



Moving Minds and Money

The Political Economy of Migrant Transfers

BSEL Workshop

FinTech, Remittances and Development

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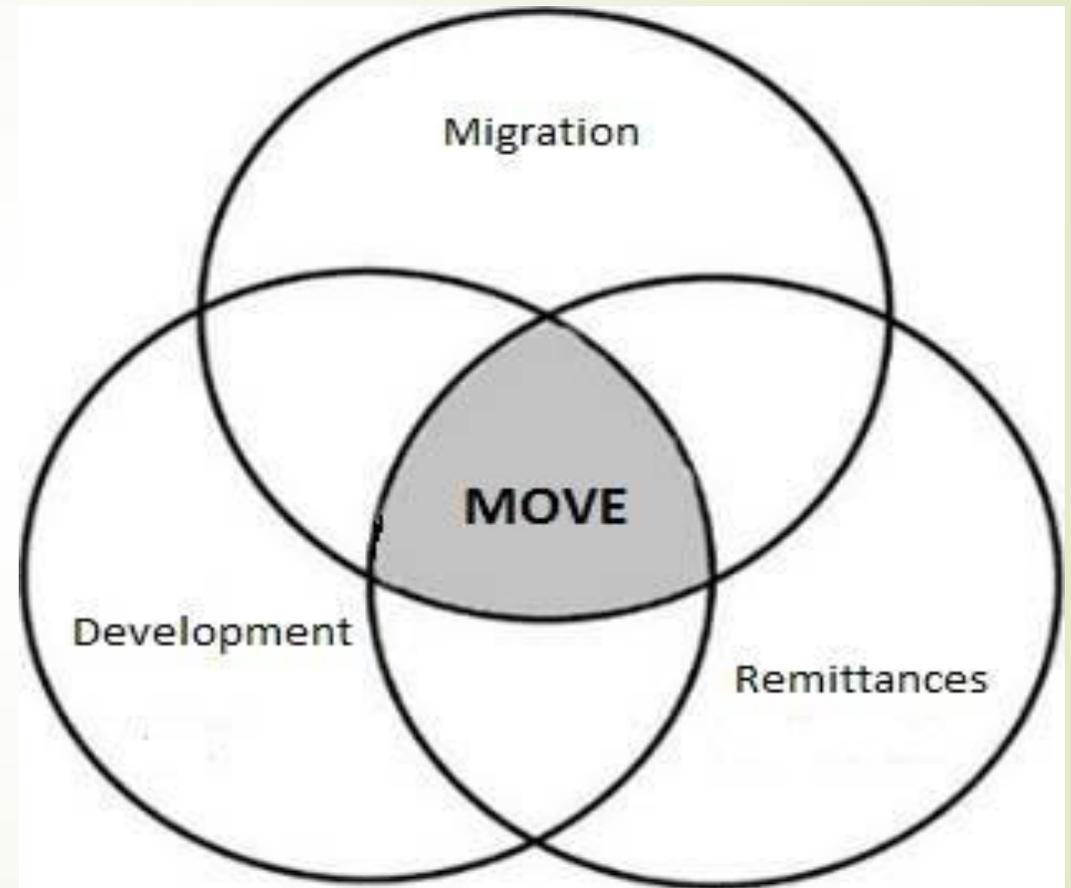


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Consortium & Associates

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General Idea

- Identification of the development potential of migrants and refugees for host and home countries
- Mapping the factors influencing development and assessment of their potential
- Detecting the transmission channels between migration and development
- Examination of the existing of a gender bias in terms of developmental impact of migration
- Reviewing and advancing existing migration-related governance frameworks, including stakeholder participation

Stock – Taking

Migration and Remittances in the Context of the EU

- Migration as a important research field in current times:
 - Since 2001 international migration has increased by 49,13 percent
 - 2015 largest increase in net migration in EU-28 since the beginning of time series in 1961
- Review of basic interrelation between migration and remittances
- Changing patterns of internal and external EU migration
- Inclusion of rural to urban migration as comparative studies
- Acknowledging the gender perspective in migrant diasporas
- The cost of remittances: Informal vs. formal transfer channels
- Differences in remitting behavior of temporary vs. Permanent migrants

ERASMUS

Socio-economic, Political and Cultural Effects of Student Mobility

- Determinants and consequences of student mobility
- ERASMUS students and their mobility patterns
- Political, social and cultural effects of migration in the contexts of students exchange
- The economic effects of student mobility for sending and receiving countries:
 - Investment in human capital
 - Self-selection
- Impacts on human capital exchange

Social and Political Transfers

Moving Minds: Social and Political Effects of International Migration

- Designing of a theoretical framework of migration attitudes, values, and beliefs
- Empirical test of theoretical predictions using publicly available data
- Preparation of own questionnaire and collection of data through survey
- Data analysis and summary statistics
- Socio-economic outcomes of migrants
- Cultural and political spill-over effects of emigration on source countries

Financial Inclusion

The Role of FinTech in Promoting Financial Inclusion through Remittances

- Reviewing the nexus between remittances, FinTech, and financial Inclusion
- Conduction of case studies about the current state of remittances, FinTech, and financial inclusion in different countries
- Design of an index on financial inclusion
- Assessment of case study results

Development

Migration, Remittances, Human Capital Formation, and Development Consequences

- Emphasising the role of diasporas in the migration-development nexus
- Explaining the relationship between migration, remittances, FDI, and trade
- Building theoretical model on the complementarity between migration, trade, and FDI
- Empirical analysis of FDI, trade and remittances in the EU and the MENA
- Building of an empirical model to test behaviour of remittances in contrast to other international capital flows
- Conducting case studies on the effects of remittances and FDIs on growth and income distribution
- Development of an empirical model of development aid, remittances and diasporas contribution
- Analysis of the effects of ODA and remittances on growths in the MENA

Governance

Migration is not a Dead-End Street: Towards Good Governance in Promoting Remittances

- Reviewing the literature on governance experience and migrants choices of payment channels
- Design of a questionnaire about determinants of migrants' transfer choices
- A theoretical and empirical analysis of payments systems' impact on remittances
- Case studies on innovative policies to facilitate remittances for different countries
- Synthesis of innovative policies and assessment of their potentials and risks
- Evaluation of the role of national financial governance

Next Call on Migration

Social and Economic Effects of Migration in Europe and Integration policies

- Long-term effects of migration on:
 - Economic growth and productivity
 - Employment levels and wages
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Welfare
- Attention to the special needs of vulnerable groups such as women and unaccompanied children
- Comparative examination of integration policies
- What is the role of supranational institutions and networks in shaping integration at a local scale?
- Estimation of efficiency, effectiveness and social impact of integration policies
- What can be learned from historical experiences of integrating migrant communities?



Any other co-operation

- ▶ Continuation of strategic partnership BSEL-NUST
- ▶ Erasmus collaboration with Tunisia
- ▶ Strategic partnerships: platform to young researchers
- ▶ Joint summer schools
- ▶ Joint workshop on financial inclusion, Fintech and remittances in Namibia
- ▶ Global South Network
- ▶ Comparative panel data study with countries of different income levels: Mexico, Namibia and Tunisia using Zimbabwean methodology
- ▶ Collaborative research project on the Tunisian Fintech experience
- ▶ Common master programmes?
 - ▶ Africa, China and Europe