



Doctoral School in Finance and Economics

DSEFM

Doctoral lecture series on cross-border labor mobility (Part II)

1. Course details

Semesters:	2
Credit rating:	1 ECTS
Teaching units	15
Pre-requisite(s):	No background. Students are encouraged to attend Part I and Part II.
Lecturers:	Part II : Patrica Cortes (Boston University), Michael Siegenthaler (ETH Zurich), Clément Imbert (University of Warwick), Dany Bahar (Brookings Institution). <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 February to May 2022
Tutorial times and rooms:	None
Communications	Important information will be communicated by email
Mode of assessment:	Attendance / An Essay
Examination Periods:	June 2022 (Part II)
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 II				
10/03/2022	A.16	13:00–17:00	Patricia Cortes	Immigration & females' labor supply
28/04/2022	A.16	13:00–17:00	Michael Siegenthaler	Impact of commuting flows & labor market discriminations
19/05/2022	A.16	13:00–17:00	Clément Imbert	Migration and firms
23/06/2022	A.16	13:00–17:00	Dany Bahar	Migration, innovation & technology diffusion

4. Course details (by topics)

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- Reading list to be provided

2 *Dany Bahar (Migration, Innovation and Technology Diffusion)*

- Reading list to be provided

3 *Clément Imbert (Migration and Firms)*

- Reading list to be provided

4 *Giovanni Peri (Growth and Inequality Effects of Immigration)*

- Reading list to be provided

5. Further information about assessment

Examination(s)	Written
Weighting:	100%
Date:	TBA (May 2022)
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

Patricia Cortes is an Associate Professor of Markets, Public Policy, and Law at the Boston University Questrom School of Business and Core Faculty at the Human Capital Initiative at the Global Development Policy Center. She is an empirical labor economist working on international migration and gender. In her work she has studied how low-skilled immigration affects prices and the labor supply of high skilled women in the US, female migration flows in East Asia, the migration of Filipino nurses to the US, and the role of the demand for time flexibility in explaining gender pay gaps and occupation segregation. Her ongoing projects include a study on the barriers to female labor force participation in Saudi Arabia and an investigation of gender differences in negotiation and job search using experimental methods. Cortes obtained her PhD in Economics from MIT and a Master's and Bachelor's degree in Economics from La Universidad de los Andes in Bogota, Colombia.

Michael Siegenthaler is a labor market specialist and the head of the research division Swiss labor market (tenured senior scientist) at [KOF Swiss Economic Institute](#) at ETH Zurich. He's also a research affiliate of the [Immigration Policy Lab](#) at ETH and a research fellow of the Institute of Labor Economics [IZA](#). He received a PhD from ETH Zurich (Dr. sc. ETH), a Master of Science in Economics and a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Bern. His dissertation was awarded the [SIAF Award](#) 2017.

His research interests are labor economics, migration, and empirical macroeconomics. A recurrent topic is the factors and policies that shape firms' demand for workers. Using innovative data sources and rigorous empirical methods, he has, for instance, studied the effects of minimum wages, immigration restrictions, short-time work, and exchange rates on labor demand. His work has been published in the *American Economic Review*, the *Economic Journal*, the *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Nature*, and the *Review of Economics and Statistics*. His position as labor market specialist has a strong policy focus and entails policy advising, forecasting, and media work.

Clément Imbert is an Associate Professor at University of Warwick. He was a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Department of Economics and Nuffield College, Oxford University. His fields of interest are Development economics, Labor economics, Public economics and Political economy.

Dany Bahar Dany Bahar is an economist at the Brookings Institution's Global Economy and Development program. An Israeli and Venezuelan economist, he is also affiliated to The Growth Lab at Harvard Center for International Development, CESifo Group Munich and IZA Institute of Labor Economics. His research sits at the intersection of international economics and economic development. In particular, he focuses on the diffusion of technology and knowledge within and across borders, as well as topics related to structural transformation and productivity dynamics. Lately, his focus has been towards migrants and refugees as an asset in the process of economic development. He also produces and hosts a videocast/podcast "Economists on Zoom Getting Coffee" He received a PhD from Harvard University, as well as MA in Economics at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.