



International workshop on Informal migration

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Context

Our world has nowadays hundreds of millions of migrants, and their number is increasing. They form a very heterogeneous group ranging from official labour migrants to refugees. An important share is formed by informal migrants. Informal migration refers to unregistered migrants, be it legal or illegal. Their volume and their contribution to the economy and the labour market are largely unknown, but their presence and impact is significant, especially in large urban agglomerations.

With more open borders, this phenomenon is expected to increase in importance. It seems therefore, timely to organize a Migration Workshop in Morocco in 2014 around the economics of informal international migration. The Workshop is planned to address the following themes, amongst others:

- economic impact of informal migration;
- informal migration and urban development (including housing, urban amenities);
- informal migration and the labour market (dual markets, etc.);
- informal migration and socio-economic disparity; and
- policy on international migration.

This meeting will address in particular the economic aspects of illegal migration (border-crossing migrants without necessary documents or permits, which means essentially without a clear economic status). The economics of 'law and border' in the age of migration is becoming an increasingly urgent issue in many countries, not only in Europe, but also in Africa, Asia and America. There are many uncounted for migrants and their socio-economic position is in most cases fragile or at least unclear. The dilemma of 'open borders and closed migration systems' deserves more solid research, and this meeting aims the address the research challenges involved.

The Workshop will also address the following questions:

- How easy is it to cross a country borders? Do governments use bionic technology, barbwire fence, police, and vigilantes?
- Do migrants use coyotes to help them sneak through the border? Are these migrants young single males or families?
- How viable is their trade and how do they perceive their self-employment? Do they have and use networks from abroad?
- How do these illegal immigrants contribute to the economy of their host country?
- How best can host countries deal with the issue while preserving human dignity?

Idea/Blurb:

Migration and its subset irregular or informal migration are an integral part on our modern economies and societies. Every day thousands of sub-Saharan Africans leave their countries and make their way towards North Africa in hopes to cross the Mediterranean basin and go to Europe for a better life. Morocco is one of the mostly preferred countries of passage. This workshop aims at providing a deep understanding of the informal migration, access its consequences, and find ways to increase the benefits of migration for the home, the temporary host, and the ultimate host



countries, as well as for the migrants. The workshop will bring together a select group of migration scholars to study and debate these issues in an interdisciplinary setting. The participation of high profile policymakers and politicians as well as local entrepreneurs from two important cities in Morocco will enrich our understanding about irregular migration.

About the concept and the aim of the workshop:

We aim to stimulate innovative papers on illegal migration for possible publication in the IZA Journal of Migration (www.izajom.com). Paper presenters can either present papers on the topic they already have or present new papers on the topic, but they can/should also share a paper proposal for a potential contribution to the IZA Journal of Migration.

Place(s): Rabat (workshop) and Marrakech (fieldtrip)

Dates:

- (a) 8-9 April 2014, (Field trip to Marrakech)
- (b) 10-11 April 2014, (workshop at INAU, Rabat)

Arrival on day one (7th April); a field trip on a day two and three, travel to Rabat at the end of the day three; day four and day five : workshop in Rabat, dinners at the end of day two and four, travel back home at the end of day five/ morning of day 6.

Sub themes:

1. Migration, Urbanization and Development
2. Global Citizenship: Social Protection for Migrant Workers
3. Migration, Gender, and Family
4. Migration: Causes, Patterns, and Multilateral Strategies
5. Spatial and Temporal Dimensions for Migration and Integration

Organising partners:

IZA and the University of Amsterdam will have the lead in the organization of the event for the international participation, in close collaboration with the local organizers in Morocco (Association Marocaine des Sciences Régionales, l'Institut National d'Aménagement et d'Urbanisme, et l'Institut des Etudes Africaines), with the collaboration of RSAI



Organizing Committee:

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- Elke Henn** (IZA, Germany)
- Tomaz Dentinho** (RSAI)

Participants:

The number of participants for the two days workshop is 8-10 international speakers and 8-12 Moroccan speakers/facilitators. They include migration scholars, who will present their research in these issues or resource persons who will facilitate sessions or report on them. There will be also the participation of a couple of local politicians or policymakers and some scientific audience. The two days will be a succession of formal presentation and one working session (round table) at the end of workshop.

Speakers: The list of speakers and titles of presentations:

1. Vincenzo Caponi (Ryerson University, Toronto, CA and IZA): “Empirical Characteristics of Legal and Illegal Immigrants in the U.S.”
2. Erik Vickstrom (Princeton University and INED): “Legal status, territorial confinement, and transnational activities of Senegales emigrants in France, Italy, and Spain”
3. Klaus F. Zimmermann (IZA, Germany and University of Bonn): “Circular Migration”
4. Tomaz Ponce Dentinho, João Borba, Abdellatif Khattabi & Paulo Silveira: Scenarios for Rural – urban Migration in Morocco: An Application of a Spatial Interaction Model to Tahadart basin – Tanger (Morocco)
5. Fatima Barkan: Le Système permanent d’Observation et de Collecte de Données sur la Migration interne (SOCDM) : de la mesure des flux migration vers le registre de population
6. Eddelani Oumhani et Abdellatif Khattabi: Régions frontalières et foisonnement migratoire, une dynamique en dialectique
7. Annie TUBADJI, Karima KOURTIT, Peter NIJKAMP: Bonding vs Bridging and Cultural Gravity for Successful Ethnic Entrepreneurship: Effects of Social Capital and Local Cultural Milieu in the Netherlands
8. Masood Gheasi: The Socio-economic Position of Undocumented Works - A Review of Household Work
9. Karima KOURTIT: Ethnic Firms in Cities – Motives and Achievements
10. Peter NIJKAMP: Migration Impact Assessment – Invisible Aspects
11. Mohamed SEBTI et Nabil LAYACHI: Transition migratoire et orientation fonctionnelle dans les villes marocaines-Exemple de la ville de Khouribga
12. Belguendouz Abdelkrim: Les relations migratoires entre le Maroc et l’Europe et la question de la réadmission des irréguliers.

Speakers, chairs and rapporteurs names and affiliation	Biographies
 <p>Erik VICKSTROM Princeton University and INED USA</p>	<p>Erik Vickstrom is from the Department of Sociology and the Office of Population Research. He graduated from Wesleyan University with a B.A. in Sociology and American Studies. Before coming to Princeton, Vickstrom worked for the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard, served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Guinea, ran educational programs in Senegal, and worked on USAID projects in Washington, DC. His academic interests include international migration, development, and inequality. He has conducted research on migration to Europe during his time at Princeton. With Alejandro Portes, he has published extensively on second-generation immigrants in Spain.</p>
 <p>Annie TUBADJI Researcher University of the Aegean, Chios, Greece</p>	<p>She holds a Ph.D. from the Regensburg University. Tubadji is currently a holder of the Post-Doctoral Research Scholarship by the General Secretariat for Research and Technology, Greece dealing with the topic of culture and intangible investments. Simultaneously, she is responsible for the YUNOS Project, funded by the DAAD-IKY scientific cooperation grant to the University of the Aegean and the Federal Labour Institute of Germany (IAB) on the topic of youth unemployment. Her other research interests focus on culture as a local determinant of regional development, in its different aspects. She has performed research for many organisations. Her work on the conceptualization of the Culture Based Development framework has been awarded with the Student Paper Award by the Association for Institutional Thought (AFIT), Western Social Science Association, Reno, USA 2010.</p>
 <p>Oumhani EDELANI Professor Université Moulay Ismail Morocco</p>	<p>Docteur en économie. Professeur habilitée à la FSJES – Université Moulay Ismail. Membre permanent du Laboratoire d'Etudes et de Recherches économiques et sociales (LERES). Membre du NRCS (Centre Nord-Sud de recherches en Sciences Sociales), du Forum des Economistes marocains (FEM), et membre fondateur de l'Association Marocaine des Sciences Régionales. Auteur d'ouvrage et articles portant sur les restructurations productives, spatiales et sociales du Maroc contemporain.</p>



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Since 1998 Full Professor of Economics at Bonn University and Director of the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA Bonn). Honorary Professor of Economics at the Free University of Berlin (since 2001), and Honorary Professor at the Renmin University of China (since 2006). He is a member of the German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina (since 2001), the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Migration (since 2009), the Academia Europaea (since 2010), the Strategic Advisory Board of LIEPP (Laboratoire interdisciplinaire d'évaluation des politiques publiques), Sciences Po Paris (since 2012), the Scientific Advisory Board of the Migration Policy Centre (MPC) of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence (since 2012), of the Advisory Committee of the China Institute of Income Distribution Studies at Beijing Normal University (since 2011), and of the International Advisory Board of the China Global Talents Society (since 2013).



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Program Director of Migration at IZA since 2011, and the founding co-editor of the IZA Journal of Migration since 2012. She is also a visiting professor at the George Washington University and at Temple University. Professor Constant is on the board of directors of the nonprofits Association for Integrity and Responsible Leadership in Economics and Associated Professions (AIRLEAP) and the Society of Government Economists (SGE). She was the founding director of DIWDC and on the board of directors, an American non profit, economics think tank that engaged in educational and research activities as well as in transatlantic relations (2006-2013). As the Vice Dean of DIW Berlin Graduate School between 2009 - 2011 she supervised and educated five cohorts of graduate students from the DIW Graduate Center.



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