ELEVENTH SUMMER SCHOOL
IN INTERNATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

Cities, Productivity and Migration

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Syllabus

The school intends to provide an intensive training course for graduate students and young researchers who are working in the fields of international economics, economic geography, and development. This year it will focus on the role of cities as engines of productivity growth and human capital accumulation in the global economy. Topics covered will include the productivity advantages of big cities and their sources, urban growth and sprawl, and the pros and cons of immigration and urban diversity.

1. The productive advantages of cities


2. Urban congestion and housing


3. Urban systems and city formation


4. The motives for agglomeration: what generates aggregate increasing returns?


5. Sprawl and suburbanization: causes and consequences


6. The distribution of city sizes and urban growth


7. Labor mobility, vertical linkages and productivity


8. Immigration, cultural diversity and productivity


9. Immigration, offshoring and productivity