

Workshop on Immigration & Refugee Inflows: The Impact on Host Country Economies

March 6-7, 2025
at John F. Kennedy Institute, Freie Universität Berlin

Organizer: Prof. Dr. Max Steinhardt

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Program

Thursday, 6 March 2025

10:00 – 10:15 Welcome and Introduction
Max Steinhardt and Christopher Prömel

Session 1: Immigration and Innovation, and Entrepreneurship
Chair: Max Steinhardt

10:15 – 11:00 **“Immigration, Innovation, and Growth”**
Lisa Tarquinio (University of Western Ontario)

11:00 – 11:45 **“Immigration and Technological Adoption: Evidence from the EU Agricultural Sector”**
Riccardo Turati (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)

11:45 – 13:15 Lunch

Session 2: Labor Market Integration
Chair: Christopher Prömel

13:15 – 14:00 **“Ukrainian Refugees Value Job Opportunities over Welfare: Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment”**
Yvonne Giesing (ifo Munich)

14:00 – 14:45 **“The Impact of Childhood Inter-Ethnic Contact on Managers’ Hiring Decisions”**
Max Steinhardt (Freie Universität Berlin)

14:45 – 15:15 Coffee break

Session 3: Policy Insights from National and International Practitioners
Chair: Max Steinhardt

- 15:15 – 16:00 **“Skilled Labour Migration to Germany”**
Susanne Worbs (BAMF)
- 16:00 – 16:45 **“Migrant Entrepreneurship in OECD Countries”**
Ana Damas de Matos (OECD)
- 16:45 – 17:00 Coffee break and group photo
- 17:00 – 18:30 **KEYNOTE: “The Economic and Political Implications of Immigration”**
Anna Maria Mayda (Georgetown University)
- 18:30 – 19:30 Reception at John F. Kennedy Institute
- 20:00 Conference dinner

Friday, 7 March 2025

Session 4: The Fiscal Impact of Immigration
Chair: Christopher Prömel

- 09:00 – 09:45 **“Paying Their Way? Estimating the Net Fiscal Impact of Migration”**
Michael Christl (European Commission)
- 09:45 – 10:30 **“Is Migration Good for the Public Finances?”**
Ekrame Boubtane (Paris School of Economics)
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00 – 12:00 **Poster Session**
- “The Dynamic Impact of Refugee Immigration on Native Workers”** Katia Gallegos Torres (ZEW; IAB; University of Innsbruck)
- “Untapped Potential: Professional Degree Recognition and (Un)paid Work of Migrant Women”** Lidia Gutu (BiB; University of Mainz)
- “How Migrant Stocks and Migrant Flows Affect Political Outcomes”** Sarah Langlotz (University of Göttingen)
- “Fasting Forward: The Effects of Religious Holidays on Attitudes of Non-Observers”** Anja Luzega (JFKI; Freie Universität Berlin)
- “The impact of Immigration on the Native Population: Evidence from the Inflow of Ukrainian Refugees to Russia in 2014”**
Aleksy Oshchepkov (Freie Universität Berlin)
- “A More Conservative Country? Asylum Seekers and Voting in the UK”** Alessio Romarri (Bocconi University)
- “The 2015/2016 New Year’s Eve Cologne Event and Anti-Refugee Crimes in Germany”** Mohamad Alhusein Saoud (University of Magdeburg)
- “Decision-Making in Asylum Applications in Response to Social Unrest”** Yogam Tchokni (DIW; Freie Universität Berlin)

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

Session 5: Populism, Xenophobia, and Immigration
Chair: Max Steinhardt

13:30 – 14:15 **“Local Far-Right Demonstrations and Nationwide Public Attitudes towards Immigration”**
Christopher Prömel (Freie Universität Berlin)

14:15 – 15:00 **“Immigration Shocks and Shifting Social Group Boundaries”**
Zohal Hessami (Ruhr University Bochum)

15:00 – 15:30 Farewell coffee break & best poster award

End of workshop