

Economics and Politics of Irregular Migration

Workshop Program

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Format: 25 min presentation + 5 min discussant's comments + 15 min open discussion

Day 1 (October 9, 2025)

10:00-10:45 **Arrival**

10:45-11:00 **Welcome**

11:00-12:30 **Session 1: Structural Change and Migration**

Andreas Fuchs: The Effect of Foreign Aid on Migration (with Andre Groeger, Tobias Heidland, Lukas Wellner)

Discussant: Max Steinhardt

Joop Adema: Mobile Internet Access and the Desire to Emigrate (with Cevat Giray Aksoy, Panu Poutvaara)

Discussant: Andreas Fuchs

12:30-13:45 **Lunch**

13:45-15:15 **Session 2: Experimental Approaches to Study Irregular Migration**

Cara Ebert: Improving Migration Outcomes: A Mentoring Experiment and its Network Effects in Senegal

Discussant: Romuald Meango

Bernd Beber: Misinformation and Irregular Migration: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Nigeria (with Alexandra Scacco, Macartan Humphreys, Phelicia Mwachofi, Dean Yang)

Discussant: Sandra Morgenstern

15:15-15:30 **Coffee Break**

15:30-17:00 **Session 3: Border Policies**

Sarah Langlotz and Paul Michel: When Risk and Rescue Matter: Irregular Migration Across Origin and Transit (with Sebastian Leue)

Discussant: Giovanni Mastrobuoni

Francesco Fasani: Securing European Borders? Enforcement, Politics and Externalisation (with Tommaso Frattini)

Discussant: Diego Zambiasi

17:00-17:30 **Coffee Break**

17:30-18:45 **Keynote (Open to Public)**

Cátia Batista: Irregular Migration from West Africa to Europe: Knowns and Unknown

19:30-22:00 **Dinner** ([Oberhafen Kantine](#))

Day 2 (October 10, 2025)

09:00-10:30 **Session 4: Effects on Destination Countries**

Giovanni Mastrobuoni: Naturalization and Immigrants' Labor Market

Discussant: Paul Michel

Diego Zambiasi: Subnational Identity and Tax Evasion (with Francesco Barilari, Francesca Calamunci, Federico Fabio Frattini)

Discussant: Francesco Fasani

10:30-10:45 **Coffee Break**

10:45-12:15 **Session 5: Migrants' Decision-Making**

Sandra Morgenstern: Gender and Migration Decision-Making

Discussant: Alejandra Rodríguez-Sánchez

Romuald Meango: What drives overstay? The Case of Afghan Asylum Seekers in Germany (with François Poinas)

Discussant: Cara Ebert

12:15-13:15 **Lunch**

13:15-14:00 **Session 6: Practitioners' Insights**

Stanislava Topouzova (IOM): IOM Libya – Migration Situation and Data Insights from the Displacement Tracking Matrix

14:00-14:15 **Coffee Break**

14:15-15:45 **Session 7: Measuring Migration Flows**

Max Steinhardt: From Stocks to Flows – Evidence for the Climate-Migration-Nexus (with Michael Berleemann, Erik Haustein)

Discussant: Bernd Beber

Alejandra Rodríguez-Sánchez: Pushing and Pulling: Statistical Approaches to Understanding Irregular Migration Patterns

Discussant: Joop Adema

15:45-16:00 **Goodbye**

16:00 **End**

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