

First Meeting of "Transnationality of Migrants" (Marie Curie Research Training Network)

Riga, 26-27 October 2007

The meeting is generously hosted by the University of Latvia

Preliminary Programme

Friday, October 26

Session One

09:00 – 09:10

Welcome

09:10 – 10:00

Democracy and Foreign Education

* Antonio Spilimbergo (IMF and CEPR)

10:00 – 10:50

Do interest groups affect immigration?

Giovanni Facchini (University of Illinois, Università degli Studi di Milano and CEPR)

* Anna Maria Mayda (Georgetown University, Università degli Studi di Milano and CEPR)

P. Mishra

10:50 – 11:10

Coffee break

Session Two

11:10 – 12:00

The pro-trade effect of immigrants: evidence from French regions

*A. Bryant

Pierre-Philippe Combes (GREQAM, Paris Jourdan Sciences Economiques and Université d'Aix-Marseille)

Miren Lafourcade (Université d'Evry and Paris Jourdan Sciences Economiques)

12:00 – 12:50

The Brain Drain, Trade and FDI

*Jaime de Melo (Université de Genève and CEPR)

Tom.Ivlevs (University of Nottingham)

12:50 – 13:40

Lunch

Session Three

- 13:40 – 14:30** **International migration and gender differentials in the local labor market: Evidence from Albania.**
Gero Carletto (The World Bank)
* Mariapia Mendola (Università Bicocca)
- 14:30 – 15:20** **Determinants of individual attitudes towards immigration: the role of trust.**
Florence Miguet (Université de Genève)
*Tobias Mueller (Université de Geneve)
- 15:20 – 15:40** Coffee break

Session Four

- 15:40 – 16:30** **An analysis of the Romanian transnational migration to Spain through family stories**
* Oana Ciobanu (University of Edinburgh)
- 16:30 – 17:20** **Living together apart: Post accession Polish migration to the UK and the culture of family separation**

* Samantha Currie (University of Liverpool)
- 17:20 – 18:10** **EU enlargement effects on migration trends in the new member states with focus on Latvia.**
*Roswitha King (University of Latvia)
Tatjana Muravska (University of Latvia)
- 18:10 – 19:10** **Meeting of the steering committee**
- 20:00 Dinner

Saturday, October 27

Session Five

- 09:00 – 09:50** **Immigrant selection in the OECD**
Michèle Belot (University of Essex)
*Timothy Hatton (University of Essex and CEPR)
- 09:50 – 10:40** **Self selection and the rationality of return migration: The case of South East Europe**
G. Epstein (which G.Epsein?)
*Dragos Radu (Hamburg Institute of International Economics)
- 10:40 - 11:00** Coffee break

Session Six

11:00 – 11:50 **The Brain Drain and the World Distribution of Income and Population**
*Andrew Mountford (Royal Holloway, University College)
Hillel Rapoport (Bar-Ilan University, CADRE, Université de Lille 2, and CReAM,
University College London)

11:50 – 12:40 **Are foreign migrants more assimilated than native ones?**
Riccardo Faini (Formerly of Università di Roma Tor Vergata)
Alessandra Venturini (Università degli Studi di Torino)
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12:40 – 13:30 Lunch

Session Seven

13:30 – 13:55 **Diaspora externalities and technology diffusion**
*Elisabetta Lodigiani (UCL and Università degli Studi di Milano)

13:55 – 14:20 **Erring on the side of excessive optimism? The impact of remittances on poverty in Ecuador**
* Simone Bertoli (Universita' degli Studi di Firenze)

14.20 – 14.45 **Attitudes towards immigration: Does the regional birth rate matter?**
* Artjoms Ivlevs (University of Nottingham)

14:45 – 15:10 **Ukrainian and Romanian care workers in Italy: Two different Migration models and strategies**
*E Petrillo

15:10 – 15:30 Coffee break

Session Eight

15:30 – 16:20 **Skilled migration, FDI and human capital investment**
*Daniele Checchi (Università degli Studi di Milano)
Gianfranco de Simone (Università di Milano)
Riccardo Faini (Formerly of Università di Roma Tor Vergata)

16:20 – 17:10 **Does migration trigger human capital investment**
*H. Bruecker (Institute for Employment Research)
C Defoort (University of Lille and University of Louvain la Neuve)
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17:10 - 18:00 **Remittances and public spending on education**
Christian Dustmann (University College London and CEPR)
* Biagio Speciale (University College London and Université Libre de Bruxelles)

18:00 **Dinner**