



Migration and Integration

An investigation into natives' and foreigners' decisions regarding economic migration

General problem

- Migration: one of the most pressing policy issues of today
- More people are on the move than ever before (Stroud et al., 2018)
- Hot spots: Syrian refugee crisis, COVID-19 pandemic
- Reasons for migration: quality of life improvement, persecution

Our focus:

~~Refugees~~

Economic migrants

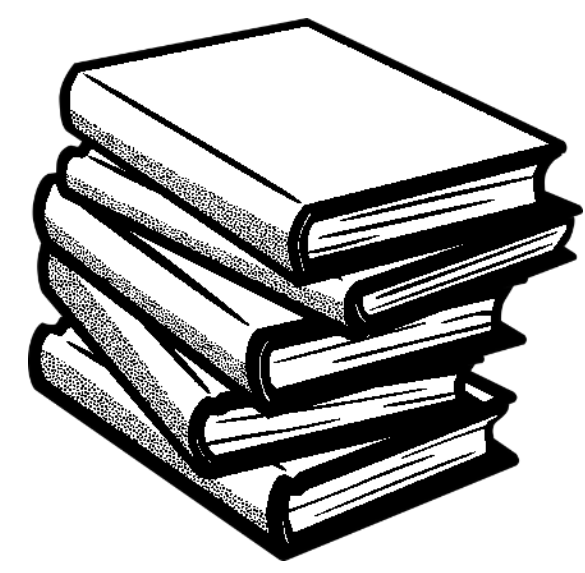


~~Asylum seekers~~

Objective

Better understanding of cooperation in societies faced with the possibility of foreign inflow into their welfare systems

Research design

- RQ 1) What motivates economic migrants to move within and across national boundaries?
- RQ 2a) How do destination country citizens' decisions whether or not to vote for policies disadvantaging economic migrants affect these migrants' willingness to participate in the destination country's labor market?
- RQ 2b) How does economic migrants' willingness to participate in the destination country's labor market affect destination country citizens' decisions whether or not to vote for policies which disadvantage economic migrants?
- RQ 3a) How do destination country citizens' decisions whether or not to vote for policies making relocation for economic migrants harder (i.e., costly) affect these migrants' willingness to participate in the destination country's labor market?
- RQ 3b) How does economic migrants' willingness to participate in the destination country's labor market affect destination country citizens' decisions whether or not to vote for policies which make relocation for economic migrants harder (i.e., costly)?

Research Paper	Literature Review	Experimental Study 1	Experimental Study 2
Novelty	ec. migrants' motives	ec. migrants' payoff	fict. role of smugglers
			

- ### Practical relevance
- Europe runs out of working people to maintain the economic system by the end of the century (UN DESA, 2020)
 - Migration policy-making: first guideline for distinguishing more easily between economic migrants and refugees [Review, DOI: 10.2139/ssrn.3947794](#)
 - Austria's indexed child benefits: lower child benefits for workers with children living outside of Austria [Study 1, DOI: 10.2139/ssrn.3890497](#)
 - EU's joint action plan with Turkey: intensification of (i) the fight against smugglers and (ii) plans for the return to Turkey of all illegal immigrants into the EU [Study 2, working paper forthcoming](#)

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