



Mercator Dialogue on
Asylum and Migration

Workshop

Migration: A driver of economic growth?

Date and time: Monday, 30 January 2017, 9:30-12:00

Venue: CEPS, Conference Room, Place du Congrès 1, 1000 Brussels

What are the longer-term effects of migration for receiving economies? The IMF's latest research, focusing on advanced economies, finds that immigration significantly increases the GDP per capita, mostly by raising labour productivity. This finding is consistent with the existing microeconomic studies that show that both high- and low-skilled migrants can complement the skill sets of the native-born population. Moreover, the gains from immigration appear to be broadly shared across the population. To what extent, however, can we expect these results to be generalised to the recent wave of migrants?

Florence Jaumotte, a senior economist at the IMF, will present her research on the link between immigration and economic development. Following her presentation, CEPS researchers will briefly introduce the MEDAM "Mercator Dialogue on Asylum and Migration" project and outline the project's research agenda related to the labour market integration of migrants, which is one of the requirements for securing the benefits from immigration.

Invited speaker: *Florence Jaumotte is a senior economist in the IMF's Research Department. Her research has focused on labour market institutions and policies, income inequality, and open economy macroeconomics. Ms Jaumotte previously worked in the Economics Department of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris. She obtained her PhD in Economics from Harvard University.*

Programme

09:30 - 10:00	Coffee and registration
10:00 – 10:40	Guest presentation “Impact of Migration on Income Levels in Advanced Economies” <i>Florence Jaumotte, IMF</i>
10:40 – 11:00	Discussion
11:00 – 11:30	Presentation of the MEDAM project and its research agenda on labour market integration of migrants <i>Lars Ludolph and Nadzeya Laurentsyeva, Economic Policy Unit, CEPS</i>
11:30 – 12:00	Discussion
12:00 – 13:00	Sandwich lunch

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About MEDAM

The Mercator Dialogue on Asylum and Migration is a practical research project relating to economic perspectives of migration. With a view to strengthening Europe’s ability to act, MEDAM intends to close the gaps in asylum and migration policy research and develop recommendations for political decision-makers at the national and European levels. Funded by Stiftung Mercator, the project brings together researchers from the Kiel Institute for the World Economy, the Migration Policy Centre at the European University Institute in Florence, and the Centre for European Policy Studies in Brussels.
