



Mercator Dialogue on
Asylum and Migration

MEDAM Seminar

Why do refugees struggle to integrate into European labour markets?

Date and time: Thursday, 19 April 2018, 13:00 - 14:30

Venue: CEPS, 1 Place du Congrès, 1000 Brussels

The weaker labour market performance of refugees compared to other immigrants in the EU, even when controlling for age, gender and education, has been well-documented. Part of the explanation can arise from the reality that refugees, on average, encounter more restrictive regulations and higher uncertainty than other immigrants. To what extent, then, do asylum policies at the time of refugees' arrival in their destination country explain their slow labour market integration?

Francesco Fasani, Associate Professor in Economics at Queen Mary University of London, will present the findings of his recent research "**(The Struggle for) Refugee Integration into the Labour Market: Evidence from Europe**". His study, in particular, evaluates how refugee dispersal (mandatory settlement) policies and uncertainty in the asylum process influence their subsequent labour market integration.

The presentation will be followed by a discussion of the possible lessons for the EU and national policymakers.

Agenda

12:30 – 13:00 Registration and sandwich lunch

13:00 – 13:45 Refugee Integration into the Labour Market: Evidence from Europe

Presentation by Francesco Fasani, Associate Professor at School of Economics and Finance, Queen Mary University of London

13:45 – 14:00 Discussion of the paper and implications for policymaking

14:00 – 14:30 Questions and answers

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 in this field, 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/>.

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