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Hermann Otto Hirschfeld Lecture

The Global Gains and Costs from Labour Mobility

Prof. Dr. Christian Dustmann
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14 February 2019, 16:00 - 17:30 Room 220
There will be a reception after the first lecture

15 February 2019, 10:00 - 12:00 Room 125

Free entry
No registration required

Prof. Christian Dustmann, a leading migration scholar from University College London, has agreed to give the HOH Lecture Series 2018, involving two lectures on 14 - 15 February 2019.

Migration is a key research area and a hot political topic. The lectures address the global gains and costs from labor mobility. Straightforward economic arguments point to the potential for large global output gains from movement of labor from less to more productive locations. Yet the politics of receiving countries seems resistant, characterized rather by efforts to limit migration, or to stop it altogether. The first lecture examines the foundations of claims of large welfare gains through free mobility, studying implications of liberalizing migration for world welfare under a variety of models, and paying attention not only to overall gains but also to how gains are distributed. The second lecture reviews attempts to quantify benefits, costs and distributional effects using micro data and discusses the challenges for empirical assessment. The lecture concludes by asking how far considerations beyond economics motivate keenness to impose restrictions on migration.