INTERNATIONAL LABOUR MIGRATION  
(International Labour Mobility)  
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Lecture; 15 hours  
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Course objectives  
The aim of the course is to present and discuss a broad range of issues related to international labour migration. Migration is one of the most prominent traits of contemporary world as it was clearly indicated by the term ‘age of migration’. All regions of the world experience massive flows of different kind – from settlement migration and labour mobility through transit migration to forced migration of asylum seekers and refugees. Immigrants have become a structural component of modern societies, especially in more developed countries, and are a subject of interest on various scientific disciplines (economics, sociology, political sciences). During the course an emphasis will be put on the economic discourse on international labour mobility.

Course description  
The course consists of a series of lectures, self-study of the literature and presentations to be prepared individually and presented during the last lecture.  
In the first part of the course basic concepts related to migration will be presented. Specifically the distinction between migration and mobility will be discussed extensively. Additionally, most important migration systems will be presented to give an overview of contemporary migration processes. In the second part, the emphasis will be put on the causal factors of international mobility. Different approaches will be presented and discussed extensively (economic, sociological and political one) which attempt to explain migratory behaviour on various levels of aggregation. Special attention will be paid to economic approaches, as they are the most advanced and influential among contemporary migration theories. In the next part, the effects of migration will be a subject of interest. On one hand a link between mobility and development will be analysed, i.e. a question on the importance of labour migration for sending communities will be asked. Next, selected issues related to the presence of immigrants in receiving societies will be covered, with special emphasis on the labour market integration patterns and mechanisms.

Detailed outline  
Lecture 1. Migration and mobility – basic concepts  
Additional readings:  

Lecture 2. Basic facts on migration and mobility: main migration systems, trends and features of contemporary labour mobility  
Additional readings:  
Lecture 3. The economic theory and migration – the neoclassical approach
**Additional readings:**

Lecture 4. A structural approach to migration and mobility: world systems theory and the dual labour market theory
**Additional readings:**

Lecture 5. Migration decision-making – microeconomic approach to labour mobility (human capital theory, the New Economic of Labor Migration)
**Additional readings:**

Lecture 6. Migration as a socio-economic process
**Additional readings:**

Lecture 7. Consequences of labour mobility for sending communities and countries – micro and macro effects
**Additional readings:**
Lecture 8. Consequences of labour migration for receiving societies - migration and contemporary welfare state

Additional readings:

Required readings

Prerequisites
- Prior basic knowledge in economics (labour economics, international trade theory, microeconomics) would be helpful but is not necessary.

Assessment
- Preparation of a presentation.
- Written essay-type exam.
Grading: presentation $\rightarrow$ 50%; exam $\rightarrow$ 50%.