

DSEF 2.1. Doctoral Course on International Public Economics and Migration

1. Course details

Semester:	Winter or Summer semester 2022-23
Credit rating:	1 ECTS
Teaching units	15
Pre-requisite(s):	none
Lecturers:	Skerdilajda ZANAJ (University of Luxembourg)
Administrator:	Roswitha Glorieux
Tutors:	None
Seminar times and rooms:
Tutorial times and rooms:
Communications	It is important that students should regularly read their University e-mails, as important information will normally be communicated this way.
Mode of assessment:	Short paper (10 pages) on a topic related to public economics and migration studied in the course to be discussed during final meeting with the instructor and fellow students. Survey papers, original research papers, replication papers or other types of papers are acceptable.
Examination Periods:	TBA
Course WebPage:	Moodle.uni.lu

2. Aims and objectives

This course will cover some key fiscal aspects of international migration. The first part will be devoted to the effects of migration on tax policy. In particular, we will cover the effects on progressivity of income tax; redistribution, fiscal policy; tax competition, social security. The second part will be devoted to the fiscal effects of international migration. In particular, we will study who among migrants pays taxes and who receives social benefits, with a focus on European countries.

Finally, in the third part, we will study the effects of immigration on the school choices of natives as well as on the spending on public schools.

The course has an orientation towards both theoretical and empirical works.

3. Plan of semester: Mondays as of Nov 21 until dec 19 10.00-12.30h

Dates	room	time	Lecture

4. Course details (by topics)

Part 1. Migration and fiscal policy

- I. Migration-Induced Redistribution
- II. Tax and Migration Competition
- III. Welfare magnet hypothesis
- IV. Migration and the Social Security
- V. Migration and income taxes

Part 2. Fiscal impact of immigrants

- I. The economic impact of immigrations Fiscal Position
- II. Fiscal Position of immigrants in Europe

Part 3. Immigration and the School Choices of Natives

- I. Migration and Natives school decision
- II. Migration and spending in public schools
- III. Immigrants and the school performance of natives

Some Literature

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5. Further information about assessment

Examination(s)

Weighting: 100%

Date: Tentative = May

Length: Short paper + presentation/discussion during final meeting.

Structure: To validate the course, you are supposed to write a short paper (10 pages) on a topic related to public economics and migration. This paper will be handed in to the instructor. The paper will then be discussed with the instructor and fellow students during a final meeting (time depending on class size). The paper must be handed in a week at the latest before the scheduled meeting with the instructor. Survey papers, original research papers, replication papers or other types of papers to be agreed ex ante with the instructor are acceptable. Collaborative work is encouraged but not compulsory.