

Causes and Consequences of Migration

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LS (Seminar)

Wintersemester/winter semester 2026/27

In this course, students write and present a term paper related to causes or consequences of migration. Students can choose the day on which they would like to receive the topic between August 2 and September 15, 2026 and have 28 days to complete the paper. The starting date must be requested at latest on 30 July. The topic descriptions come with at least two references to start with. Participation becomes binding on July 17, unless the student cancels participation via email at latest on July 16, 2026.

Studiengang: <i>Program:</i>	MSc
Termin Vorbesprechung (tt.mm.jjjj): <i>Date of preliminary meeting (dd.mm.yyyy):</i>	July 7, 2026, 3-4 pm, online
*Bearbeitungszeitraum für die Hausarbeit: <i>*Working period for term paper:</i>	4 weeks, after receiving the topic between August 2 and September 15, 2026.
*Seminartermin: <i>*Seminar date:</i>	Blocked seminar on three or four days of 12, 13, 20, 26 and 27 November. Days to be agreed in the preliminary meeting. In case of unanimous agreement, days can be changed in the first meeting.
Veranstaltungsort: <i>Venue:</i>	Schackstraße 4 or ifo Institute; location to be confirmed
falls außerhalb: Kostenschätzung: <i>if out of Munich: estimated costs:</i>	€
Sprache: <i>Language:</i>	English
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: <i>Recommended courses:</i>	
Methodischer Schwerpunkt: <i>Methodological background:</i>	Applied theory and empirical research
*Grundlagenliteratur: <i>*Basic references:</i>	Abramitzky, R., Boustan, L. and Eriksson, K. (2012). "Europe's tired, poor, huddled masses: self-selection and economic outcomes in the age of mass migration." American Economic Review 102 (5): 1832-1856. Abramitzky, R., Boustan, L., Jacome, E. and Perez, S. (2021). "Intergenerational mobility of immigrants in the United States over two centuries." American Economic Review 111 (2): 580-608. Adema, J., Chargaziia, L., Giesing, Y. and Poutvaara, P. (2025). "Refugees from Ukraine value job opportunities over welfare." Proceedings of the National

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