



Göttingen, den 6. September 2018

Master-Seminar (Winter 2018/19)

Migration

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Dates

- 01.11.2018: introductory meeting 1pm (tbc):
- 12.11.2018: submission of the application form (see last page) in room oec 2.139/2.201 or via email (aabelia@uni-goettingen.de and johannes.schuenemann@wiwi.uni-goettingen.de)
- 13.11.–20.11.2018: binding registration or cancellation via FlexNow
Attention: In case that there are more potential participants than available places we will distribute the places according to the study regulation of 2012/03/30, §8
- starting from 14.11.2018: publication of the list of participants and the list of topics
- 19.12.2018: submission of seminar papers, no later than 9am. A PDF version is to be sent to Ana Abeliasky (aabelia@uni-goettingen.de) and Johannes Schünemann (johannes.schuenemann@wiwi.uni-goettingen.de).
- 18.-19.01.2019, 9-18 : blocked seminar (tbc)

Attendance is compulsory at all these dates.

Grading

Grading will be based upon the following:

- 1) Seminar paper (15 pages, in English)
- 2) Presentation (30 minutes, in English)
- 3) Discussion of another topic (5 minutes, in English)

The seminar paper accounts for 50% of the final grade. Presentation and discussion accounts for the other 50% of the final grade. Students need to pass both of these requirements in order to pass the seminar.

Please notice that due to organizational constraints, the submission deadline of the seminar paper cannot be extended by any circumstance (e.g. illness).

Required background knowledge

Necessary: Mathematics, **Econometrics**, Macro- and Microeconomics

Topics

1. Migration and knowledge diffusion

Reference: Bahar, D., & Rapoport, H. (2018). Migration, knowledge diffusion and the comparative advantage of nations. *The Economic Journal*, 128(612), F273-F305.

2. Migration, knowledge and export productivity

Reference: Bahar, D., A. Hauptmann, C. Özgüel & Rapoport, H. Let their knowledge flow: the effect of Yugoslavian returning refugees on export productivity. Working paper, to be retrieved from Dany Bahar's personal website.

3. Migrant networks and trade

Reference: Parsons, C., & Vézina, P. L. (2018). Migrant networks and trade: The Vietnamese boat people as a natural experiment. *The Economic Journal*, 128(612), F210-F234.

4. Immigration and its implications to the welfare state

Reference: Alesina, A., Harnoss, J. & Rapoport, H.. Immigration and the Future of the Welfare State in Europe. PSE Working Papers n.2018-04. 2018. <halshs-01707760>

5. Immigration and voting

Reference: Halla, M., Wagner, A. F., & Zweimüller, J. (2017). Immigration and voting for the far right. *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 15(6), 1341-1385.

6. Long-term implications of migration on economic performance

Reference: Alesina, A., Harnoss, J., & Rapoport, H. (2016). Birthplace diversity and economic prosperity. *Journal of Economic Growth*, 21(2), 101-138.

7. Migration before Railways

Reference: Kelly, M., & O'Grada, C. (2018). Gravity and Migration before Railways: Evidence from Parisian Prostitutes and Revolutionaries.

8. Migration as a tool to spread democracy (*)

Reference: Barsbai, T., Rapoport, H., Steinmayr, A., & Trebesch, C. (2017). The effect of labor migration on the diffusion of democracy: evidence from a former Soviet Republic. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 9(3), 36-69.

9. Emigration and democracy (*)

Reference: Docquier, F., Lodigiani, E., Rapoport, H. & Schiff, M. (2016) Emigration and democracy. *Journal of Development Economics*. 120, 209-223.

10. Illegal versus legal migrants: implications

Reference: Dustmann, C., Fasani, F., & Speciale, B. (2017). Illegal migration and consumption behavior of immigrant households. *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 15(3), 654-691.

11. Brain drain

Reference: Beine, M., Docquier, F., & Rapoport, H. (2008). Brain drain and human capital formation in developing countries: winners and losers. *The Economic Journal*, 118(528), 631-652.

12. Migration and military conflicts

Reference: Docquier, F., Ruysen, I., & Schiff, M. W. (2018). International migration: pacifier or trigger for military conflicts?. *The Journal of Development Studies*, 54(9), 1657-1679.

13. Migration and health

Reference: Docquier, F., Vasilakis, C., & Munsu, D. T. (2014). International migration and the propagation of HIV in sub-Saharan Africa. *Journal of Health Economics*, 35, 20-33.

14. Return migration and its effects on the labor market

Reference: Hausmann, R., & Nedelkoska, L. (2018). Welcome home in a crisis: Effects of return migration on the non-migrants' wages and employment. *European Economic Review*, 101, 101-132.

The seminar paper

In your seminar paper you should present the idea and the central mechanisms of the underlying journal article in your own words. The objective of the seminar paper is that a reader unfamiliar with the original journal article is thoroughly familiarized with the topic. The seminar paper must not be longer than 15 pages (excluding appendices and the list of references). Please use 1.5 spacing, and type size 12.

The seminar paper and the presentation are an optimal opportunity to familiarize yourselves with the open-source typesetting software Latex that is used nowadays in science. If you choose to prepare the paper in Word please use the typeface “Times New Roman”.

Advices for preparing a seminar paper:

- use as few footnotes as possible.
- attach a bibliography to your paper.
- do not include lists of figures, tables or abbreviations. They are not necessary in such a short seminar paper.
- properly cite all sources that you refer to.
- for references in the text follow the practice of international journals. Example: If you want to refer to an article written by Hazan in 2009 cite it in the text as [...] (Hazan, 2009). Please do not use footnotes for citation.

Students who copy-paste from any source will automatically be expelled from the course. They are graded with 5.0 and are furthermore reported to the registrar’s office (“Prüfungsamt”). Note that also one-for-one translations from another language account as plagiarism. Be aware: We are extremely ambitious to uncover any attempt of fraud and also use specialized software to detect plagiarism.

The presentation

Every participant of the seminar acts as a presenter of his own topic (30 minutes) as well as a “first participant in discussion” (around 5 minutes) of another topic of the seminar. The technical equipment for the presentation (laptop, beamer, laser-pointer) will be provided by the institute. **The slides have to be sent to Ana Abeliasky (aabelia@uni-goettingen.de) as a PDF file (no ppt files!) until the day before the seminar.**

If you are uncertain about the composition of your presentation the following advices might be helpful.

- The first 3 minutes of a presentation are crucial because you have the full attention of the audience. Use them to deliver the main point/the takeaway of your talk
- The available speaking time of 30 minutes is not sufficient to say everything that could be said about the topic.
- Practice the presentation several times beforehand to get a feeling for the time constraints etc.

You should pay attention to the following advices when preparing your slides:

- No more than 1 slide per minute
- Every slide should be equipped with a title
- The title should be self-explanatory
- No footnotes, detailed bibliographic information, long formulas, big tables or long sentences
- A slide with too little text is preferable to a slide with too much text, optimal are 20 - 40 words per slide
- A figure or a formula is worth a 1000 words
- Do not use fancy layouts (or other fancy Powerpoint options)

Application Seminar Migration, Winter 2018/9

Please hand in the Application form at room oec 2.201/2.139 or via email (aabelia@uni-goettingen.de and johannes.schuenemann@wiwi.uni-goettingen.de) up to 12.11.2018.

Name: _____

Enrollment Number: _____

Subject: _____

Semester: _____

E-Mail: _____

Credits passed: _____

Grade in Bachelor Studies: _____

Have you passed any seminar before? (Yes/no) _____

If yes, which ones? Please write the grade _____

Preferred Topics: 1.: _____

2.: _____

3.: _____

I agree to receive a different topic in case I am not able to get a topic among my preferred ones: YES NO (please mark your choice).

I would like to apply for a place in the seminar "Migration", Winter 2018/9.

(Signature)