



## Lunchtime Seminar

# Migration and the Welfare State

**Date and time:** Monday, 20 May 2019, 13:15 - 14:30

**Venue:** CEPS, 1 Place du Congrès, 1000 Brussels

International migration is at the top of the European political agenda. European labour markets need immigrants. Population aging has already created labour shortages, but immigration also raises concerns about distributional conflicts.

These concerns, sometimes real and sometimes imagined, have played an important role in the rise of populist parties across Europe, and in the Brexit referendum. The aim of this lunchtime seminar is to provide an overall assessment on the welfare effects of immigration, propose how work-based immigration could be organized, and present evidence on the impact of integration policies in OECD countries on migration intentions.

Our speakers for this seminar are Professor Panu Poutvaara and Professor Michel Beine. Panu Poutvaara is the Director of the ifo Center for International Institutional Comparisons and Migration Research and Professor of Economics at the Department of Economics, University of Munich. Michel Beine is Professor in International Economics at the University of Luxembourg

The presentation will be followed by a panel discussion on possible implications for EU and national policymakers. A sandwich lunch will be provided prior to the event.

### Agenda

12:45 – 13:15 Registration and sandwich lunch

13:15 – 13:20 Welcome and introduction by Cinzia Alcidi, CEPS

13:20 – 13:40 Presentation by Prof. Panu Poutvaara

13:40 – 14:00 Presentation by Prof. Michel Beine

14:00 – 14:30 Panel discussion with questions from the audience