Objective

Migrants play a key role in fostering international integration. This project aims to highlight the ties that migrants maintain with their home country, as they integrate in the host country. The project will assess how migration contributes towards increasing trade, creating larger capital flows (mainly through remittances), and increasing foreign direct investment (by spreading information on investment opportunities). The project will therefore advance the existing literature by bringing several aspects of the globalisation process into an integrated framework. It will highlight the key role of migrants' networks in sustaining ties with the home country and fostering integration in the host country.
The research agenda will be organized around five themes:
(1) Migrants' transnational practices;
(2) Remittances, the skill composition of migration, and social networks;
(3) International trade flows, foreign direct investment and migration;
(4) Migrants' integration, social and business networks;
(5) Gender and the intra-household effects of migration.

Theme 1 will provide an overarching assessment of migrants' transnationality. Themes 2 and 3 will focus on migrants' links with their home country; Themes 4 and 5 will concentrate on migrants' integration in the host country. The network partners will bring to bear a range of methodological perspectives and approaches, drawing on the skills of social scientists (sociologists, economists, geographers, demographers and lawyers) and institutions (universities, international institutions, research centres).

TTok activities will be a key component of TOM. The project will benefit in this respect from the breadth and the complementarity of research interests and training capabilities of the participating institutions. The network’s training activities will include formal instruction, 'hands on' mentoring and 'learning by doing' in a peer group environment. The network will provide specific measures to train ESRs and ERs.

**Fields of science**

social sciences › economics and business › economics
social sciences › sociology › globalization
social sciences › sociology › demography › human migrations
social sciences › economics and business › business and management › commerce

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