

**800032 WKLA I: Issues in Latin American Economic Policy Making:
Structural Weaknesses in Latin America (LA)**

Module: M.WiWi.VWL.0024 (Seminar)

January 12-13, 2018

Organizational issues

Please register and select your preferred TOPIC via Stud.IP.

In order to state your preferences in Stud.IP, go to '*Participants*' – '*Functions/Groups*', and choose a topic by joining a group. Only one topic per person can be chosen. Registration begins on **October 9, 2017**.

Up to two students may work on the same topic. Each student, however, is required to write individual seminar papers. In terms of presentations, students are encouraged to organize joint-presentations (with someone working on the same topic).

Topics are allocated according to a first-come, first-served basis and by certain priority criteria¹. Please note that the introductory meeting is mandatory. The final allocation of topics will take place at the meeting and some information on the course will be given. If you cannot personally attend, please send a substitute person to attend for you, and to share the pertinent information with you.

You can select your topic preferences starting on October 9, 2017 at 12h (noon; not before, and only through Stud.IP).

Introductory session and final allocation of topics:

October 20, 2017 (12-13h), OEC 0.169

Last possible enrollment day in order to earn credit:

October 27, 2017 is the last day (via FlexNow; withdrawal from the course after this date is only possible with a medical certificate)

Handing-in seminar papers (2 hard copies):

January 8, 2018 (12h), (the seminar paper counts for 2/3 of the final grade)

¹ You are given high priority if you are in the 4th or 5th semester of an MA program. Therefore, please state which MA semester you are currently in and whether you are in the Development Economics, International Economics, or other MA program.

Uploading of power point presentations in Stud.IP using folder ‘documents’ ____ ‘power point presentations’

January 10, 2018 (12h) PPT in a printer-friendly (white background!) version; (presentation and participation in discussions count for 1/3 of the final grade)

The BLOCK SEMINAR takes place from:

January 12-13, 2018. Presence and full participation during these two days is required.

Location/room on both days: OEC 1.134

Office hours

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List of topics

To find out who is the **supervisor** in charge for the topic, please refer to the initials FN (Feli Nowak) or SK (Sophia Kan).

The introductory literature (listed below) is downloadable under *documents* in Stud IP.

Seminar on Migration, Remittances, and Development Aid: The Latin American (LA) Perspective

General literature for interested students:

(1) Migration

Takenaka, A., & Pren, K. A. (2010). Determinants of emigration: Comparing migrants' selectivity from Peru and Mexico. *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 630(1), 178-193.

Mayda, A. M. (2006). Who is against immigration? A cross-country investigation of individual attitudes toward immigrants. *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, 88(3), 510-530.

(2) Remittances

Acosta, P., Calderón, C., Fajnzylber, P. and López, H. (2006), Remittances and Development in Latin America. *World Economy*, 29: 957–987.

Ratha, D., Mohapatra, S., & Scheja, E. (2011). Impact of migration on economic and social development: A review of evidence and emerging issues.

(3) Development aid

Fuchs, A., Dreher, A. and Nunnenkamp, P. (2014) Determinants of donor generosity: A survey of the aid budget literature. *World Development*, 56: 172-199.

Guillaumont, P. and Wagner, L. (2014) Aid effectiveness for poverty reduction: lessons from cross-country analyses, with a special focus on vulnerable countries. FERDI, Working Paper 96, March 2014.

Ziesemer, T. (2012) The impact of development aid on education and health: Survey and new evidence from dynamic models. *UNU-Merit Working Paper Series 057*. United Nations University - Maastricht Economic and Social Research Institute on Innovation and Technology.

TOPICS:

(1) Migration:

Topic 1 [FN]: Determinants of migration in Latin America, who emigrates, and why? The case of Cuba / the case of Mexico.

Rusin, S., Zong, J., and Batalova, J. (2015) Cuban immigrants in the United States. Migration Policy Institute (MPI). Washington, D.C..
<http://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/cuban-immigrants-united-states>

Zong, J., and Batalova, J. (2016) Mexican immigrants in the United States. Migration Policy Institute (MPI). Washington, D.C. <http://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/mexican-immigrants-united-states>

Topic 2 [FN]: Internal (within-country) migration. Motives and consequences. The case of Mexico / the case of Bolivia.

Andersen, L. (2002). Rural-urban migration in Bolivia: Advantages and disadvantages. Instituto de Investigaciones Socio-Económicas, Universidad Católica Boliviana.

Lucas, R. E. (1997). Internal migration in developing countries. Handbook of population and family economics, 1, 721-798.

Pimienta, R., Bolaños, M.V., Shea, M. and Gutiérrez, E.M. (2011). Internal migration in Mexico in the year 2000. Working Paper, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana.

Topic 3 [FN]: Determinants of successful labor market integration in labor-receiving countries. The immigrant's perspective. Focus on immigrants from Latin America

Fokkema, T. and de Haas, H. (2011) Pre- and post-migration determinants of socio-cultural integration of African immigrants in Italy and Spain. *International Migration*, forthcoming.

Höhne, Jutta/Koopmans, Ruud (2010): [Host-Country Cultural Capital and Labour Market Trajectories of Migrants in Germany](#). The Impact of Host-Country Orientation and Migrant-Specific Human and Social Capital on Labour Market Transitions. WZB Discussion Paper SP IV 2010-701. Berlin: WZB.

Topic 4 [FN]: Labor market integration of Latin American immigrants in receiving countries. The receiving country's perspective. Choose either a country in North America or in the EU

Hainmueller, J., & Hopkins, D. J. (2015). The hidden American immigration consensus: A conjoint analysis of attitudes toward immigrants. *American Journal of Political Science*, 59(3), 529-548.

Mayda, A. M. (2006). Who is against immigration? A cross-country investigation of individual attitudes toward immigrants. *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, 88(3), 510-530.

Orrenius, P.M. and Zavodny, M. (2013) Immigrants in the U.S. labor market. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. Working Paper 1306.

(2) Remittances

Topic 5 [SK]: What is the impact of remittances on sending (home) countries of the migrant? What is the impact at the household level, such as the impact on health, child labor, female labor force participation, or education? Provide a conceptual background on the impact of remittances on development in one country in Latin America, and then focus on how remittances affect two specific factors.

Antón, J. I. (2010). The impact of remittances on nutritional status of children in Ecuador. *International Migration Review*, 44(2), 269-299.

Alcaraz, C., Chiquiar, D., & Salcedo, A. (2012). Remittances, schooling, and child labor in Mexico. *Journal of Development Economics*, 97(1), 156-165.

Clemens, M. A. (2011). Economics and emigration: Trillion-dollar bills on the sidewalk?. *The Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 25(3), 83-106.

Topic 6 [SK]: How does migration (either domestic or international) affect the wellbeing and development of the sending country? Case study on one country in Latin America.

Acosta, P., Calderón, C., Fajnzylber, P. and López, H. (2006), Remittances and Development in Latin America. *World Economy*, 29: 957–987.

Adams, R. H., & Page, J. (2005). Do international migration and remittances reduce poverty in developing countries?. *World Development*, 33(10), 1645-1669.

Aggarwal, R., Demirgüç-Kunt, A., & Peria, M. S. M. (2011). Do remittances promote financial development?. *Journal of Development Economics*, 96(2), 255-264.

Fajnzylber, P., & Lopez, J. H. (Eds.). (2008). Remittances and development: lessons from Latin America. World Bank Publications.

Ratha, D., Mohapatra, S., & Scheja, E. (2011). Impact of migration on economic and social development: A review of evidence and emerging issues.

(3) The role of development aid in improving wellbeing and alleviating poverty in recipient countries

Topic 7 (FN): What are the determinants of aid allocation? Is aid allocation of international donors need-oriented? How is Latin America affected by the aid allocation process?

Dreher, A., Nunnenkamp, P. and Schmaljohann, M. (2013) The allocation of German aid: self-interest and government ideology. *Kiel Working Paper* No. 1817. Kiel: Kiel Institute for the World Economy.

Fuchs, A., Dreher, A. and Nunnenkamp, P. (2014) Determinants of donor generosity: A survey of the aid budget literature. *World Development*, 56: 172-199.

Topic 8 (FN): Does aid promote human development (in terms of health and education) in recipient countries? Are there regional differences?

Dreher, A., Nunnenkamp, P. and Thiele, R. (2006) Does aid for education educate children? Evidence from Panel data. KOF Working Papers 06-146, 42 pages. KOF Swiss Economic Institute.

Thiele, R., Nunnenkamp, P. and Dreher, A. (2006) Sectoral aid priorities: Are donors really doing their best to achieve the Millennium Development Goals? KOF Working Papers 06-124, 38 pages. KOF Swiss Economic Institute.

Ziesemer, T. (2012) The impact of development aid on education and health: Survey and new evidence from dynamic models. *UNU-Merit Working Paper Series* 057. United Nations University - Maastricht Economic and Social Research Institute on Innovation and Technology.

Topic 9 (FN): Does aid promote growth and/or reduce poverty in recipient countries? Theory and empirical evidence (choose one Latin American country)

Doucouliaqos, H. and Paldam, M. (2013) The robust result in meta-analysis of aid effectiveness. A response to Mekasha and Tarp. *Journal of Development Studies* 49(4): 584-587.

Guillaumont, P. and Wagner, L. (2014) Aid effectiveness for poverty reduction: lessons from cross-country analyses, with a special focus on vulnerable countries. FERDI, Working Paper 96, March 2014.

Rajan, R.G. and Subramanian, A. (2008) Aid and growth: what does the cross-country evidence really show? *The Review of Economics and Statistics* 90(4): 643-665.