The Post-Pandemic Ascent: The Role of Migration in Emerging from the Economic and Labor Market Turmoil

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Jonathan Chaloff is a Senior Policy Analyst and comparative migration policy expert at the International Migration Division of the Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs at the OECD. Among recent reports he authored and co-authored are Recruiting Immigrant Workers: Korea (2019), Europe (2016), Norway (2014), Germany (2013) and Sweden (2011); Jobs for Immigrants: Italy (2014); and the OECD Review of Labour Market and Social Policies: Latvia (2016) and Israel (2010).

He has also written and co-written OECD book chapters and working papers, including "The Impact of EU Directives on the labour migration framework in EU countries" (2016), "Managing labour migration: Smart policies to support economic growth" (2014), and “Managing Highly-Skilled Labour Migration: A Comparative Analysis of Migration Policies and Challenges in OECD Countries” (2009).

He has worked directly with a wide range of governments and non-governmental organizations to provide policy evaluation, support and consulting for 20 years. Prior to coming to the OECD in 2007, he was the immigration specialist for the Italian foundation Census (1997-2004). He has also worked for international organizations on labour migration management issues in origin countries including Albania and Ukraine.

He was the correspondent for Italy to the OECD’s SOPEMI network from 1998 to 2006, and co-ordinated a trilateral working group on implementation of the 1998 Italian framework immigration law (1998-2002).
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A crash in migration flows to OECD countries, first half of 2020

Source: OECD International Migration Outlook (2020), oe.cd/3hQ
A drop in employment which disproportionately affected immigrants in almost all OECD countries

Change in the employment rate between Q2 2019 and Q2 2020, by place of birth

Source: OECD (2020)

What is the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on immigrants and their children?
Employment levels projected to drop significantly in OECD countries and lag into 2022

Weak labour market in the short term

% change in total employment under alternative scenarios

"Single-hit" scenario

31 million jobs lost by Q4/2020, 15 million deficit by Q4/2021

"Double-hit" scenario

53 million jobs lost by Q4/2020, 25 million deficit by Q4/2021

Source: OECD Economic Outlook Statistics and Projections: https://doi.org/10.1787/eo-data-en
Jean-Christophe Dumont has been the Head of the International Migration Division in the Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD since 2011.

He joined the OECD Secretariat in 2000 to work on international migration issues. He oversees the OECD annual flagship publication on migration; *International Migration Outlook* and numerous publications on the economic impact of international migration, as well as on migration management and the labour market integration of immigrants and their children in OECD countries.

He has also worked on migration and development issues and on the international mobility of health workers. He holds a PhD in development economics from the University Paris IX-Dauphine and was a research fellow at Laval University, Quebec, Canada.
Demetrios Papademetriou is a Distinguished Transatlantic Fellow at the Migration Policy Institute, which he co-founded and led as its first President until 2014 and where he remains President Emeritus. He served until 2018 as the founding President of MPI Europe, a nonprofit, independent research institute in Brussels that aims to promote a better understanding of migration trends and effects within Europe; he remains on MPI Europe’s Administrative Council and chairs its Advisory Board.

He is the convener of the Transatlantic Council on Migration, which is composed of senior public figures, business leaders, and public intellectuals from Europe, the United States, Canada, and Australia. He also convened the Regional Migration Study Group in 2011–15, an initiative that has proposed and is promoting multi-stakeholder support for new regional and collaborative approaches to migration, competitiveness, and human-capital development for the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Central America.

Dr. Papademetriou co-founded Metropolis: An International Forum for Research and Policy on Migration and Cities (which he led as International Chair for the initiative’s first five years and where he continues to serve as International Chair Emeritus); and has served as Chair of the World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Council on Migration (2009-11); Founding Chair of the Advisory Board of the Open Society Foundations’ International Migration Initiative (2010-15); Chair of the Migration Group of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD); Director for Immigration Policy and Research at the U.S. Department of Labor and Chair of the Secretary of Labor’s Immigration Policy Task Force; and Executive Editor of the International Migration Review. Dr. Papademetriou holds a PhD in comparative public policy and international relations (1976) from the University of Maryland and has taught at the universities of Maryland, Duke, American, and New School for Social Research.
Meghan Benton is Director of Research for the International Program at MPI as well as for MPI Europe. Her areas of expertise are immigrant integration (especially labor market integration and integration at the local level) and the role of technological and social innovation in immigration and integration policy. She also has an interest in labor migration and mobility; she has written extensively on Brexit and free movement, as well as on how labor market disruption affects immigration and integration. She convenes MPI Europe’s Integration Futures Working Group, which seeks to develop a forward-looking agenda for integration policy in Europe.

Dr. Benton previously was a Senior Researcher at Nesta, the United Kingdom’s innovation body, where she led projects on digital government and the future of local public services. Prior to joining Nesta, she was a Policy Analyst at MPI from 2012-15, where she co-led an MPI-International Labor Organization six-country project on pathways to skilled work for newly arrived immigrants in Europe. She also worked on Project UPSTREAM, a four-country project on mainstreaming immigrant integration in the European Union. Previously, she worked for the Constitution Unit at University College London and the Institute for Public Policy Research.

Dr. Benton received her PhD in political science from University College London in 2010, where her PhD research focused on citizenship and the rights of noncitizens. She also holds a master’s degree in legal and political theory (with distinction) from University College London, and a bachelor’s degree in philosophy and literature from Warwick University.
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