

ZEW Workshop on Assimilation and Integration of Immigrants

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The recent forced displacement of millions of people from the Middle East and North Africa constitutes a major economic, political and social challenge for host countries. Questions subsequently arise concerning not only the factors and necessary policy interventions required to facilitate the fast integration of refugees, but also the economic and political impact of the inflow of immigrants on host populations. In addition, there is a need to better understand how the socioeconomic characteristics of immigrant groups, as well as the economic conditions and institutions in the host countries might influence these impacts. Finally, existing evidence on the effects of voluntary migration may be limited in providing relevant information about the likely impacts of recent migration flows. This leads to the question to which degree results from the existing migration and assimilation literature can be applied to forced migration.

The aim of the workshop is to bring together international researchers from the field of migration research in order to present and discuss recent empirical, theoretical and policy-oriented research in the area of assimilation and integration of immigrants. We encourage contributions from all areas of economics.

Topics of interest include (but are not limited to)

- ▶ Conflict and war as drivers of migration
- ▶ Individual consequences of forced displacement
- ▶ Effectiveness of integration policies
- ▶ Determinants of the speed of assimilation
- ▶ Determinants of labour market integration
- ▶ Impact of immigration on host country labour markets
- ▶ Fiscal consequences of immigration
- ▶ Individual attitudes towards immigration
- ▶ Effect of immigration on voting behaviour
- ▶ Effects of naturalisation of immigrants
- ▶ Differing effects of forced vs. voluntary migration
- ▶ Migration and crime
- ▶ Consequences of illegal immigration

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Keynote Lectures

- ▶ Francesc Ortega (*Queens College, CUNY*)
- ▶ Ewen Macleod (*UNHCR, University of Oxford*)

Scientific Committee

- ▶ Melanie Arntz (*Heidelberg University and ZEW*)
- ▶ Holger Bonin (*University of Kassel and IZA*)
- ▶ Christian Dustmann (*University College London and CReAM*)
- ▶ Christina Gathmann (*Heidelberg University*)
- ▶ Gerard van den Berg (*University of Mannheim and IZA*)

Paper Submission and Registration

A maximum of 20 participants may attend the ZEW Workshop on Assimilation and Integration of Immigrants. The standard conference fee is EUR 200. Participants presenting a paper will pay a reduced fee of EUR 100. Following notification of acceptance, presenters may apply for financial support from ZEW to cover travel expenses. ZEW will also cover accommodation costs for presenters. Researchers interested in presenting a paper should submit a full paper version (preliminary versions are welcome) and a CV no later than **August 1, 2016** to migration2016@zew.de.

Decisions on acceptance shall be made no later than **August 8, 2016**. All participants are requested to register no later than **September 2, 2016**.

Dates and Location

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