

Core Course #6: Migration and Social Inequalities

This Core Course is part of the third block of the Doctoral Program of the nccr – on the move (Module-related introduction to theories and concepts) and is organized by module one, with support from the Network Office, in combination with the Research Day on Migration and Social Inequalities.

General Description

The objective of this course is to understand applications of the migration-mobility nexus in relation to trade and the labor market, with a particular focus on measurement and implementation. Uniting different disciplines, we discuss how to improve research by learning from each other. Four inputs provide the theoretical basis and key concepts, which will then be discussed in relation to measurement and analysis.

Requirements

Doctoral Students are expected to read the compulsory texts since they will be discussed during the course. The compulsory readings (pdf) can be downloaded here:

<https://drive.switch.ch/index.php/s/LmAk4vRNCxJCaYF>

Date and Place

The course takes place on Thursday 12 December 2019 at the University of Neuchâtel, Rue Abram-Louis-Breguet 2, Room 2.310.

Timetable of the Course

10:15 - 10:30	Welcome and coffee
10:30 - 11:15	The Migration-Mobility Nexus in Trade <i>Input by Sandra Lavenex, University of Geneva</i>
11:15 - 12:00	The Migration-Mobility Nexus and the Labor Market <i>Input by Eva Van Belle, University of Neuchâtel</i>
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch break
13:00 - 14:15	Migration Policy Data across Time and Space: Measurement, Analysis, and the Migration-Mobility Nexus (Part I) <i>Input by Philipp Lutz, University of Geneva</i>
14:15 - 15:00	Migration Policy Data across Time and Space: Measurement, Analysis, and the Migration-Mobility Nexus (Part II) <i>Input by Carlo Knotz, University of Lausanne</i>
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 - 16:00	Reactions: What I've Learned from You <i>Moderation: Didier Ruedin, University of Neuchâtel</i>
16:00 – 18:00	Module meeting

The Migration-Mobility Nexus in Trade

Sandra Lavenex, University of Geneva

Abstract

The nexus between trade and migration has usually been studied in an economic perspective in terms of how trade affects migration flows, and vice-versa. Yet trade and migration have also been increasingly connected at the level of policies. On the one hand, provisions on labor mobility have entered trade agreements, on the other hand, trade policy instruments have increasingly been used to tackle migration policy goals. This session introduces the trade-migration policy nexus as a new field of interdisciplinary research by focusing on its dynamics and challenges for international and national policy-making.

Compulsory Readings

Dawson, Laura Ritchie. 2013. "Labour Mobility and the WTO: the Limits of GATS Mode 4", *International Migration*, 51 (1): 1-23.

Jurje, Flavia, Lavenex, Sandra. 2019. "The Trade-Migration Nexus from a Multilevel Perspective", in Manfred Elsig, Michael Hahn and Gabriele Spilker (eds.), *The Shifting Landscape of Global Trade Governance*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Additional Readings

Jurje, Flavia, Lavenex, Sandra. 2014. "Trade Agreements as Venues for "Market Power Europe? The case of immigration policy." *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 52 (2): 320-336.

Lavenex, Sandra. 2006. "The Competition State and the Multilateral Liberalization of Skilled Migration," In: M. P. Smith and A. Favell (Eds.), *The Human Face of Global Mobility, International Highly Skilled Migration in Europe, North America and the Asia-Pacific*. New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers.

Lavenex, Sandra, Jurje, Flavia. 2019. Opening-up labour mobility? Rising powers' rule-making in trade agreements, *Regulation & Governance*: <https://doi.org/10.1111/rego.12271>.

Panizzon, Marion. 2010. "Trade and labor migration, GATS Mode 4 and migration agreements," *Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Dialogue on Globalization Occasional Paper*, N 47, Geneva.

Tans, Simon. 2015. *Service Provision and Migration, EU and WTO Service Trade Liberalization and Their Impact on Dutch and UK Immigration Rules*. Dissertation, Enschede: Ipskamp Drukkers.

Trachtman, Joel P. 2009. *The International Law of Economic Migration: Toward the Fourth Freedom*. W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, Kalamazoo, MI.

The Migration-Mobility Nexus and the Labor Market

Eva Van Belle, University of Neuchâtel

Abstract

This session provides an overview of the relationship between migration and the labor market from the perspective of the origin country, the destination country and the migrant him/herself. Special attention will be given to the migrant's perspective, and more specifically to labor market discrimination. We will review some concepts related to labor market discrimination and the state of the literature. We will, for example, discuss the difference between discrimination and disadvantage. We will then debate the methodological consequences of this distinction. The session will include a small exercise with the objective to think about how the issues discussed in the session apply to each participant's own research (no preparation needed).

Compulsory Reading

Blank, Rebecca. 2005. "Tracing the Economic Impact of Cumulative Discrimination." *American Economic Review*, 95 (2): 99-103.

Guryan, Jonathan, Charles, Kerwin K. 2013. "Taste-based or Statistical Discrimination: The Economics of Discrimination Returns to its Roots." *The Economic Journal*, 123 (572): F417-F432.

Additional Readings

Beine, Michel, Docquier, Frederic, Rapoport, Hillel. 2001. "Brain Drain and Economic Growth: Theory and Evidence." *Journal of Development Economics*, 64 (1): 275-289.

Bertrand, Marianne, Dolly Chugh, and Sendhil Mullainathan. 2005. "Implicit Discrimination." *American Economic Review*, 95 (2): 94-98.

Bertrand, Marianne, Mullainathan, Sendhil. 2004. "Are Emily and Greg More Employable than Lakisha and Jamal? A Field Experiment on Labor Market Discrimination." *American Economic Review*, 94 (4): 991-1013.

Christian Dustmann, Albrecht Glitz, Tommaso Frattini. 2008. "The Labour Market Impact of Immigration." *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, 24 (3): 477-494.

Visintin, Stefano, Tijdens, Kea, and van Klaveren, Maarten. 2015. "Skill Mismatch Among Migrant Workers: Evidence from a Large Multi-country Dataset." *IZA Journal of Migration*, 4 (1): 14.

Wallander, Lisa. 2009. "25 Years of Factorial Surveys in Sociology: A Review." *Social science research*, 38 (3): 505-520.

Zschirnt, Eva, and Ruedin, Didier. 2016. "Ethnic Discrimination in Hiring Decisions: A Meta-Analysis of Correspondence Tests 1990–2015." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 42 (7): 1115-1134.

Migration Policy Data across Time and Space: Measurement, Analysis, and the Migration-Mobility Nexus (Part I)

Philipp Lutz, University of Geneva

Abstract

Researchers and policymakers need reliable and valid data to understand policies on migration and to study their causes and effects. This session aims at discussing the conceptual and theoretical challenges in the measurement of such policies across time and space. Participants will gain an overview of the most important policy data sets that were developed over recent years (e.g. IMPIC, DEMIG, MIPEX) and learn about their purpose, design and coverage.

Compulsory Readings

Bjerre, Liv, Helbling, Marc, Römer, Friederike, Zobel, Malisa. 2015. "Conceptualizing and Measuring Immigration Policies: A Comparative Perspective", *International Migration Review*, 49 (3): 556-600.

Helbling, Marc and Kalkum, Dorina. 2018. "Migration Policy Trends in OECD countries." *Journal of European Public Policy*, 25 (12): 1779-1797.

Additional Readings

Scipioni, Marco and Urso, Giuliana. 2017. *Migration Policy Indexes*. JRS Technical Report, European Commission.

Migration Policy Data across Time and Space: Measurement, Analysis, and the Migration-Mobility Nexus (Part II)

Carlo Knotz, University of Lausanne

Abstract

Migration policy data usually consist of observations of countries over time and hence fall into the realm of ‘time series cross-section’ (TSCS) data. The complex two-dimensional nature of this type of data makes statistical analysis difficult. Researchers wishing to perform statistical analyses on these data have to navigate a series of estimation problems and need to carefully think about their model specification. This session provides an overview of the main challenges connected to TSCS analysis and introduces solutions developed in recent methodological scholarship. The focus of the course will be on providing an understanding of what different model specifications do to the data and how to select a specification that is suitable for the question at hand.

Compulsory Readings

Beck, Nathaniel. 2001. “Time-series-cross-section Data: What Have We Learned in the Past Few Years?” *Annual Review of Political Science*, 4: 271–293.

Wilson, Sven E. and Butler, Daniel M. 2007. A Lot More to Do: The Sensitivity of Time-series cross-section analyses to simple alternative specifications. *Political Analysis*, 15 (2):101–123.

Additional Readings

Beck, Nathaniel. 2008. “Time-series Cross-section Methods.” In Box-Steffensmeier, J. M., Brady, H. E., and Collier, D., editors, *The Oxford Handbook of Political Methodology*, 475–93. Oxford University Press, Oxford.

Beck, Nathaniel. 2011. “Of Fixed-effects and Time-invariant Variables.” *Political Analysis*, 19 (2): 119–22.

Beck, Nathaniel, Gleditsch, Kristian S., and Beardsley, Kayle. 2006. “Space is More than Geography: Using Spatial Econometrics in the Study of Political Economy.” *International Studies Quarterly*, 50 (1): 27–44.

Beck, Nathaniel. and Katz, Jonathan N. 1995. “What to Do (And Not to Do) with Time-series Cross-section Data”. *American Political Science Review*, 89 (3): 634–647.

Beck, Nathaniel. and Katz, Jonathan N. 1996. “Nuisance vs. Substance: Specifying and Estimating Time-series-cross-section Models.” *Political Analysis*, 6 (1): 1–36.

Beck, Nathaniel. and Katz, Jonathan N. (2011). “Modeling Dynamics in Time-series Cross-section Political Data.” *Annual Review of Political Science*, 14: 331–352.

- Beck, Nathaniel., Katz, Jonathan N., and Tucker, Richard. 1998. "Taking Time Seriously: Time-series-cross- section Analysis with a Binary Dependent Variable." *American Journal of Political Science*, 42 (4): 1260–88.
- De Boef, Suzanna and Keele, Luke 2008. "Taking time seriously." *American Journal of Political Science*, 52 (1): 184–200.
- Honaker, James and King, Gary 2010. "What to Do About Missing Values in Time-series Cross-section Data." *American Journal of Political Science*, 54 (2): 561–81.
- Jones, Bradford S. and Branton, Regina P. 2005. "Beyond Logit and Probit: Cox Duration Models of Single, Repeating, and Competing Events for State Policy Adoption." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, 5 (4): 420–443.
- Kittel, Bernhard 1999. "Sense and Sensitivity in Pooled Analysis of Political Data." *European Journal of Political Research*, 35 (2): 225–253.
- Kittel, Bernhard and Winner, Hannes. 2005. "How Reliable is Pooled Analysis in Political Economy? The Globalization-welfare State Nexus Revisited." *European Journal of Political Research*, 44(2): 269– 293.
- Plümper, Thomas, Troeger, Vera E., and Manow, Philip. (2005). "Panel Data Analysis in Comparative Politics: Linking Method to Theory." *European Journal of Political Research*, 44 (2): 327–254.
- Stimson, James A. 1985. "Regression in Space and Time: A Statistical Essay." *American Journal of Political Science*, 29 (4): 914–947.
- Williams, Laron K. and Whitten, Guy D. (2012). "But Wait, There's More! Maximizing Substantive Inferences from TSCS Models." *The Journal of Politics*, 74 (3): 685–693.