

Workshop

Drivers and migration policies shaping international student mobility in OECD countries

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Introduction

Nowadays, more and more countries are looking at international migrants as a potential source of highly skilled workers. In particular, the internationalization of higher education and the benefits associated with the immigration of a skilled workforce have led governments to find new ways of attracting foreign students. Over the past decade, some of these policies have sought to boost international student enrolment through increased financial support and fast-track processing of student visa applications. At the same time, governments have put a lot of effort to retain international students after their graduation in order to cash in on the training of foreign talent. Against this backdrop, policy makers need to answer the following key questions: What are the drivers of international student mobility? How efficient is logistical and financial support to boost international student enrolment? Does improving foreign graduates' access to the destination countries' labour market increase international student enrolment and lead to higher stay rates after graduation? And if so, do higher stay rates translate into a permanent transfer of talents from countries of origin to countries of study? Symmetrically, what are the consequences of these policies for migrants' countries of origin?

This MEDAM workshop will bring together international scholars who have contributed to the growing academic debate about the policy determinants of international student mobility and provide a unique opportunity to discuss the latest research findings on this topic. The workshop will have an academic focus but will also address the implications of research findings for policy debates in Europe and beyond.

Programme

14.45 - 15.00 **Opening remarks**

Martin Ruhs | EUI, RSCAS, MPC

15.00 - 16.00 **Mingyu Chen** | IZA Institute of Labor Economics and Amazon.com

The Value of US College Education in Global Labor Markets: Experimental Evidence from China

Discussant: **Mauro Lanati** | University of Milano-Bicocca | MPC,EUI

16.00 - 17.00 **Morgan Raux** | University of Luxembourg

The transition of foreign students to the local labor market in the US, with M. Beine & G. Peri

Discussant: **Mingyu Chen** | IZA Institute of Labor Economics and Amazon.com

17.00 - 18.00 **Jerome Gonnot** | CEPIL

The Effect of Immigration Policy on international Student Enrollment in Canada: Evidence from Decreasing Visa Processing Time and the Student Partners Program, with Mauro Lanati

Discussant: **Andreu Arenas** | University of Barcelona, Princeton University

18.00 - 19.30 Break

19.30 - 20.30 **Kevin Shih** | CUNY | Queens College | City University of New York

International Student Enrollments and Selectivity: Evidence from the Optional Practical Training Program, with Huanan Xu and Catalina Amuedo Dorantes

Discussant: **Jerome Gonnot** | CEPIL

20.30 - 21.30 **Jonathan Smith** | Georgia State University

Best and Brightest? The Impact of Student Visa Restrictiveness on Who Attends College in the US, with Mingyu Chen and Jessica S. Howell

Discussant: **Catalina Amuedo Dorantes** | University of California| Merced

21.30 Final remarks

