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**800031: Seminar on the Economic Situation of Latin America in the 21st Century:
'Challenges of Economic Development in Latin America (LA)'**

Module: M. WiWi-VWL.0024

January 21-22, 2022

1. Organizational issues

Topic selection: 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 18, 2021 (noon).

Topics are allocated according to a first come, first serve basis and by certain priority criteria¹. A short concept paper for the selected topic (1/2 page) has to be sent via email to fnowak@uni-goettingen.de by 26 October 2021. **Please note that the introductory meeting is mandatory.** It will be held via ZOOM. **The final allocation of topics will take place there and some information on the course will be given.** If you cannot personally attend/join, please send a substitute person to join in for you, and to share the pertinent information with you.

Up to two students may work on the same topic. Each student, however, is required to write individual seminar papers and make individual presentations. The seminar paper counts 2/3 towards the final grade.

Presentations should be created in a printer-friendly version (white background!). Presentation and participation in discussions count together 1/3 towards the final grade.

Registration: Please register in **Flex Now** to be formally enrolled in the seminar and be able to earn credits (see dates below). Withdrawal from the course after registration deadline in Flex Now is only possible with a medical certificate.

2. Important Comments & Dates

- Announcements related to the seminar can be found in Stud IP under course 'announcements'
- Reservation of seminar topics will start on 18 October, 12:00, in Stud IP
- Statement of interest with short concept for seminar paper via email to fnowak@uni-goettingen.de by 26 October, 12:00
- ZOOM introductory meeting, 28 October, 12:00-13:00; final allocation of seminar topics
- Registration in FlexNow: 1 October- 4 November, 2021 (latest possible registration by 4 November!)
- Block seminar: January 21-22, 2022

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

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3. List of topics

The introductory literature is listed below, followed by the list of topics.

General recommended literature on the economics of migration, its determinants and its impact:

Bansak, C., N. Simpson, and M. Zavodny (2015). *The Economics of Immigration*. Oxford: Routledge.

Borjas, G.J. (2015a). *Immigration Economics*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

Borjas, G.J (2015b). "[Immigration and Globalization: A Review Essay](#)," *Journal of Economic Literature*, American Economic Association, vol. 53(4), pages 961-974, December.

Chiswick, B.R. and P.W. Miller (eds.) (2015). *Handbook of the Economics of International Migration*. Amsterdam: North-Holland (Elsevier Science).

Rapoport, H. and F. Docquier (2006). The economics of migrants' remittances. *Handbook of the economics of giving, altruism and reciprocity*, 2: 1135-1198.

United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2018). *International Migration Report 2017: Highlights (ST/ESA/SER.A/404)*.

United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (2017). *Trends in International Migrant Stock: Migrants by Destination and Origin (United Nations database, POP/DB/MIG/Stock/Rev.2017)*.
<https://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/migration/data/estimates2/estimates17.asp>

General literature for an overview of the determinants of migration

a) Push factors

- i) Economic factors: poverty, low wages, inequality, taxes, unemployment, overpopulation

Ambrosini, J.W. and G. Peri (2012). The determinants and the selection of Mexico–US migrants. *World Economy*, 35(2): 111-151.

- ii) Non-economic: criminality, war, political unrest, corruption, natural disasters, poor institutions (health care, education systems)

Cattaneo, Cristina & Peri, Giovanni, 2016. "[The migration response to increasing temperatures](#)," [Journal of Development Economics](#), Elsevier, vol. 122(C), pages 127-146.

b) Pull factors

- i) Economic: demand for labor in specific sectors, demand for temporary labor, higher wages, generous welfare systems, healthcare and education systems, economic growth, technology
- ii) Non-economic: Networks (diaspora, family), rights and freedoms, opportunities, property rights, rule of law, climate, gender discrimination

Kaivan Munshi, 2003. "[Networks in the Modern Economy: Mexican Migrants in the U. S. Labor Market](#)," [The Quarterly Journal of Economics](#), Oxford University Press, vol. 118(2), pages 549-599.

General literature on migration and remittances in Latin America

Fajnzylber, P. and López, J.H. (eds; 2008). Remittances and development: Lessons from Latin America. Latin American Development Forum Series. The World Bank. Washington, D.C.

<https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/handle/10986/6911>

TOPICS

Topic area I: Determinants of migration: Push versus pull factors (economic and non-economic factors)

Topic 1: What determines emigration decisions of individuals/households (micro perspective)? Theoretical aspects and empirical findings for migrants from e.g. Mexico/Venezuela/ Nicaragua/Haiti etc.

Bertoli, S. & Fernández-Huertas Moraga, J. & Ortega, F. (2013). [Crossing the border: Self-selection, earnings and individual migration decisions.](#) *Journal of Development Economics*, vol. 101(C), pages 75-91.

McKenzie, D. and Rapoport, H. (2010). Self-selection patterns in Mexico-US migration: the role of migration networks. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 92(4), pages 811-821.

Ruyssen, I. and Salomone, S. (2018). [Female migration: A way out of discrimination?](#) *Journal of Development Economics*, vol. 130(C), pages 224-241.

Topic 2: What determines emigration decisions (macro perspective)? Theoretical aspects and empirical findings for Latin America or a Latin American country (e.g. Mexico)

Birundu, O.W. (2016) Macroeconomic determinants of emigration from Kenya: A gravity model analysis. MPRA Paper No. 77130. Online at <https://mpra.ub.uni-muenchen.de/77130/>

Caruso, G. D. (2017). [The legacy of natural disasters: The intergenerational impact of 100 years of disasters in Latin America.](#) *Journal of Development Economics*, vol. 127(C), pages 209-233.

Forte, G. and Portes, J. (2017) Macroeconomic Determinants of International Migration to the UK. Discussion Paper series IZA DP No. 10802: IZA Institute of Labor Economics.

Mayda, A.M. (2010). International migration: a panel data analysis of the determinants of bilateral flows. *Journal of Population Economics*, 23, 1249–1274. DOI 10.1007/s00148-009-0251-x

Topic area II: Impact of migration

Topic 3: What is the impact of migration on sending countries, considering labor markets (impact on wages, labor force participation)?

Asiedu, E. and Chimbar, N. (2020). Impact of remittances on male and female labor force participation patterns in Africa: Quasi-experimental evidence from Ghana. *Review of Development Economics*.

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/rode.12668>

Chiquiar, D. and Hanson, G. H. (2005). [International Migration, Self-Selection, and the Distribution of Wages: Evidence from Mexico and the United States.](#) *Journal of Political Economy*, vol. 113(2), pages 239-281.

Hendricks, L. & Schoellman, T. (2018). [Human Capital and Development Accounting: New Evidence from Wage Gains at Migration.](#) *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, vol. 133(2), pages 665-700.

Topic 4: What is the impact of migration on educational outcomes or earnings of migrants (first generation, second generation)? Case study of Mexicans in the US

Algan, Y., Dustmann, C., Gritz, A. and A. Manning (2010). The economic situation of first and second-generation immigrants in France, Germany and the United Kingdom. *Economic Journal*, 120(542), pages F4-F30.

Betts, J.R., and M. Lofstrom (2000). The educational attainment of immigrants: Trends and implications. In *Issues in the Economics of Immigration*. University of Chicago Press, pages 51-116)

Sürig, I and Wilmes, M. (2015) The integration of second generation in Germany. Results of the TIES survey on the descendants of Turkish and Yugoslavian migrants. Amsterdam University Press. Amsterdam.

Topic 5: What is the impact of migration (and return migration) on sending countries, considering brain drain or gain?

Docquier, F. and Rapoport, H. (2012). [Globalization, Brain Drain, and Development.](#) *Journal of Economic Literature*, vol. 50(3), pages 681-730.

Beine; M. , Docquier, F. and Rapoport; H. (2008). [Brain Drain and Human Capital Formation in Developing Countries: Winners and Losers.](#) *Economic Journal*, vol. 118(528), pages 631-652.

Gibson, J. & McKenzie, D. (2012). [The Economic Consequences of ‘Brain Drain’ of the Best and Brightest: Microeconomic Evidence from Five Countries.](#) *Economic Journal*, vol. 122(560), pages 339-375.

Topic area III: Remittances

Topic 6: What is the macroeconomic impact of remittances? (e.g. their impact on growth, investment, saving and real exchange rate in sending countries?)

Beaton, Kimberly; Cerovic, Svetlana; Galdamez, Misael; Hadzi-Vaskov, Metodij; Loyola, Franz; Koczan, Zsoka et al. (2017): Migration and remittances in Latin America and the Caribbean. Engines of growth and macroeconomic stabilizers? Washington, D.C.: International Monetary Fund (IMF working paper, WP/17, 144). Online: <http://dx.doi.org/10.5089/9781484303641.001>.

Topic 7: Do remittances reduce poverty in the sending countries?

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

Ziesemer, T.H.W. (2012) Worker remittances, migration, accumulation and growth in poor developing countries: Survey and analysis of direct and indirect effects. *Economic Modelling* 29, 103-118.
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0264999311002057>