

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:

Malmberg G. (2001). Time and space in International Migration, in: Hammar T., Brochmann G., Tamas K. and T. Faist (eds.) *International Migration, Immobility and Development. Multidisciplinary Perspectives*. Oxford / New York: Berg

UN (1998). *Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration. Revision 1*. New York: United Nations.

Lecture 2. Basic facts on migration and mobility: main migration systems, trends and features of contemporary labour mobility

Additional readings:

Massey D., Arango J., Hugo G., Kouaouchi A., Pellegrino A. and J.E. Taylor (2005). *Worlds in Motion. Understanding International Migration at the End of the Millenium*. Oxford: Clarendon Press.

OECD (various years). *Trends in International Migration. SOPEMI Report*. Paris: OECD.

Lecture 3. The economic theory and migration – the neoclassical approach

Additional readings:

- Layard R., Blanchard O., Dornbusch R., Krugman P. (1992). *East-West Migration: The Alternatives*. Cambridge Mass.: The MIT Press.
- Hammar T., Brochmann G., Tamas K. and T. Faist (eds.) *International Migration, Immobility and Development. Multidisciplinary Perspectives*. Oxford / New York: Berg.
- Mundell, R. (1957). International Trade and Factor Mobility, *American Economic Review* 47.
- Samuelson, P. (1948). International Trade and the Equalisation of Factor Prices, *Economic Journal*.

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

Additional readings:

- Piore M.J. (1979). *Birds of Passage. Migrant Labor and Industrial Societies*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Piore M.J. (1986). The Shifting Grounds for Immigration, *The Annals of the American Academy* 485.
- Waldinger R. (1994). The Making of an Immigrant Niche, *International Migration Review* 27(1).
- Wallerstein I. (1997). *The capitalist world–economy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

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

Additional readings:

- Mincer J. (1978). Family Migration Decisions, *Journal of Political Economy* 86.
- Sjaastad L.A. (1962). The costs and returns of human migration, *Journal of Political Economy* 70.
- Stark O. (1991). *The Migration of Labor*. Cambridge: Basil Blackwell.
- Stark O., Taylor E.J. (1991). Migration Incentives, Migration Types: The Role of Relative Deprivation, *The Economic Journal* 101.

Lecture 6. Migration as a socio-economic process

Additional readings:

- Guilmoto Ch., Sandron F. (2001). The Internal Dynamics of Migration Networks in Developing Countries, *Population: An English Selection* 13.
- Hammar T., Brochmann G., Tamas K. and T. Faist (eds.) *International Migration, Immobility and Development. Multidisciplinary Perspectives*. Oxford / New York: Berg.
- Massey D. (1999). Why Does Migration Occur? A Theoretical Synthesis, in: Hirschman, Ch., Kasinitz, P., DeWind, J. (eds.), *The Handbook of International Migration: The American Experience*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

Lecture 7. Consequences of labour mobility for sending communities and countries – micro and macro effects

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- Hammar T., Brochmann G., Tamas K. and T. Faist (eds.) *International Migration, Immobility and Development. Multidisciplinary Perspectives*. Oxford / New York: Berg.
- Massey D., Arango J., Hugo G., Kouaouchi A., Pellegrino A. and J.E. Taylor (2005). *Worlds in Motion. Understanding International Migration at the End of the Millenium*. Oxford: Clarendon Press.
- Stark O. (1991). *The Migration of Labor*, Cambridge: Basil Blackwell.

Lecture 8. Consequences of labour migration for receiving societies - migration and contemporary welfare state

Additional readings:

Borjas G. (1991). Immigrant Participation in the Welfare System, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review* 44 (2).

OECD (various years). *Trends in International Migration. SOPEMI Report*. Paris: OECD.

Straubhaar T. (1992). Allocational and Distributional Aspects of Future Immigration to Western Europe, *International Migration Review* 26 (2).

Süssmuth R., Weidenfeld W. (eds.) (2004). *Managing Integration. The European Union's responsibilities towards immigrants*. Brussels.

Required readings

Hammar, T., Brochmann, G., Tamas, K., Faist, T. (ed.) (2001). *International Migration, Immobility and Development. Multidisciplinary Perspectives*, Oxford: Berg.

Massey, D. (1999). Why Does Migration Occur? A Theoretical Synthesis, in: Hirschman, Ch., Kasinitz, P., DeWind, J. (ed.), *The Handbook of International Migration: The American Experience*, New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

Massey, D., Arango, J., Hugo, G., Kouaouci, A., Pellegrino, A., Taylor, E. (1999). *Worlds in Motion. Understanding International Migration at the End of the Millennium*, Oxford: Clarendon Press.

Piore, M.J. (1986). The Shifting Grounds for Immigration, *The Annals of the American Academy* 485.

Stark, O., Bloom, D.E. (1985). The new economics of labor migration, *American Economic Review* 75.

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 → 50%; exam → 50%.