

DSEF ?. **Doctoral lecture series on cross-border labor mobility (Part I)**

1. Course details

Semesters:	1
Credit rating:	1 ECTS
Teaching units	15
Pre-requisite(s):	No background. Students are encouraged to attend Part I and Part II.
Lecturers:	Part I : Tomasso Frattini (University of Milan), Catia Batista (Universidade Nova de Lisboa), Joan Monras (Universitat Pompeu Fabra Barcelona), Int'l conference on "Migration and Development" (UL and LISER). <i>Short CV's are provided in the Appendix</i>
Administrator:	Michel Beine and Frédéric Docquier
Tutors:	Michel Beine and Frédéric Docquier
Seminar times and rooms:	Once a month from September to December 2021
Tutorial times and rooms:	None
Communications	Important information will be communicated by email
Mode of assessment:	Attendance / An Essay
Examination Periods:	December 2021
Course WebPage:	Moodle.uni.lu

2. Aims and objectives

Migration is part of humanity's DNA. It has always been a normal and inevitable response to the economic, social, political, security and environmental challenges that have punctuated human history. And yet the movement of workers in general and international migration in particular are issues that divide public opinion in every country in the world. In poor countries, migration is often linked to a 'brain drain' that furthers the development gap with rich countries. In many rich countries, immigration is seen as an influx of poorly qualified workers, resulting in negative impacts on the labor market and on public finances. These perceptions feed into the rhetoric of populist and far-right parties, and put immigration at the centre of public debate.

This PhD course covers topical issues related to the determinants of international migration, to its implications for sending and receiving countries, and to its effect on the world distribution of income. It is organized as a set of monthly doctoral lectures given by renowned economists in the field. Each speaker will provide a state-of-the-art analysis of existing methodologies and academic findings in his field of expertise. In particular, the topics covered will include the determinants of migration flows in general, and students' flows in particular; the political economy of immigration laws and policies; the economic effects of migration restrictions; the effect of immigration on productivity growth and income inequality; the role of citizenship and other integration policies; the relationships between migration flows, trade, FDI, technology diffusion and cultural disparities between countries. Upon completion of this course, student will have learnt about the cutting-edge developments in the migration literature and will be asked to write an essay on one of the topics covered.

3. Plan of semester

Dates 2019-20	Room	Time	Lecture	Topic
Part I				
09/09-10-09	TBA	09:00-18:00		Migration and Development Conference with interactions with Keynote speakers
21/10/2021	TBA	13:00–17:00	Tommaso Frattini	Labor Market Integration of Refugees
15/11/2021	TBA	13:00–17:00	Catia Batista	Migration and Development: lessons from RCT
23/12/2021	TBA	13:00–17:00	Joan Monras	Immigration and Wage Dynamics

4. Course details (by topics)

1 Migration and Development conference (2 days)

- Reading list to be provided

2 Tommaso Frattini (Labor Market Integration of Refugees)

- Reading list to be provided

3 Catia Batista (Migration and Development: lessons from RCT)

- Reading list to be provided

4 Joan Monras (Immigration and Wage Dynamics)

- Reading list to be provided

5. Further information about assessment

Examination(s)	Written
Weighting:	100%
Date:	TBA (December 2021)
Length:	One report / Term Paper
Structure:	A short paper (5 pages) per term with reflections on possible applications of the frameworks developed in class.

APPENDIX: LECTURERS' SHORT BIOGRAPHIES

The French Development Agency (AFD) Research Department, the World Bank Development Research Group (DECRG), the Luxembourg Institute for Socio-Economic Research (LISER) and the Department of Economics and Management at the University of Luxembourg are jointly organizing the 14th International Conference on "Migration and Development". The conference is devoted to investigating ways in which international migration affects economic and social change in developing countries. Possible topics include the effects of migration on poverty, inequality, and human capital formation; social networks and migration; migration and globalization; remittances; brain drain; migration and institutional/technological/demographic change in sending countries, today and in the past. The conference will try to maximize in-person attendance. We will also have online participation availability. Of course, all of these plans are subject to the travel possibilities and restrictions at the time. Keynote Speakers: **Patricia Cortes** (Boston University), **Marta Reynal-Querol** (Universitat Pompeu Fabra), **Mathias Thoenig** (Université de Lausanne)

Tomasso Frattini Tommaso Frattini is Assistant Professor at the Department of Economics of the University of Milan. He is also a Research Fellow at the Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration (CReAM) at University College London and at Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano (LdA) in Italy. He is also a Research Affiliate at IZA. Dr. Frattini's research interests are labor economics and the economics of migration. His work has been published in journals such as *Economic Policy* and the *Review of Economic Studies*, among others. He received his PhD in economics from University College London in 2010.

Catia Batista is Associate Professor of Economics at the Nova School of Business and Economics, where she is also Founder and Scientific Director of the NOVAFRICA research center. She holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the Department of Economics of the University of Chicago. Catia has research interests related to international migration and remittance flows, financial inclusion, entrepreneurship, technology adoption, education and policy evaluation. She has done work including randomized and lab-in-the-field experiments in countries such as Cape Verde, the Gambia, Ireland, Kenya, Portugal, Mozambique and Sao Tome and Principe. Catia has taught at the University of Chicago, University of Oxford, Trinity College Dublin, and Notre Dame University. She is currently a Research Fellow at the international research centers CReAM (London, UK), IZA (Bonn, Germany) and JPAL Europe (Paris, France). Previously, Catia worked at the International Monetary Fund and at the Portuguese Catholic University, and consulted for the World Bank and the International Growth Center.

Joan Monras Joan Monràs is a professor at Universitat Pompeu Fabra and a Barcelona GSE Affiliated Professor. Before joining the Barcelona GSE community, he was an assistant professor of Economics at CEMFI and at Sciences Po. He is currently a research affiliate at CEPR, IZA, and CReAM. His research interests include labor economics, urban economics, and international trade. He holds a B.A. in mathematics from the University of Barcelona, a MSc in History and Theory of International Relations from the London School of Economics and a MA in Economics from the Universitat Pompeu Fabra.