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Subject: Μετανάστευση


Γιωργο,

Στου στέλνω μια σελίδα για την μετανάστευση. Το θέμα είναι ναρκοπένδιο πολιτικά, αν σκεφτείς ότι υπάρχουν στην ίδια συζήτηση οι Ισραηλινοί, Νοτιοαφρικανοί, Αμερικανοί, Γερμανοί, Αγγλοι κλπ. Θεωρώ σκόπιμο να δει το κείμενο και ο Μουζέλης (ο οποίος θα μπορέσει να κρίνει αν θα ήταν αποδεκτό ως προοδευτικό κείμενο στην Αγγλία).

Είδα και το άλλο κείμενο. Νομίζω ότι το κεντρικό ερώτημα που τίθεται είναι: Melting pot (ΗΠΑ) ή πολυπολιτισμικότητα (Καναδάς); Αν δεν το θέσουμε εμείς, θα το θέσουν άλλοι.

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## Migration policies

One of the most visible aspects of globalisation is large scale international migration. Migration on the scale experienced in many countries recently has important repercussions on the economy, society and demography of *destination* countries. Migration can play a positive role by enhancing growth and relieving bottlenecks, yet it may prove disruptive in the short term. At the same time, emigration has equivalently significant implications on *source* countries, while it is linked in complex ways with phenomena such as flows of remittances, spread of know-how and direct investment. Migration can act as an important social and economic safety valve, while it may deplete a country's human capital.

It is increasingly apparent that there exist policies which maximise the long-term benefits, minimise the long-term costs and cushion the short to medium term adjustment problems.

### Macro- policies

- How can the management of migration flows help the economic and social development of *source* countries?
- To what extent should migration be integrated as one aspect in regional development?
- Can the formalisation of the legal status of immigrant workers have a positive impact on their economic contribution and reduce the influence of illegal bodies?
- Is there a role for bilateral or multilateral initiatives to influence the flows of migrants and to ensure positive outcomes?
- Are there policies which can favour the growth-enhancing effects of immigration and limit any transitional negative impacts on the labour market?

### Micro- policies (on the level of the individual)

- Social security rights accumulated by immigrants are frequently not portable in the case of return. How can the transfer of these rights be handled in order to avoid discrimination and further development?
- Labour legislation is sometimes used as an exclusion device, while the avoidance of labour standards is frequently the reason for employers to engage immigrant labour. How can minimum labour standards be enforced for the benefit of all workers?
- Housing is a critical area for immigrants, which frequently gives to discrimination and problems. Are there any initiatives that can help insertion?
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