Overview and Objectives

This course provides an overview of the key concepts in the economics of immigration. It is divided into two parts. The first part consists of 4 lectures in which we will cover the basic theoretical models. The second part will be seminar style. Each seminar will consist of an overview of the specific topic given by me, and presentations given by the students. For this purpose, students will team up in pairs and prepare a presentation and brief report about one of the key papers in the relevant literature.

Course Outline

Part 1: Lectures

1. Introduction, Background and History
2. The Migration Decision and Forms of Migration
3. The Effect of Immigration on Wages and Employment
4. The Effect of Immigration on the Industry Structure and Technology

Part 2: Seminars

5. Immigration and Economic Development
6. Immigration and Assimilation
7. Estimating the Labour Market Impact of Immigration (Part 1)
8. Estimating the Labour Market Impact of Immigration (Part 2)
9. The Effect of Immigration on Prices, Housing and Crime
10. Illegal Immigration, Ethnic Segregation and Attitudes to Immigration

Required Activities

Class presentation and submission of written report.

Evaluation

Class presentations and reports: 50%, Final exam: 50%. 

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Materials

There is no single textbook this course follows. We will use a variety of journal articles and working papers throughout the course which should all be available on the internet, for example through JSTOR. The following reading list is quite extensive – though certainly not exhaustive – and not all papers are equally relevant. I have marked a few key references in bold.

General Reading

Bodvarsson, Ö. and H. van den Berg (2009), The Economics of Immigration – Theory and Policy, Berlin Heidelberg: Springer.


The Migration Decision


The Economics of Migration


Forms of Migration


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The Effect of Immigration on Wages and Employment


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The Effect of Immigration on the Industry Structure and Technology


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The Effect of Immigration on Prices, Housing and Crime


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Immigration and Assimilation


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Immigration and Economic Development


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Illegal Immigration, Network Effects and Ethnic Segregation


Yoshida, C. and A. D. Woodland (2005), The Economics of Illegal Immigration, Palgrave Macmillan.

Attitudes to Immigration


