

Outline

As the sociologist François Héran points out, it is difficult in this first decade of the 21st century to find a more passionate topic than immigration, whether in France or abroad. The questions raised are complex. What is the real extent of migration flows? What do they bring to the sending and receiving countries? Should we open, close or leave the borders? Ajar. What are the consequences of these movements of human capital in the context of a worldwide market of talents and skills?

The economic approach contributes to repositioning this debate within a scientific framework in which passion gives way to analysis. The purpose of this fourth annual workshop OECD/CEPII is to organize a research seminar (23 October 2008) and a conference (24 October 2008) to discuss the economic aspects of migration and the world market for human capital. The seminar aims to discuss the recent contributions that create a new approach to the determinants of migration flows and the consequences of these flows on the budgetary equilibrium of pension and social security systems, and on the equilibrium of the labour market at the macro-economic level as well as on geographical and sectorial aspects – migration flows are mostly concentrated in specific activity areas. The seminar will also address network effects, which facilitate economic transactions between host and origin countries (trades, FDI, outsourcing). This meeting will also focus on the behaviour of migrants and their impact in terms of economic performance and decreasing inequalities between different countries. This is also an opportunity for researchers specializing in these areas to meet, whether their approach is theoretical or empirical, to stimulate their responses to these crucial issues and to lay out the main directions for future research in this field.

A more hands-on thematic half-day in the form of a conference, which will be open to the members of the *Club du CEPII*, will tackle the economic aspects of the existence of a global market of human resources. Following the goods and services model, the demand for human skills and talents is applied to an increasingly globalised and competitive market. Beyond the selection of migrants, all OECD countries are dealing with questions of recruiting immigrant workers and their subsequent retention, as well as the risk of “brain drain”, particularly in developing countries.

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International Migration: Trends and Challenges

Fourth annual conference OECD-CEPII

Workshop / Thursday 23th October 2008 – 8:45 am to 5:45 pm
Conference / Friday 24th October 2008 – 8:45 am to 1:00 pm

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WORKSHOP – Thursday 23rd October 2008

Morning

- 8:45 a.m Registration
- 9:00 Welcome Address
Agnès Bénassy-Quéré, Director, CEPII and **John West**, Head of the Public Affairs Division, OECD
- 9:15 Introduction: *Trends and Main Challenges of Current Migration*
Jean-Pierre Garson, Head of the International Migration Division, OECD
- 9:30 **SESSION I – IMPACT OF MIGRATION ON HOST COUNTRIES**
Chair: **Sébastien Jean**, Senior Scientist, UMR INRA Agro Paris Tech; Scientific Advisor, CEPII
- 9:35 **Migration and the Labour Market**
Juan F. Jimeno, Economist, Banco de Espana: *The Aggregate Effects of Immigration in Spain* (with M. Izquierdo and J. Rojas)
Herbert Brücker, Economist, IAB; University of Nuremberg: *Migration and Wage-Setting: Reassessing the Labour Market Effects of Migration* (with E. J. Jahn)
Alan Barrett, Senior Research Officer, Economic & Social Research Institute, Dublin: *The Integration of Migrants into the Irish Labour Market*
- 10:35 Debate introduced by:
Thomas Liebig, Economist, International Migration Division, OECD
- 10:45 General debate
- 11:05 - Coffee break
- 11:30 **Immigration, Ageing and Social Welfare**
Assaf Razin, Professor, Tel Aviv University/Cornell University: *International Migration and the Welfare State*
Xavier Chojnicki, Economist, CEPII; EQUIPPE, University of Lille II: *Macroeconomic Consequences of Global Migration in an Ageing World: a General Equilibrium Analysis* (with V. Borgy, G. Le Garrec and C. Schwellnus)
- 12:10 General debate
- 12:45 - Lunch hosted by OECD
- 2:00 **SESSION II - MIGRATION POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT**
Chair: **Michel Beine**, Professor, University of Luxembourg
- Maurice Schiff**, Lead Economist, International Trade Unit, World Bank: *Immigration Policy: Permanent, Guest Worker or Mode 4*
Hein de Haas, Senior Research Officer, IMI; University of Oxford: *Migration Transitions and the Migration Hump: a Theoretical Inquiry and Empirical Test*
- Debate introduced by:
Catherine Vihtol de Wenden, Senior Research Fellow, CNRS-CERI
Jean-Pierre Garson, Head of the International Migration Division, OECD
- 3:05 General debate

3:35 - Coffee break

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Afternoon

- 4:00 **SESSION III – MIGRATION, REMITTANCES AND DEVELOPMENT IN ORIGIN COUNTRIES**
Chair: **David Khoudour-Castéras**, Economist, CEPII
- Flore Gubert**, Research Fellow, IRD-DIAL, Paris: *Migrants' Remittances and the Household in Africa* (with J.P. Azam)
El Mouhoub Mouhoud, Professor, University of Paris Dauphine: *Main Motivations of Remittances in the Mediterranean Basin: Results of a New Survey* (with L. Miotti & J. Oudinet)
Michel Beine, Professor, University of Luxembourg: *International Migration, Transfers of Norms and Home Country Fertility* (with F. Docquier and M. Schiff)
- 5:05 General debate
- 5:45 End of the workshop

CONFERENCE – Friday 24th October 2008

Morning

- 8:45 Registration
- 9:00 Welcome Address
John West, Head of the Public Affairs Division, OECD and **Michel Fouquin**, Deputy director, CEPII
- 9:15 **SESSION I – MIGRATION OF SKILLED LABOUR IN OECD COUNTRIES**
Chair: **Maurice Schiff**, Lead Economist, International Trade Unit, World Bank
- Jean-Baptiste Meyer**, Director of Research, IRD: *International Mobility of Highly Skilled Workers*
Hillel Rapoport, Professor, Bar-Ilan University; EQUIPPE, University of Lille: *Brain Drain and Development: an Overview*
Thomas Melonio, Economist, AFD: *Migration Balances: First Estimates*
- 10:20 Debate introduced by
Frédéric Lerais, Advisor, Bureau of European Policy advisers, BEPA, European Commission
John Evans, General Secretary, Trade Unions Advisory Committee to the OECD (TUAC)
- 10:40 General debate
- 11:10 - Coffee break
- 11:30 **SESSION II – INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND HUMAN CAPITAL**
Chair: **Jeff Dayton-Johnson**, Head of the Latin America and Caribbean Desk, Development Center, OECD
- Jean-Christophe Dumont**, Economist, International Migration Division, OECD: *International Mobility of Skilled Health Workers*
Yves Corcelle, Associate Director for Europe, Dragonfly Group: *Human Resources in China*
Geneviève Brame, Consultant, Ernst & Young: *Human Resources for Non-OECD Countries, Hiring Procedures and Future Trends*
- 12:35 General debate
- 1:00 End of the conference

1:00 - Lunch hosted by OECD

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