



Mercator Dialogue on
Asylum and Migration

MEDAM Seminar

Free Movement of Labour and European Welfare States - Are the two compatible?

Date and time: Tuesday, 2 May 2017, 17:00 - 18:30

Venue: CEPS, 1 Place du Congrès, 1000 Brussels

For some time now, scholars have discussed the compatibility of the free movement of labour beyond national borders with inclusive national welfare states. The ongoing debate between EU member states over restricting some welfare benefits for EU workers raises the question whether the free movement of workers, one of the four basic freedoms enshrined in the EU Treaties, may be unsustainable.

16:30 – 17:00 Registration and coffee

17:00 – 17:45 Free Movement of Labour and European Welfare States, Martin Ruhs (University of Oxford)

17:45 – 18:00 Lessons for EU Policymakers, Fabian Lutz (European Commission, DG Home Affairs)

18:00 – 18:30 Questions and Answers

18:30 – 19:30 Networking Drinks

This MEDAM Seminar is organised by CEPS.

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About MEDAM

The Mercator Dialogue on Asylum and Migration is a practical research project aimed at producing informed economic perspectives on migration. With a view to strengthening Europe's ability to act, MEDAM intends to fill the gaps in policy research on asylum and migration and to develop recommendations for 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. More information can be found at <http://www.medam-migration.eu/>.

Latest publications produced under MEDAM

M. Barslund, M. Busse, K. Lenaerts, L. Ludolph and V. Renman, "[Labour Market Integration of Refugees: A comparative survey of Bosnians in five EU countries](#)", CEPS Special Report No. 155, CEPS, Brussels, December 2016

M. Barslund, A. Di Bartolomeo and L. Ludolph, "[Gender Inequality and Integration of Non-EU Migrants in the EU](#)", CEPS Policy Insights No 2017/06, CEPS, Brussels, February 2017

M. Lücke and C. Schneiderheinze, "[More Financial Burden-Sharing for Developing Countries that Host Refugees](#)", G20 Insights Policy Brief, G20 Insights, Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Kiel, 28 March 2017

Upcoming MEDAM events at CEPS

June 7 (12:30-14:30) Launch of the first MEDAM Assessment Report

June 8 (tbc) MEDAM/EMNES Workshop on the Economic Integration of Refugees in the Countries of First Asylum

July 5 (17:00-18:30) MEDAM Seminar with Dr. Jessica Hagen-Zanker (Overseas Development Institute)

