

Dipartimento di Economia



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Immigration and the skill premium

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The seminar is jointly organized by the Department of Law, the Department of Economics, and PhD School of Economics.

Data on EU economies show no correlation between low-skilled immigration and the skill premium. We rationalise this evidence in a model where firms face search and screening costs. Low-skilled immigration diminishes the relative benefit of screening skilled workers, leading to a decline in their relative ability within the firm and an undetermined impact on the skill premium. On regionsector and firm level data from 2008 to 2013, we find that low-skilled immigration in Italian regions has reduced skill intensity without affecting the skill premium. Using proxies for workers' ability and screening activity, we provide supporting evidence for the theorised mechanisms.

The speaker will be available for 1:1 meetings after the seminar at 14:30. If you are interested in booking a slot, please write us at: seminari.economia@uniroma3.it



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