



## International Migration, Ethnicity and Economic Inequality

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## **NEW IZA STUDY: SKILLED IMMIGRATION PROMOTES ECONOMIC EQUALITY**

While international migration of people most probably contributes to the allocative efficiency of the world's economies, the induced changes in equality in the sending and receiving countries may be considerable. In the recently released Oxford Handbook of Economic Inequality, a chapter on "International Migration, Ethnicity and Economic Inequality" by Martin Kahanec and Klaus F. Zimmermann discusses these issues under the paradigm of skilled and unskilled immigration, suggesting that at least skilled immigration promotes economic equality in the host country under standard conditions. The context is empirically documented and theoretically explained in a core model. The consequential aspects of immigrant absorption, selection and ethnicity are carefully evaluated in the context.

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The Oxford Handbook of Economic Inequality (edited by Wiemer Salverda, Brian Nolan, and Timothy M. Smeeding) presents a new and challenging analysis of economic inequality, focusing primarily on economic inequality in highly developed countries. This comprehensive volume offers an overview of the latest, cutting-edge research on economic inequality. It contains a broad array of original research on topics ranging from gender to happiness, from poverty to top incomes, and from employers to the welfare state.

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