

Immigration, Refugees and Asylum Policies

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Speakers:



George J. Borjas is the Robert W. Scrivner Professor of Economics and Social Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School. Professor Borjas is the author of several books, including *Immigration Economics* (Harvard University Press, 2014), *Heaven's Door: Immigration Policy and the American Economy* (Princeton University Press, 1999).



Jesús Fernández-Huertas Moraga joined the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid in 2015. His main research interests include international migration, economic development and labor economics. His current work concentrates on the theoretical and empirical study of the determinants of international migration, the theory of international cooperation in migration policies and the causes and consequences of the Spanish immigration boom.



Tim Hatton is Professor of Economics at the University of Essex. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences (UK) and of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia. He is also a Research Fellow of the CEPR (London) and the IZA (Bonn). His research focus is the causes and effects of international migration, in both its historical and contemporary contexts.



Douglas S. Massey has served on the faculties of the University of Chicago and the University of Pennsylvania. His research focuses on international migration, race and housing, discrimination, education, urban poverty, and Latin America, especially Mexico.



Cormac Ó Gráda is Professor Emeritus of Economics at University College Dublin. He is a graduate of University College Dublin and Columbia University (New York). He has published widely on various aspects of Irish economic history, on the global history of famine, and more recently on the English Industrial Revolution.



Peter H. Schuck is the Simeon E. Baldwin Professor of Law Emeritus at Yale University, where he served briefly as Deputy Dean. His major fields of teaching and research have been tort law; public policy; immigration, citizenship, and refugee law; groups, diversity, and law; and administrative law.

Discussants:



Kevin Shih is Assistant Professor at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He completed his doctoral thesis on the economic impact of skilled immigration under the guidance of Giovanni Peri (UC Davis). In 2014, his research on the labor market effects of H-1B immigrants was used by the Council of Economic Advisors as the centerpiece of a November 2014 report that informed President Obama's executive actions on immigration.



Alessandra Venturini is Deputy Director of the Migration Policy Center (Florence) and Professor of Political Economy at the University of Turin. She has conducted joint projects international organisations on migration (OECD, World Bank, European Commission, CEPR). Her research interests include assimilation of migrants in host countries, their effect on the labour market and on innovation in EU, effects of remittances of highly-skilled migration in sending countries, and circular and irregular migration.

Round Table:



Theresa Beltramo is the Senior Economist for the UNHCR's Operational Solutions and Transitions Section. She is an experienced Applied Microeconomist with expertise in behavioral, development, and energy and environmental economics.



Peter Bosch is a senior expert at the European Commission where he is dealing with policies on migration and home affairs. Strengthening the interface between (academic) research and policy is among his priorities. Mr. Bosch is advisor to the various international organizations and a member of different commissions working in the area of international migration policy.



Jennifer Hunt received her Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard in 1992 and her Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1987. She has done research in the areas of employment and unemployment policy, immigration, wage inequality, transition economics, crime and corruption. Her current research focuses on immigration and innovation in the United States, the U.S. science and engineering workforce, and the 2008-2009 recession in Germany.



Niels Harild is an economist and an independent policy expert with 36 years of experience in conflict, forced displacement, fragility, transition, peace- and state building. He worked in conflict zones with the World Bank, UNHCR, and NGOs. From 2009 to 2015 he created and managed the World Bank Global Program on Forced Displacement (GPFD), defining the future and actual policies of the World Bank on forced displacement caused by conflict and human rights abuses.



Carlotta Sami is spokeswoman for UNCHR for the South Europe, and chief press agent for the Italian Office of the UN Refugee Agency. After graduating in Law with specialization in General Theory of Law, in 1995 he started working in the field of human rights and development cooperation.



Federico Soda is the Director of the IOM Coordination Office for the Mediterranean in Rome, where he is responsible for IOM activities in Italy, Malta and the Representative to the Holy See. He has extensive experience working with policy makers, think-tanks, academia and civil society on a broad range of migration issues.