parsons, Christopher, and Pierre-Louis Vézina. "Migrant networks and trade: The Vietnamese boat people as a natural experiment." <i>The Economic Journal</i> 128.612 (2018): F210-F234. |
| 19 July 2021 Closing discussion | |

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

Please consider the following list of papers for your review report.

The papers should be available via the Universities' access. You can get there by using the libraries catalog and/or by using a VPN client and/or using institutional access (with your university account) on the journals' websites. If you have trouble finding an article, please contact me.

There is no need to register for a paper. Several students may submit reviews on the same paper. Of course, every review needs to be written alone. Joint work is not allowed

- 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.
 - Abbott, A., & Silles, M. (2016). Determinants of international student migration. *The World Economy*, 39(5), 621-635.
 - Cattaneo, C., & Peri, G. (2016). The migration response to increasing temperatures. *Journal of Development Economics*, 122, 127-146
 - Gröger, A., & Zylberberg, Y. (2016). Internal labor migration as a shock coping strategy: Evidence from a typhoon. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 8(2), 123-53
 - Dustmann, C., & Okatenko, A. (2014). Out-migration, wealth constraints, and the quality of local amenities. *Journal of Development Economics*, 110, 52-63.
 - Cooray, A., & Schneider, F. (2016). Does corruption promote emigration? An empirical examination. *Journal of Population Economics*, 29(1), 293-310.
- 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.
 - Docquier, F., Tansel, A., & Turati, R. (2017). Do emigrants self-select along cultural traits? Evidence from the MENA countries. *International Migration Review*, 0197918319849011.
 - 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.
 - Gould, E. D. and O. Moav. 2016. "Does High Inequality Attract High Skilled Immigrants?" *Economic Journal* 126 (593): 1055–91.
 - Munshi, K., & Rosenzweig, M. (2016). Networks and misallocation: Insurance, migration, and the rural-urban wage gap. *American Economic Review*, 106(1), 46-98.
- 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.
- Aleksynska, M. (2011). Civic participation of immigrants in Europe: Assimilation, origin, and destination country effects. *European Journal of Political Economy*, 27(3), 566-585.
- Furtado, D., & Theodoropoulos, N. (2009). I'll marry you if you get me a job: Marital assimilation and immigrant employment rates. *International Journal of Manpower*, 30(1-2), 116-126.
- 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.
 - 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.
 - Rocha, R., Ferraz, C., & Soares, R. R. (2017). Human capital persistence and development. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 9(4), 105-36.
 - Ortega, F., & Peri, G. (2014). Openness and income: The roles of trade and migration. *Journal of International Economics*, 92(2), 231-251.
- Other Effects in the Destination:
 - Akay, A., Constant, A., & Giulietti, 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.
 - Poutvaara, P., & Steinhardt, M. F. (2018). Bitterness in life and attitudes towards immigration. *European Journal of Political Economy*, 55, 471-490.
 - Bove, V., & Böhmelt, T. (2016). Does immigration induce terrorism?. *The Journal of Politics*, 78(2), 572-588.
 - Preston, I. (2014). The effect of immigration on public finances. *The Economic Journal*, 124(580), F569-F592.
- 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.

- Anelli, M., & Peri, G. (2017). Does emigration delay political change? Evidence from Italy during the great recession. *Economic Policy*, 32(91), 551-596.
- Berlinschi, R., Schokkaert, J., & Swinnen, J. (2013). When drains and gains coincide: Migration and international football performance. *Labour Economics*, 21, 1-14.

Conditional on the last session's topic, some of the following may also be available.

- 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*.
- Remittances
 - Docquier, F., Rapoport, H., & Salomone, S. (2012). Remittances, migrants' education and immigration policy: Theory and evidence from bilateral data. *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 42(5), 817-828
 - Dustmann, C., & Mestres, J. (2010). Remittances and temporary migration. *Journal of Development Economics*, 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. *The World Bank Economic Review*, 25(1), 132-156.
 - 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.
 - Le Goff, M., & Salomone, S. (2016). Remittances and the changing composition of migration. *The World Economy*, 39(4), 513-529.
 - Amuedo-Dorantes, C., & Pozo, S. (2010). Accounting for remittance and migration effects on children's schooling. *World Development*, 38(12), 1747-1759.
 - Bucheli, J. R., Bohara, A. K., & Fontenla, M. (2018). Mixed effects of remittances on child education. *IZA Journal of Development and Migration*, 8(1), 10.
- Refugee migration
 - Dreher, A., Fuchs, A., & Langlotz, S. (2019). The effects of foreign aid on refugee flows. *European Economic Review*, 112, 127-147.
 - Echevarria, J., & Gardeazabal, J. (2016). Refugee gravitation. *Public Choice*, 169(3-4), 269-292.

- Lundborg, P. (2013). Refugees' Employment Integration in Sweden: Cultural Distance and Labor Market Performance. *Review of International Economics*, 21(2), 219-232.
- Dustmann, C., Fasani, F., & Speciale, B. (2017). Illegal migration and consumption behavior of immigrant households. *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 15(3), 654-691.
- Family migration
 - Munk, M., Nikolka, T., & Poutvaara, P. (2017). International Family Migration and the Dual-Earner Model.
 - Foged, M. (2016). Family migration and relative earnings potentials. *Labour Economics*, 42, 87-100.

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