

Syllabus

Aim and Outline of the Course

Migration has become a key issue in the political and public debate all over the world. Henceforth, economists increasingly engaged in studying determinants and consequences of migration and its substantial impact on receiving and sending countries. This course will provide an introduction into basic theoretical and empirical concepts of immigration economics and will consist of a lecture and a seminar.

The lecture will be roughly distinguished into two parts. The first part will show causes and consequences of immigration for the receiving countries and its population. This part includes topics on expected selection of immigrants and overall effects for the receiving countries. A special focus lies on the employment and wage effects for the native population. Additionally, students will learn about the effects of immigration in the sphere of political economy.

The second part will emphasize the effects on the sending countries and the effects of migration on the immigrants themselves. Further discussions include the integration of immigrants and their offspring in the receiving countries. This part of the course will give also insights into migration policies, from restrictions and controls of immigration flows to successful integration.

During the seminar 1-2 papers related to the topic of the previous lecture will be discussed together in class in order to familiarize students with the scientific approach of the scholars in this field. It is expected that the students will read these papers before the seminar in order to be able to participate in the discussion. The papers will be provided weekly on WueCampus. Furthermore, the seminar gives the students the opportunity in the second half of the semester to present their term papers and to receive feedback.

At the end of the course students are familiar with the basic theoretical and empirical concepts in the area of the economics of migration. A special focus will be on the understanding of the identification of causal effects and the ability to connect links between the different areas of this broad topic. The course offers also the opportunity to develop their own ideas related to migration economics and present these to the class and write a term paper.

Prerequisites

Students should be familiar with basic microeconomics and econometrics.

Literature

The course will be based mostly on well-published scientific papers (they will be made available via Wue Campus). For an overview of the topic please refer to the following books:

- Bodvarsson, Ö.B. and Van den Berg, H.; *The Economics of Immigration: Theory and Policy*, 2013, 2nd Edition, Springer
- Borjas, G.J.; *Immigration Economics*, 2014, Harvard University Press
- Glitz, A. and Dustmann, C.; *Migration and Education*, *Handbook of Educational Economics*, Volume 4, 2011, Hanushek, Machin, and Wößmann (ed.), North Holland

Lecture notes will be provided additionally.

Grading

Grading will be based on a presentation (30% of the grade) and a term paper (70% of the grade) on a selected topic in migration economics.

Dates

The course will take place on Wednesday 2:15-3.45 pm in HS 124 and Thursday 10:15-11:45 am in Brose-HS.