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

***Module: M.WiWi-VWL.0024***

**January 22-23, 2021**

## **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 15, 2020 (noon).

Topics are allocated according to a first come, first serve basis and by certain priority criteria<sup>1</sup>. A short concept paper for the selected topic (1/2 page) has to be sent via email to [fnowak@uni-goettingen.de](mailto:fnowak@uni-goettingen.de) by 3 November 2020. **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 15 October, 12:00, in Stud IP
- Statement of interest with short concept for seminar paper via email to [fnowak@uni-goettingen.de](mailto:fnowak@uni-goettingen.de) by 3 November, 12:00
- ZOOM introductory meeting, 5 November, 12:00-13:00; final allocation of seminar topics
- Registration in FlexNow: 15 October-13 November, 2020 (latest possible registration by 13 November!)
- Block seminar: January 22-23, 2021

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<sup>1</sup> You have a high priority if you are in the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> semester in the MA program. Therefore, please state which MA semester you are currently in and whether you are a student of MA Development Economics or MA 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.

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

**Topic 1 : What determines emigration decisions (micro perspective)? Theoretical aspects and empirical findings for Latin America (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](#), Elsevier, vol. 101(C), pages 75-91.

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

Ruyssen, Ilse & Salomone, Sara, 2018. "[Female migration: A way out of discrimination?](#)," [Journal of Development Economics](#), Elsevier, vol. 130(C), pages 224-241.

**Topic 2 : What determines emigration decisions (macro perspective)? Theoretical aspects and empirical findings for Latin America**

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, Germán Daniel, 2017. "[The legacy of natural disasters: The intergenerational impact of 100 years of disasters in Latin America](#)," [Journal of Development Economics](#), Elsevier, 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.

**Topic area II: Impact of migration**

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

Daniel Chiquiar & Gordon H. Hanson, 2005. "[International Migration, Self-Selection, and the Distribution of Wages: Evidence from Mexico and the United States](#)," [Journal of Political Economy](#), University of Chicago Press, vol. 113(2), pages 239-281, April.

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

**Topic 4 : What is the impact of migration on recipient/destination countries, considering labor markets (wages, unemployment)?**

Docquier, F., Ozden, Ç. and G. Peri (2014). The labour market effects of immigration and emigration in OECD countries. *Economic Journal*, 124(579): 1106-1145.

Dustmann, C., Frattini, T. and I.P. Preston (2013). The effect of immigration along the distribution of wages. *Review of Economic Studies*, 80(1): 145-173.

**Topic 5: What is the impact of migration on sending countries, considering brain drain?**

Frédéric Docquier & Hillel Rapoport, 2012. "[Globalization, Brain Drain, and Development](#)," [Journal of Economic Literature](#), American Economic Association, vol. 50(3), pages 681-730, September.

Michel Beine & Frédéric Docquier & Hillel Rapoport, 2008. "[Brain Drain and Human Capital Formation in Developing Countries: Winners and Losers](#)," [Economic Journal](#), Royal Economic Society, vol. 118(528), pages 631-652, April.

John Gibson & David McKenzie, 2012. "[The Economic Consequences of 'Brain Drain' of the Best and Brightest: Microeconomic Evidence from Five Countries](#)," [Economic Journal](#), Royal Economic Society, vol. 122(560), pages 339-375, May.

**Topic 6: What is the impact of remittances 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 area III: Impact and use of remittances**

**Topic 7: How are remittances spent by receiving households?**

Edwards, Alejandra Cox & Ureta, Manuelita, 2003. "[International migration, remittances, and schooling: evidence from El Salvador](#)," [Journal of Development Economics](#), Elsevier, vol. 72(2), pages 429-461, December.

Adams R.H.J. **International remittances and the household: analysis and review of global evidence.** *Journal of African Economies*, 15 (2) (2006), pp. 396-425.

**Topic 8: 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.