PhD Seminar: 41080 The Politics of Migration

Motivation:
This seminar has a dual purpose: 1- teaching you about migration politics and 2- helping you produce a research paper on a topic of your choice (which does not have to be on migration). We will meet on average around once a week to read core work on immigration, asylum, integration, and the political and economic effects. Each week you work on a different part of your paper, including framing, theory, research design, data, results, and revisions. Your project can be on migration or on another topic that serves your research agenda. Class time goes to discussion of readings, short presentations, and feedback on your papers. The aim is thus twofold: to understand the research on migration politics and to have a complete draft you can use for your second year paper and then refine for journal submission.

Summary:
The course introduces the main debates in migration politics and uses them to sharpen your own research. We cover why people move, asylum and refugee decisions, effects on labor markets and public finances and crime, public attitudes and perceived impacts, electoral and policy consequences, integration and discrimination, national approaches to migration, border and enforcement choices, contact and exposure, and outcomes for sending countries. Alongside the readings, you present short pieces of your paper, circulate drafts before class, and give and receive focused comments. The result is a full draft and a better command of the literature.

Structure:
This course will last for an entire semester and we will meet on average around once per week. In terms of content, we start by covering major theories about why people move, asylum seekers and refugees, and the effects of migration on labor, welfare, and violence in the host country in weeks 1–3. Then, we turn to perceived effects and attitudes, the political effects of migration, integration and discrimination, and national policies toward migrants in weeks 4–7. These weeks will discuss several aspects of the link between immigration and populism. Finally, we study border control and enforcement, contact and exposure, and the consequences of migration for sending countries in weeks 8–10.

As for your paper, in the first few weeks, you will work on refining your research question and the overview of your paper. Afterwards, you will draft your theory, literature review, and research design. Then, you will present and write the preliminary results, add robustness checks, and write your introduction and conclusion. Finally, in weeks 11–12 you present your full paper and act as a discussant for a colleague.

Assignments:
There will be four types of assignments. 1- Read the assigned readings for each section. We will discuss these readings during class. 2- Present part of your paper. 3- Submit part of your paper (fixing any previous comments and adding the part you most recently presented). The presentations go first because they should help clarify how you structure the writing and give

you preliminary feedback on what you hope to write. 4- Discuss the writing of one of your colleagues (whenever a written assignment is due). This is why it's important that you submit the writing assignments at least 2 days before the class and you should send it to everyone (me and your colleagues). The exception is the final writing assignment (the full paper), which I will ask you to submit at least 5 days before we meet, to give each other (and me) enough time to read the entire paper.

Session 1: Why people move

Assignment for this week:

- Prepare a slide deck for the question. **The slide deck has ~3-5 slides**: Framing, question/why it matters, relevant literature, research design, and data sources. Each presentation should be 5 minutes max!

Required Readings:

- Lee, Everett S. "A theory of migration." Demography 3, no. 1 (1966): 47-57.
- Massey, Douglas S., Joaquin Arango, Graeme Hugo, Ali Kouaouci, Adela Pellegrino, and J. Edward Taylor. "Theories of international migration: A review and appraisal." *Population and development review* (1993): 431-466.
- De Haas et al. *The Age of Migration*. Chapter 3
- Fitzgerald, Jennifer, David Leblang, and Jessica C. Teets. "Defying the law of gravity: The political economy of international migration." World Politics 66, no. 3 (2014): 406-445.
- Clemens, Michael A. "Does development reduce migration?" IZA Discussion Papers, No. 8592. 2014.
- Weingast, "Caltech Rules for Writing Papers: How to Structure Your Paper and Write and Introduction"

Additional Readings:

- Borjas, George J. "Self-Selection and the Earnings of Immigrants," *American Economic Review* (1987): 531-553.
- De Haas, Hein. "A theory of migration: the aspirations-capabilities framework." *Comparative migration studies* 9, no. 1 (2021)
- Clemens, Michael A. "Economics and emigration: Trillion-dollar bills on the sidewalk?." Journal of Economic perspectives 25, no. 3 (2011): 83-106.
- De Haas, Hein. "Turning the tide? Why development will not stop migration." Development and change 38, no. 5 (2007): 819-841.

Session 2: Asylum Seekers and Refugees

Assignment for this week:

- prepare a short memo (up to 3 pages) with your research question and design idea. The question should be answerable with data that you have already obtained.

Required Readings:

- FitzGerald, David Scott, and Rawan Arar. "The sociology of refugee migration." Annual Review of Sociology 44, no. 1 (2018): 387-406.
- Aksoy, Cevat Giray and Panu Poutvaara. 2021. “Refugees’ and Irregular Migrants’ Self-Selection into Europe.” Journal of Development Economics 152
- Shaver, Andrew, Benjamin Krick, Judy Blancaflor, Xavier Liu, Ghassan Samara, Sarah Yein Ku, Shengkuo Hu et al. "The causes and consequences of refugee flows: A contemporary reanalysis." *American Political Science Review* 119, no. 1 (2025): 526-534.
- Hatton, Timothy J. "Asylum migration to the developed world: Persecution, incentives, and policy." *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 34, no. 1 (2020): 75-93.
- Read this on how to discuss a paper since over the next weeks you will be discussing each other’s writing: https://chrisblattman.com/blog/2010/02/22/the-discussants-art/

Additional Readings:

- Clemens, Michael A., and Hannah M. Postel. "Deterring emigration with foreign aid: An overview of evidence from low-income countries." Population and development review 44, no. 4 (2018): 667.
- Conte, Alessandra, and Silvia Migali. "The role of conflict and organized violence in international forced migration." Demographic Research 41 (2019): 393-424.
- Renner, Laura, and Lena Schmid. "The decision to flee: exploring gender-specific determinants of international refugee migration." *Journal of Population Economics* 38, no. 2 (2025): 48.
- Adamson, Fiona B., and Gerasimos Tsourapas. "The migration state in the global south: Nationalizing, developmental, and neoliberal models of migration management." *International Migration Review* 54, no. 3 (2020): 853-882.
- Neumayer, Eric. "Asylum recognition rates in Western Europe: Their determinants, variation, and lack of convergence." Journal of conflict resolution 49, no. 1 (2005): 43-66.
- Hatton, Timothy J. "The rise and fall of asylum: What happened and why?" The Economic Journal 119, no. 535 (2009): F183-F213.
- Neumayer, Eric. "Bogus refugees? The determinants of asylum migration to Western Europe." International studies quarterly 49, no. 3 (2005): 389-409.
- Moore, Will H., and Stephen M. Shellman. "Whither will they go? A global study of refugees’ destinations, 1965–1995." International Studies Quarterly 51, no. 4 (2007): 811-834.
- Turkoglu, Oguzhan, and Sigrid Weber. "When to go? A conjoint experiment on social networks, violence, and forced migration decisions in eastern and southeastern Turkey." International Studies Quarterly 67, no. 2 (2023): sqad033.
- Moore, W. H., & Shellman, S. M. (2006). Refugee or Internally Displaced Person? To Where Should One Flee? *Comparative Political Studies*, *39*(5), 599-622. https://doi.org/10.1177/0010414005276457
- Adhikari, Prakash. "Conflict-induced displacement, understanding the causes of flight." *American Journal of Political Science* 57, no. 1 (2013): 82-89.

- Higashijima, Masaaki, and Yujin Woo. "Political Regimes and Refugee Entries: The Preferences and Decisions of Displaced Persons and Host Governments." International Studies Quarterly 68, no. 2 (2024): sqae077.

Session 3: The effects of migration…

Assignment for this week:

- Write a 3-5 page introduction of your research paper. The introduction should include a motivation, the research question, the state of the literature and main gaps, your theory, and your research design (and your findings if you have any). Circulate via email 2 days before class.
- Come prepared with feedback for one of your colleagues (assigned).

Required Readings:

… on the labor market

- Clemens, Michael A., Ethan G. Lewis, and Hannah M. Postel. "Immigration restrictions as active labor market policy: Evidence from the mexican bracero exclusion." American Economic Review 108, no. 6 (2018): 1468-1487.
- Beerli, Andreas, Jan Ruffner, Michael Siegenthaler, and Giovanni Peri. "The abolition of immigration restrictions and the performance of firms and workers: evidence from Switzerland." American Economic Review 111, no. 3 (2021): 976-1012.

… on welfare and redistribution

- Ferwerda, Jeremy, Moritz Marbach, and Dominik Hangartner. "Do immigrants move to welfare? Subnational evidence from Switzerland." American Journal of Political Science 68, no. 3 (2024): 874-890.
- Preston, Ian. "The effect of immigration on public finances." The Economic Journal 124, no. 580 (2014): F569-F592.

… on crime and violence

- Zhou, Yang-Yang, and Andrew Shaver. "Reexamining the effect of refugees on civil conflict: a global subnational analysis." American Political Science Review 115, no. 4 (2021): 1175-1196.
- Bianchi, Milo, Paolo Buonanno, and Paolo Pinotti. "Do immigrants cause crime?." Journal of the European Economic Association 10, no. 6 (2012): 1318-1347.

Additional Readings:

- Monras, Joan. "Immigration and wage dynamics: Evidence from the mexican peso crisis." Journal of Political Economy 128, no. 8 (2020): 3017-3089.
- Bove, Vincenzo, and Tobias Böhmelt. "Does immigration induce terrorism?" The Journal of Politics 78, no. 2 (2016): 572-588.
- Card, David. "The impact of the Mariel boatlift on the Miami labor market." Ilr Review 43, no. 2 (1990): 245-257.

- Borjas, George J. "The wage impact of the Marielitos: A reappraisal." Ilr Review 70, no. 5 (2017): 1077-1110.
- Peri, Giovanni, and Vasil Yasenov. "The labor market effects of a refugee wave: Synthetic control method meets the Mariel boatlift." Journal of Human Resources 54, no. 2 (2019): 267-309.
- Clemens, Michael A., and Jennifer Hunt. "The labor market effects of refugee waves: reconciling conflicting results." *ILR Review* 72, no. 4 (2019): 818-857.
- Borjas, George J. "The labor demand curve is downward sloping: Reexamining the impact of immigration on the labor market." The quarterly journal of economics 118, no. 4 (2003): 1335-1374.
- Francine D. Blau and Christopher Mackie, eds. 2017. The Economic and Fiscal Consequences of Immigration. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. Washington, D.C.: The National Academies Press. https://doi.org/10.17226/23550
- Bratsberg, Bernt, Oddbjørn Raaum, and Knut Røed. "Immigrants, labour market performance and social insurance." The Economic Journal 124, no. 580 (2014): F644-F683.
- Ottaviano, Gianmarco IP, and Giovanni Peri. "Rethinking the effect of immigration on wages." Journal of the European economic association 10, no. 1 (2012): 152-197.
- Dustmann, Christian, Tommaso Frattini, and Ian P. Preston. "The effect of immigration along the distribution of wages." Review of Economic Studies 80, no. 1 (2013): 145-173.
- Foged, Mette, and Giovanni Peri. "Immigrants' effect on native workers: New analysis on longitudinal data." American Economic Journal: Applied Economics 8, no. 2 (2016): 1-34.
- Dustmann, Christian, Uta Schönberg, and Jan Stuhler. "Labor supply shocks, native wages, and the adjustment of local employment." The Quarterly Journal of Economics 132, no. 1 (2017): 435-483.
- Agersnap, Ole, Amalie Jensen, and Henrik Kleven. "The welfare magnet hypothesis: Evidence from an immigrant welfare scheme in Denmark." American Economic Review: Insights 2, no. 4 (2020): 527-542.
- Dustmann, Christian, Rasmus Landersø, and Lars Højsgaard Andersen. "Refugee benefit cuts." American Economic Journal: Economic Policy 16, no. 2 (2024): 406-441.
- Battisti, Michele, Gabriel Felbermayr, Giovanni Peri, and Panu Poutvaara. "Immigration, search and redistribution: A quantitative assessment of native welfare." Journal of the European Economic Association 16, no. 4 (2018): 1137-1188.
- Ruist, Joakim. "The fiscal cost of refugee immigration: the example of Sweden." Population and Development Review 41, no. 4 (2015): 567-581.
- Moser, Petra, Alessandra Voena, and Fabian Waldinger. "German Jewish émigrés and US invention." *American Economic Review* 104, no. 10 (2014): 3222-3255.
- Helbling, Marc, and Daniel Meierrieks. "Terrorism and migration: An overview." British Journal of Political Science 52, no. 2 (2022): 977-996.
- Pinotti, Paolo. "Clicking on heaven's door: The effect of immigrant legalization on crime." American Economic Review 107, no. 1 (2017): 138-168.

- Bell, Brian, Francesco Fasani, and Stephen Machin. "Crime and immigration: Evidence from large immigrant waves." Review of Economics and statistics 95, no. 4 (2013): 1278-1290.
- Spenkuch, Jörg L. "Understanding the impact of immigration on crime." American law and economics review 16, no. 1 (2014): 177-219.
- Marie, Olivier, and Paolo Pinotti. "Immigration and crime: An international perspective." Journal of Economic Perspectives 38, no. 1 (2024): 181-200.

Session 4: Perceived effects and attitudes

Assignment for this week:

- Prepare a 5 minute presentation of the theory and hypotheses

Required Readings:

- Alesina, Alberto, Armando Miano, and Stefanie Stantcheva. "Immigration and redistribution." The Review of Economic Studies 90, no. 1 (2023): 1-39.
- Hainmueller, Jens, and Daniel J. Hopkins. "The hidden American immigration consensus: A conjoint analysis of attitudes toward immigrants." American journal of political science 59, no. 3 (2015): 529-548.
- Malhotra, Neil, Yotam Margalit, and Cecilia Hyunjung Mo. "Economic explanations for opposition to immigration: Distinguishing between prevalence and conditional impact." American Journal of Political Science 57, no. 2 (2013): 391-410.
- Margalit, Yotam, and Omer Solodoch. "Against the flow: Differentiating between public opposition to the immigration stock and flow." British Journal of Political Science 52, no. 3 (2022): 1055-1075.

Additional readings:

- Hainmueller, Jens, and Daniel J. Hopkins. "Public attitudes toward immigration." Annual review of political science 17, no. 1 (2014): 225-249.
- Sniderman, Paul M., Louk Hagendoorn, and Markus Prior. "Predisposing factors and situational triggers: Exclusionary reactions to immigrant minorities." American political science review 98, no. 1 (2004): 35-49.
- Bansak, Kirk, Jens Hainmueller, and Dominik Hangartner. "How economic, humanitarian, and religious concerns shape European attitudes toward asylum seekers." Science 354, no. 6309 (2016): 217-222.
- Valentino, Nicholas A., Stuart N. Soroka, Shanto Iyengar, Toril Aalberg, Raymond Duch, Marta Fraile, Kyu S. Hahn et al. "Economic and cultural drivers of immigrant support worldwide." British Journal of Political Science 49, no. 4 (2019): 1201-1226.
- Cavaille, Charlotte, and John Marshall. "Education and anti-immigration attitudes: Evidence from compulsory schooling reforms across Western Europe." American Political Science Review 113, no. 1 (2019): 254-263.

- Alrababa'h, Ala, Andrea Dillon, Scott Williamson, Jens Hainmueller, Dominik Hangartner, and Jeremy Weinstein. "Attitudes toward migrants in a highly impacted economy: Evidence from the Syrian refugee crisis in Jordan." Comparative Political Studies 54, no. 1 (2021): 33-76.
- Ward, Dalston G. "Public attitudes toward young immigrant men." American Political Science Review 113, no. 1 (2019): 264-269.
- Newman, Benjamin J., and Yamil Velez. "Group size versus change? Assessing Americans' perception of local immigration." Political Research Quarterly 67, no. 2 (2014): 293-303.
- Holland, Alisha, Margaret E. Peters, and Yang-Yang Zhou. "Left out: How political ideology affects support for migrants in Colombia." The Journal of Politics 86, no. 4 (2024): 1291-1303.
- Maxwell, Rahsaan. "Cosmopolitan immigration attitudes in large European cities: Contextual or compositional effects?." American Political Science Review 113, no. 2 (2019): 456-474.
- Brader, Ted, Nicholas A. Valentino, and Elizabeth Suhay. "What triggers public opposition to immigration? Anxiety, group cues, and immigration threat." American journal of political science 52, no. 4 (2008): 959-978.

Session 5: The political effects of migration

Assignment for this week:

- Fix the intro given previous comments and add the literature review and theory sections of your paper (~10 pages). Circulate via email 2 days before class.
- Come prepared with feedback for one of your colleagues (assigned).

Required readings:

- Alesina, Alberto, and Marco Tabellini. "The political effects of immigration: Culture or economics?." *Journal of Economic Literature* 62, no. 1 (2024): 5-46.
- Tabellini, Marco. "Gifts of the immigrants, woes of the natives: Lessons from the age of mass migration." *The Review of Economic Studies* 87, no. 1 (2020): 454-486.
- Dinas, Elias, Konstantinos Matakos, Dimitrios Xefteris, and Dominik Hangartner. "Waking up the golden dawn: does exposure to the refugee crisis increase support for extreme-right parties?." Political analysis 27, no. 2 (2019): 244-254.
- Becker, Sascha O., Thiemo Fetzer, and Dennis Novy. "Who voted for Brexit? A comprehensive district-level analysis." Economic policy 32, no. 92 (2017): 601-650.
- Dustmann, Christian, Kristine Vasiljeva, and Anna Piil Damm. "Refugee migration and electoral outcomes." The Review of Economic Studies 86, no. 5 (2019): 2035-2091.

Additional readings:

- Hill, Seth J., Daniel J. Hopkins, and Gregory A. Huber. "Local demographic changes and US presidential voting, 2012 to 2016." Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences 116, no. 50 (2019): 25023-25028.

- Alrababah, Ala, Andreas Beerli, Dominik Hangartner, and Dalston Ward. "The free movement of people and the success of far-right parties: Evidence from Switzerland's border liberalization." *American Political Science Review* (2024): 1-20.
- Gennaro, Gloria. "Immigration, Public Housing and Support for the French National Front." (2025).
- Edo, Anthony, Yvonne Giesing, Jonathan Öztunc, and Panu Poutvaara. "Immigration and electoral support for the far-left and the far-right." *European Economic Review* 115 (2019): 99-143.
- Cremaschi, Simone, Paula Rettl, Marco Cappelluti, and Catherine E. De Vries. "Geographies of discontent: Public service deprivation and the rise of the far right in Italy." American Journal of Political Science (2024).
- Cools, Sara, Henning Finseraas, and Ole Rogeberg. "Local immigration and support for anti-immigration parties: A meta-analysis." *American Journal of Political Science* 65, no. 4 (2021): 988-1006.
- Vertier, Paul, Max Viskanic, and Matteo Gamalerio. "Dismantling the "Jungle": Migrant relocation and extreme voting in France." Political Science Research and Methods 11, no. 1 (2023): 129-143.
- Ivarsflaten, Elisabeth. "What unites right-wing populists in Western Europe? Re-examining grievance mobilization models in seven successful cases." Comparative Political Studies 41, no. 1 (2008): 3-23.
- Gest, Justin, Tyler Reny, and Jeremy Mayer. "Roots of the radical right: Nostalgic deprivation in the United States and Britain." *Comparative Political Studies* 51, no. 13 (2018): 1694-1719.
- Couttenier, Mathieu, Sophie Hatte, Mathias Thoenig, and Stephanos Vlachos. "Anti-muslim voting and media coverage of immigrant crimes." Review of Economics and Statistics 106, no. 2 (2024): 576-585.
- Hobbs, William, and Nazita Lajevardi. "Effects of divisive political campaigns on the day-to-day segregation of Arab and Muslim Americans." American Political Science Review 113, no. 1 (2019): 270-276.
- Dustmann, Christian, Kristine Vasiljeva, and Anna Piil Damm. "Refugee migration and electoral outcomes." The Review of Economic Studies 86, no. 5 (2019): 2035-2091.

Session 6: Integration, assimilation, and discrimination

Assignment for this week:

- Prepare a 5 minute presentation of the data and research design.

Required Readings:

- Fouka, Vasiliki. "Backlash: The unintended effects of language prohibition in US schools after World War I." *The Review of Economic Studies* 87, no. 1 (2020): 204-239.
- Hainmueller, Jens, Dominik Hangartner, and Giuseppe Pietrantuono. "Catalyst or crown: Does naturalization promote the long-term social integration of immigrants?." American Political Science Review 111, no. 2 (2017): 256-276.

- Abdelgadir, Aala, and Vasiliki Fouka. "Political secularism and Muslim integration in the West: Assessing the effects of the French headscarf ban." American Political Science Review 114, no. 3 (2020): 707-723.
- Adida, Claire L., David D. Laitin, and Marie-Anne Valfort. "Identifying barriers to Muslim integration in France." Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences 107, no. 52 (2010): 22384-22390.
- Schaeffer, Merlin, and Judith Kas. "The Integration Paradox: A Review and Meta-Analysis of the Complex Relationship Between Integration and Reports of Discrimination." International Migration Review 58, no. 3 (2024): 1384-1409.

Additional Readings:

- Krejcova, Eva, Filip Kostelka, and Nicolas Sauger. 2025. “Change in migrants’ political attitudes: Acculturation and cosmopolitanization.” American Journal of Political Science 1–19.
- Ferwerda, Jeremy, Henning Finseraas, and Johannes Bergh. "Voting rights and immigrant incorporation: Evidence from Norway." British Journal of Political Science 50, no. 2 (2020): 713-730.
- Fouka, Vasiliki, Soumyajit Mazumder, and Marco Tabellini. "From immigrants to Americans: Race and assimilation during the Great Migration." *The Review of Economic Studies* 89, no. 2 (2022): 811-842.
- Fouka, Vasiliki. "How do immigrants respond to discrimination? The case of Germans in the US during World War I." American Political Science Review 113, no. 2 (2019): 405-422.
- Fouka, Vasiliki, and Marco Tabellini. "Changing in-group boundaries: The effect of immigration on race relations in the United States." American Political Science Review 116, no. 3 (2022): 968-984.
- Dancygier, Rafaela M., and David D. Laitin. "Immigration into Europe: Economic discrimination, violence, and public policy." Annual Review of Political Science 17, no. 1 (2014): 43-64.
- Dancygier, Rafaela M. Dilemmas of inclusion: Muslims in European politics. Princeton University Press, 2018.
- Adida, Claire L., David D. Laitin, and Marie-Anne Valfort. Why Muslim integration fails in Christian-heritage societies. Harvard University Press, 2016.
- Mitts, Tamar. "From isolation to radicalization: Anti-Muslim hostility and support for ISIS in the West." American Political Science Review 113, no. 1 (2019): 173-194.
- Ruedin, Didier. "Participation in local elections:‘why don’t immigrants vote more?’." Parliamentary Affairs 71, no. 2 (2018): 243-262.
- Alarian, Hannah M. "Local suffrage increases citizenship acquisition: evidence from the European Union." The Journal of Politics 87, no. 4 (2025): 000-000.
- Fouka, Vasiliki. "State policy and immigrant integration." *Annual Review of Political Science* 27 (2023).
- Goodman, Sara Wallace, and Matthew Wright. "Does mandatory integration matter? Effects of civic requirements on immigrant socio-economic and political outcomes." Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies 41, no. 12 (2015): 1885-1908.

- Dancygier, Rafaela M., Karl-Oskar Lindgren, Sven Oskarsson, and Kåre Vernby. "Why are immigrants underrepresented in politics? Evidence from Sweden." American Political Science Review 109, no. 4 (2015): 703-724.
- Bansak, Kirk, Jeremy Ferwerda, Jens Hainmueller, Andrea Dillon, Dominik Hangartner, Duncan Lawrence, and Jeremy Weinstein. "Improving refugee integration through data-driven algorithmic assignment." *Science* 359, no. 6373 (2018): 325-329.

Session 7: National Policies Toward Migrants

Assignment for this week:

- Fix the previous sections of your paper. Add data, measurement, and research design to the paper. Circulate via email 2 days before class.
- Come prepared with feedback for one of your colleagues (assigned).

Required readings:

- Hopkins, Daniel J. "Politicized places: Explaining where and when immigrants provoke local opposition." American political science review 104, no. 1 (2010): 40-60.
- Peters, Margaret E. "Trade, foreign direct investment, and immigration policy making in the United States." International Organization 68, no. 4 (2014): 811-844.
- Simmons, Beth A., and Robert Shaffer. "Border anxiety in international discourse." *American Journal of Political Science* 68, no. 2 (2024): 661-677.
- Blair, Christopher W., Guy Grossman, and Jeremy M. Weinstein. "Forced displacement and asylum policy in the developing world." International Organization 76, no. 2 (2022): 337-378.

Additional readings:

- Abou-Chadi, Tarik. "Political and institutional determinants of immigration policies." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 42, no. 13 (2016): 2087-2110.
- Facchini, Giovanni, and Anna Maria Mayda. "From individual attitudes towards migrants to migration policy outcomes: Theory and evidence." Economic policy 23, no. 56 (2008): 652-713.
- Ellerman, The Comparative Politics of Immigration, Chapter 2: Theorizing Immigration Policy
- Freeman, Gary P. "Modes of immigration politics in liberal democratic states." *International migration review* 29, no. 4 (1995): 881-902.
- Goldin, Claudia. "The political economy of immigration restriction in the United States, 1890 to 1921." In The regulated economy: A historical approach to political economy, pp. 223-258. University of Chicago Press, 1994.
- Money, Jeannette. "No vacancy: The political geography of immigration control in advanced industrial countries." International Organization 51, no. 4 (1997): 685-720.

Session 8: Controlling migration

Assignment for this week:

- Prepare a 5 minute presentation of the results and their interpretation.

Required readings:

- Feigenberg, Benjamin. "Fenced out: The impact of border construction on US-Mexico migration." American Economic Journal: Applied Economics 12, no. 3 (2020): 106-139.
- Schon, Justin, and David Leblang. "Why physical barriers backfire: How immigration enforcement deters return and increases asylum applications." Comparative Political Studies 54, no. 14 (2021): 2611-2652.

Additional readings:

- Massey, Douglas S., Karen A. Pren, and Jorge Durand. "Why border enforcement backfired." American journal of sociology 121, no. 5 (2016): 1557-1600.
- Cascio, E., and E. G. Lewis. 2023. “Opening the Door: Immigrant Legalization and Family Reunification in the United States.” Journal of Labor Economics
- Durand, Jorge, and Douglas S. Massey. "Debacles on the border: Five decades of fact-free immigration policy." *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 684, no. 1 (2019): 6-20.
- Helbling, Marc, and David Leblang. "Controlling immigration? How regulations affect migration flows." European Journal of Political Research 58, no. 1 (2019): 248-269.
- Morgenstern, Sandra. "(How) do information campaigns influence migration decisions?." Journal of Experimental Political Science 11, no. 3 (2024): 314-326.

Session 9: Contact and exposure

Assignment for this week:

- Fix the previous sections of your paper. Add the results and a discussion of the results. Circulate via email 2 days before class.
- Come prepared with feedback for one of your colleagues (assigned).

Required readings:

- Hangartner, Dominik, Elias Dinas, Moritz Marbach, Konstantinos Matakos, and Dimitrios Xefteris. "Does exposure to the refugee crisis make natives more hostile?." American political science review 113, no. 2 (2019): 442-455.
- Bursztyn, Leonardo, Thomas Chaney, Tarek A. Hassan, and Aakaash Rao. "The immigrant next door." American Economic Review 114, no. 2 (2024): 348-384.
- Steinmayr, Andreas. "Contact versus exposure: Refugee presence and voting for the far right." Review of Economics and Statistics 103, no. 2 (2021): 310-327.
- Lowe, Matt. "Has intergroup contact delivered?." Annual Review of Economics 17 (2024).
- Mousa, Salma. "Building social cohesion between Christians and Muslims through soccer in post-ISIS Iraq." Science 369, no. 6505 (2020): 866-870.

Additional readings:

- Enos, Ryan D. "Causal effect of intergroup contact on exclusionary attitudes." Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences 111, no. 10 (2014): 3699-3704.
- Finseraas, Henning, and Andreas Kotsadam. "Does personal contact with ethnic minorities affect anti‐immigrant sentiments? Evidence from a field experiment." European Journal of Political Research 56, no. 3 (2017): 703-722.
- Scacco, Alexandra, and Shana S. Warren. "Can social contact reduce prejudice and discrimination? Evidence from a field experiment in Nigeria." American Political Science Review 112, no. 3 (2018): 654-677.
- Kalla, Joshua L., and David E. Broockman. "Reducing exclusionary attitudes through interpersonal conversation: Evidence from three field experiments." American Political Science Review 114, no. 2 (2020): 410-425.
- Pettigrew, Thomas F., and Linda R. Tropp. "A meta-analytic test of intergroup contact theory." Journal of personality and social psychology 90, no. 5 (2006): 751.
- Paluck, Elizabeth Levy, Seth A. Green, and Donald P. Green. "The contact hypothesis re-evaluated." Behavioural Public Policy 3, no. 2 (2019): 129-158.
- Alrababah, Ala, Marble, William, Salma Mousa, and Alexandra Siegel. "Can exposure to celebrities reduce prejudice? The effect of Mohamed Salah on Islamophobic behaviors and attitudes." American Political Science Review 115, no. 4 (2021): 1111-1128.

Session 10: Effects on Sending Countries

Assignment for this week:

- Fix the previous sections of your paper. Write introduction and conclusion. Add robustness tests. Pay special attention to how you frame the paper. Circulate via email 2 days before class.
- Come prepared with feedback for one of your colleagues (assigned).

Required readings:

- Docquier, Frédéric, and Hillel Rapoport. "Globalization, brain drain, and development." Journal of economic literature 50, no. 3 (2012): 681-730.
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Session 11: Presentations

Assignments for this week:

- Present your entire paper in 15 minutes. I will cut you at 15 minutes
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Session 12: Discussions

Assignments for this week:

- Send your entire paper at least 5 days before class
- Prepare a 5 minute summary + 15 minute discussion of someone else's paper (assigned).