

Syllabus: Summer School, the Economics of Migration, 2023

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Lecture 1: Immigration, Labor Markets and the Skills and Tasks Framework

The aim of this class is to understand the consequences of immigrants on the labor market and productivity of the host country. Immigrants can act as substitute or complement to natives, which may affect labor supply and wages in different ways. In addition, by bringing new or complementary skills to the host labor market, immigrants may influence the choice of natives' productive tasks. We will investigate these questions both theoretically and empirically, paying particular attention to the framework used, which is common to several other areas of labor analysis.

Structure:

1. General introduction of immigrants as skill supply.
2. Labor markets and skills: The skill-cell approach and crucial elasticities
3. The total effect of immigration on wages
4. The task approach

Readings

Giovanni Peri (2022) "Immigration and the Well-Being of U.S. and them" Beloit Lecture, 2022.

Gianmarco I. P. Ottaviano & Giovanni Peri, 2012. "Rethinking The Effect Of Immigration On Wages," *Journal of the European Economic Association*, European Economic Association, vol. 10(1), pages 152-197, February.

Giovanni Peri & Chad Sparber, 2009. "Task Specialization, Immigration, and Wages," *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, American Economic Association, vol. 1(3), pages 135-169, July.

Lecture 2: Dynamic responses of workers and firms and Identification Methods

The aim of these class is to dig deeper into the dynamic response to immigration by workers and firms as well as into the methods used in estimating the impact of immigration. First, we will analyze two quasi-experiments and the recent evolution of this IV strategy. We will also analyze the impact of immigration on firms

Structure:

1. Dynamic effects of immigration on employment, wages and firms
2. Quasi-experimental approach
3. Evolution of shift-share

Readings

Mette Foged and Giovanni Peri, 2016. "Immigrants' Effect on Native Workers: New Analysis on Longitudinal Data," *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, American Economic Association, vol. 8(2), pages 1-34, April.

Andreas Beerli & Jan Ruffner & Michael Siegenthaler & Giovanni Peri, 2021. "The Abolition of Immigration Restrictions and the Performance of Firms and Workers: Evidence from Switzerland," *American Economic Review*, American Economic Association, vol. 111(3), pages 976-1012, March.

Paul Goldsmith-Pinkham & Isaac Sorkin & Henry Swift, 2020. "Bartik Instruments: What, When, Why, and How," *American Economic Review*, American Economic Association, vol. 110(8), pages 2586-2624, August.