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Special Session Proposal

Drivers of interregional migration: new insights on the role of local labour markets, human capital, personality and (family) networks

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Abstract

The movement of people across space is now considered to be of paramount importance for the dynamics of regional disparities and for the redistribution of labour and human capital in particular. The main aim of this special session is to look at the phenomenon of interregional migration, its determinants and impacts from a variety of perspectives.

Each city or region provides its unique products and services to its customers and to other cities. However, what, if some of the cities have a slight advantage in terms of technological progress, higher productivity, wages and the supply of amenities, for instance? Workers might migrate to these favourable regions and cities, leading to potential losses for the home regions. What does the influx but also the outflow mean to the city or region?

Obviously, macroeconomic conditions provide incentives for individuals to move; but there is also a cost of migration at the individual level. Besides direct costs, there are other costs related to the individual's embeddedness in local societies. Those indirect costs of migration might change with age, gender, human capital, family status and even cultural attitude of individuals. What are the benefits and costs of migration at the individual level?

Submissions are welcome that focus on issues such as

- Regional growth perspectives and welfare,
- Labour market effects and potential labour shortages,
- Human capital and the re-distribution of people in space,
- Potential discrimination and other negative effects,
- Psychological aspects and the acceptance of migrants,
- Cultural, social and economics integration from the perspective of migrants and local communities
- Individual decision modelling and family attachment, or
- any other issue related to drivers or impacts of interregional migration in the home and host city or region.

Presenters that already agreed to contribute to the session

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