

The IER Seminar in Empirical Economics

We would like to invite you to the **Empirical Seminar** series organized by the Institute of Economic Research, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Šancová 56 that will be held in hybrid form (online and at the library of the Institute of Economic Research, Slovak Academy of Sciences). The seminar will take place on **March 8th, 2022 at 16:00**.

The speaker will be **Martin Kahanec** (Central European University, Austria).

The topic of the seminar is: ***Europe's Migration Experience and Its Effects on Economic Inequality***

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Abstract

This chapter provides the historical context for the past half-century in Europe, focusing specifically on the link between migration and economic development and inequality. The literature review suggests that there are several channels through which migration affects economic inequality between countries in one or the other direction, and it may decrease inequality within countries. The net effects are an open empirical question and are likely to depend on the institutional and policy context, sources and destinations of migration, and its type. The authors undertake an empirical analysis and find that immigration has contributed to reducing inequality within the 25 European Union (EU) countries over the 2003–2017 period. As the EU has attracted mostly high-skilled immigrants throughout this period, the authors' results are consistent with the ameliorating effect of high-skilled migration on within-country inequality, as predicted by theory.

The seminar will be co-chaired by Mária Širaňová.