



1. Contacts

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2. Objectives of the course

Globalization encompasses not only growing international trade in goods and services. It also includes greater international mobility of factors of production, including labour. While international migration played a prominent role in the integration of the world economy in the 19th and early 20th centuries, it was much less significant relative to flows of goods and services and capital over much of the second half of the last century. Recent years, however have witnessed an increase in migrants flows, particularly of labour migrants. These raising trends could well persist in the coming decades, partly because of the pressure due to population ageing.

In that context, the question of the impact of international migration on sending and receiving countries is more and more important in the political agenda. This is the case, for instance, within the European Union and in world trade negotiations on the international mobility of service providers. More generally, the integration of immigrants is becoming a crucial question in a number of countries. An understanding of the underlying economic mechanisms as well as a knowledge of basic facts and challenges is crucial for both policy makers and citizens.

This course intends to study the main economic questions associated to international migration. It will cover the questions of the role of labour mobility in international trade theory, the impact of international migration on the economy and the labour market of receiving countries and the economic consequences for countries of origin. The key relevant economic models will be studied in detail, but particular attention will also be devoted to empirical aspects and recent trends in migration policies.

3. Methods

Language : The course will be held in both English and French depending on the sessions, but most reading will be in English.

Sessions 1 & 2 will focus on the basic concepts and the main economic challenges associated with international migrations. The following sessions will concern some key issues and will be organised in two parts starting with an analyse of basic theoretical knowledge and stylised facts (approximately 1h15) followed by oral presentations of selected articles by participants and a general discussion on the specific issues addressed during the session (45 minutes).

4. Assessment

Participants will be asked to form groups of 2.

Each course participant will be evaluated on the basis of three marks:

- (i) one mark (20%) for the oral presentation (and the attached written summary 3-4 pages) of one research article. The articles will be attributed during the second session to each group of participants,
- (ii) one mark (20%) for the written summary 3-4 pages of one research article. The articles will be attributed during the second session to each group of participants,
- (iii) and one mark (60%) for the essay to be prepared by group. The topic for the essay will be proposed during the 1st or 2nd session. The essay will have to be transmitted at the last session.

The average mark will be eventually adjusted through a bonus-malus points system for class participation (0, +1, +2) and attendance (-2, -1, 0).

5. Course plan

- **Session 1 (Wednesday 15 October 2008 17h00-19h00):**
General overview of the course
Recent trends and policies in international migration in OECD member countries.
- **Session 2 (Wednesday 29 October 2008 17h00-19h00):**
International mobility of production factors in international trade theory: stylized facts (historical perspective and recent trends), Overview of key theoretical models.
International negotiations on the international mobility of natural persons: current situation and challenges.
- **Session 3 (Wednesday 12 November 2008 17h00-19h00):**
Migration decision: Theoretical models and empirical evaluations
Selectivity of international migration: The role of migration policies.
- **Session 4 (Wednesday 26 November 2008 17h00-19h00):**
Economic impact of migration on receiving countries: Labour market integration of immigrants
- **Session 5 (Wednesday 10 December 2008 17h00-19h00):**
Economic impact of migration on receiving countries: the labour market
- **Session 6 (Wednesday 7 January 2009 17h00-19h00):**
Economic impact of migration on receiving countries: public finance, welfare and inequalities
- **Session 7 (Wednesday 21 January 2009 17h00-19h00):**
Economic impact of migration on sending countries: brain drain, remittances and financial resources for development

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