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This workshop is public and free. For organizational reasons, we ask you to send an email to marco.pecoraro@unine.ch if you want to join us.

This workshop is part of the IMISCOE research initiative on highly-skilled migrants and brain waste.

Abstract

Highly-skilled migration and the international mobility of talent is a major issue in a globalized world. It has important implications for source and destination countries. Most studies in the literature focus on the economic evaluation of gains and losses due to the *brain drain* (human capital emigration) from developing to developed countries. But recent research has increasingly emphasized alternative strands of the literature.

One of them is the phenomenon of *brain waste* according to which migrant workers underutilize their education and skills in the host labor market. This in turn relates to the issue of whether migration constitutes a way to achieve intergenerational social mobility. Another topic of interest refers to the host labor market effects of immigration. While the majority of this literature focuses on immigrants of all skills, a few studies emphasize the impact of the highly-skilled immigrants on wages or employment of natives. In parallel, a growing number of studies have stressed the role of skilled migration in generating benefits for destination countries. Finally, a new trend in the literature analyzes the effects of high-skilled immigration taking the perspective of firms.

In this context, this workshop on the highly-skilled migration aims at assembling the best and most recent contributions of empirical research active in the fields of economics, sociology and demography to discuss approaches across research teams' disciplinary boundaries and benefit from cross-fertilization.

Monday, 29 May 2017 | University of Geneva, Uni Mail, Bd du Pont-d'Arve 40, Room M1193

11:15 | Registration and Lunch

Panel #1 | **The Labor Mobility of the Highly-Skilled Migrants**
Organizers: Marco Pecoraro and Philippe Wanner, nccr – on the move

13:00
The Gain from the Drain – Skill-Biased Migration and Global Welfare
Joël Machado University of Luxembourg

13:45
Natives and Migrants in Home Production: The Case of Germany
Elisabetta Lodigiani University of Padua

14:30 | Coffee Break

15:00
Let's Be Selective about Migrant Self-Selection
Costanza Biavaschi University of Reading

15:45
Occupational Mismatch, Wage up/Downgrading and Immigrants' Emigration Decision
Marco Pecoraro nccr – on the move and University of Neuchatel

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16:30|Coffee Break

Public Lecture
17:30
The Role of Fees in Foreign Education: Evidence From Italy and the United Kingdom
Michel Beine University of Luxembourg

20:30|Workshop Dinner (invited speakers)

Tuesday, 30 May 2017|University of Geneva, Uni Mail, Bd du Pont-d'Arve 40, Room M1170

Panel #2|**The Impact of Migration on Intergenerational Social Mobility**
Organizer: Julie Falcon, NCCR LIVES

09:00
Who They Were There: Immigrants' Pre-Migration Social Position and Its Intergenerational Effects
Mathieu Ichou Institut National d'Etudes Démographiques Paris

09:45
Spatial Integration of Ethnic Minorities in England and Wales: Exploring the Role of Education and Social Class on Neighborhood Attainment
Carolina Zuccotti University of Brighton

10:30|Coffee Break

11:00
The Occupational Attainment of 1.5 Generation Immigrants in Spain. Is the Ethnic Disadvantage Decreasing?
Jacobo Muñoz Comet Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia Madrid

11:45
The Intergenerational Social Mobility of Migrants in France and Switzerland: A First Investigation
Julie Falcon NCCR LIVES and University of Lausanne

12:30|Lunch Break

Panel #3|**High-Skilled Migrants and Firms**
Organizers: Andrea Ariu and Tobias Müller, nccr – on the move

13:30
Which Factors Drive the Skill-Mix of Immigrants in the Long Run?
Andreas Beerli KOF Swiss Economic Institute

14:15
Immigration and Firms' Productivity: Evidence from France
Gianluca Orefice CEPII Paris

15:00|Coffee Break

15:30
Foreign Employment Flexibility and Productivity
Léa Marchal Kiel Institute for the World Economy

16:15
A Firm Perspective on Immigration
Andrea Ariu, Tuan Nguyen nccr – on the move and University of Geneva

17:00
Discussion and Conclusion