

Topics in the Economics of Immigration

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Lecture 1

1.1 Overview

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1.3 Sources of Data.

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- Heterogeneous labor and the role of capital.

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- Natural experiments using large migration episodes.
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- Criticism to the spatial correlation approach.
- The dynamic impact of immigration.

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