Immigration and the UK

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BOOKS AND REPORTS


This book analyses integration as a contested concept, providing a cross-disciplinary theoretical, empirical and policy-oriented analysis of the integration-migration nexus.


This article makes the case for “open borders” to be put on the agenda of mainstream academic theory. It begins by conceptualizing the liberalization of international labour markets as compensation for those who have not benefitted from the liberalization of capital and commodity markets. To demonstrate that the opportunity costs of maintaining closed borders are unacceptably high, it reports on economic studies suggesting huge gains from relaxing national border controls.


This briefing sets out to answer key questions about how many students from outside Europe come to the UK, how long they stay, how many family members come with
them, what they are studying, whether they work during their study, and how many of them change status and choose to settle permanently in the UK.


This report sets out the ten most important problems in the evidence base on immigration and migrants in the UK. The problems identified arise from one or more of the following factors: data gaps and limitations; analysis gaps and limitations; and uncertainties in the conclusions emerging from the available analysis.


This paper argues that EU policies relating to external and internal migration have, on balance, worked in the UK’s interest. However, EU free movement in particular has been subject to political mishandling by both the UK Government and the European Commission. Reform to enhance the transparency, clarity and accountability of these policies is absolutely vital if free movement is to be safeguarded as public opinion in the UK and across the EU becomes increasingly hostile to the concept.


This paper investigates the labour market effects of immigration in Denmark, Germany and the UK, three countries which are characterized by considerable differences in labour market institutions and welfare states. Institutions such as collective bargaining, minimum wages, employment protection and unemployment benefits affect the way in which wages respond to labor supply shocks, and, hence, the labour market effects of immigration.


Over most of the last decade, employment levels in the UK rose faster among foreign nationals than among UK nationals. However, in 2012 and 2013 the share of employment growth attributed to UK nationals increased, as the share attributed to foreign nationals fell. Using data from the Labour Force Survey, this report examines this change, and places it in the context of longer-term labour market trends for UK and foreign nationals.

This book provides insights into migration and social integration. Empirically, the volume offers comprehensive grounding in the relationships between migration, migration policies and social protection/inclusion in the enlarged European Union and its member states.


Labour market shortages, structural problems and unfavourable demographics have all prompted governments to act, often by focusing on high-skilled immigration. However, policy responses have been very different. Some countries were able to adopt quite open high-skilled immigration policies, while others did not. This article provides a political economy explanation for this.


This book suggests that extreme right party impact on immigration politics and policy is an outcome of those parties' electoral threats to established parties alongside the agency of mainstream political elites. It also argues that the impact of parties of the extreme right on immigration policy and debate has declined during the late 2000s, and perhaps has been overstated in the past.


This briefing provides a counterargument to reports of negative effects of immigration on Britain. The authors set out to expose the realities behind the recurring myths which often skew the debate on immigration.


No official projections of the UK ethnic populations have been published since 1979. This article provides projections to 2056 and beyond of 12 ethnic groups.


This article examines the economic impact of immigration. The main emphasis is on the United Kingdom, but extensive material is also provided on other countries, both for comparison and to fill in certain gaps in the British evidence.

This book looks at how people from the world's poorest societies struggle to migrate to the rich West: the effects on those left behind and on the host societies, and explores the impulses and thinking that inform Western immigration policy.


This report investigates the effect of immigration on UK native employment, based on the existing published evidence base, showing that that there is little evidence for displacement of native UK workers from employment during periods of economic strength, but some during the recent economic recession.

Drinkwater, Stephen and others. **Welfare participation by immigrants in the UK.** International journal of manpower, vol. 34 2013, pp. 100-112
Available in the British Library at: 4542.329000

The purpose of this paper is to examine the welfare participation of immigrant groups in the UK. The analysis focuses on the types of benefits that immigrants tend to claim, as well as examining differences by area of origin. It also examines the factors that determine social assistance benefit claims, including an investigation of the impact of education, ethnicity and years since migration.


This evidence briefing highlights the findings, and their relevance in key policy areas, of ESRC-funded research into how much immigrants are given access to public services such as the NHS, housing and social benefits.

Elsner, B. **Emigration and wages: the EU enlargement experiment.** Journal of international economics, vol. 91 2013, pp. 154-163. Available at the British Library; shelf mark: 5007.650000

The enlargement of the European Union provides a unique opportunity to study the impact of the lifting of migration restrictions on the migrant sending countries. With EU enlargement in 2004, 1.2million workers from Eastern Europe emigrated to the UK and Ireland. This paper uses this emigration wave to show that emigration significantly changed the wage distribution in the sending country, in particular between young and old workers.

Galgóczi, Béla; Leschke, Janine and Watt, Andrew (eds.). **EU labour migration since enlargement: trends, impacts and policies.** Aldershot: Ashgate, 2009
Available in the British Library at: YC.2012.a.17879

One of the most important consequences of EU enlargement in May 2004 was to extend the principle of the free movement of labour to the citizens of the central and eastern European new member states. In this book a team of labour economists and migration experts sheds light on the dimensions, characteristics and impacts of cross-border labour migration in selected sending (Hungary, Latvia and Poland) and receiving (Austria, Germany, Sweden and the UK) countries.

Available in the British Library at: LT.2014.x.1508
In this book, David Goodhart tells the story of post-war immigration and charts a course for its future. Drawing on hundreds of interviews with people from all over the country and a wealth of statistical evidence, he paints a striking picture of how Britain has been transformed by immigration and examines the progress of its ethnic minorities - projected to be around 25 per cent of the population by the early 2020s.

This report examines the behaviour of migrants entering the UK immigration system. It looks at the five main routes of entry to the UK and the common pathways through the Immigration System that result in settlement. The report also provides new analysis on two further cohorts of migrants granted entry clearance visas in 2005 and 2006 and migrants granted settlement in 2010 and 2011.

Low-skilled work accounts for 13 million jobs in the UK, two million of which (16 per cent) are held by migrants. Those jobs held by migrants are split 60:40 non-EEA: EEA. A million migrants in low-skilled jobs have come to the UK in the last decade. Half of them were from Central and Eastern Europe following enlargement.

This government’s bill makes provision to reform the law relating to immigration. The bill would require private landlords to ask tenants about their immigration status and restrict access to bank accounts for people in the country without permission. It also aims to streamline the appeals process in immigration cases.

These reports recommend that the government ends reliance on the International Passenger Survey as the primary method of estimating migration, and that the anticipated data from the e-Borders programme [cancelled subsequent to this report] should be used instead by the ONS and Home Office to measure net migration.

The report finds no evidence for the argument, made by the Government, business and many others, that net immigration - immigration minus emigration – generates significant economic benefits for the existing UK population.

Available online at: [http://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RR183.html](http://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RR183.html)

This report looks at a number of drivers in demography and the economy that will affect income distribution and inequality across Europe. The report attempts to identify which groups at risk of poverty are likely to grow in size. These may include: the elderly, single heads of households, and migrants.

Available in the British Library at: 5041.144000
This paper analyses the impact of immigration on the UK labour market using the GNP function approach. The authors find that an increase in the number of unskilled immigrants reduces the wages of unskilled domestic workers, though the quantitative impact of this increase is small. No discernible impact of migration is found for skilled native workers.

Available in the British Library, at: YC.2012.a.17879
This book investigates the visual and discursive elements of ethnic and racial prejudices in the contemporary press. The authors argue that the current economic crisis influences the way that immigration is presented, especially as a problem relating to people.

McKay, Sonia. *The future implications of migrant labour for employment relations.*
This paper explores the implications for employment relations of the future participation of migrant workers in Britain’s workplaces. The paper examines the definitions and demographic profile of migrant labour. It then goes on to explore aspects of the changing nature of the employment relationship in which many migrant workers find themselves, including the increase in subcontracting, agency working and posted work. The author then looks at the specific challenges for employers in relation to this.

This briefing paper argues that the measures in the Immigration Bill, as laid before the House of Commons in October 2013, would be unfair, largely unworkable, and would embed suspicion of migrants across local communities. Co-opting private landlords, bank tellers and DVLA staff into the business of checking immigration documents will result in racial discrimination against some migrants and ethnic minority British citizens.
The authors argue that this would also, in the case of housing, make some migrants (in particular those without regular status) more liable to exploitation by criminal landlords in the UK.


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This book provides a comparative analysis of the impact of the EU on the policies and politics of immigrant integration in its member states. It investigates whether the EU can be a force for good in a policy area that, until now, has been regarded as at the discretion of member states.


Lord Parekh’s book synthesises previous writings on responses to multicultural societies, to formulate proposals for understanding how the relationships between cultures can be understood and negotiated.


Report of a commission set up by Runnymede, and chaired by Lord Parekh, to analyse the (then) current state of multi-ethnic Britain, and to propose ways of countering racial discrimination and disadvantage.


This report is about the consequences of large-scale immigration. Immigration on the scale the UK has experienced in recent years has many potential consequences. If it persists over a long period of time, it may radically alter the cultural, ethnic, racial and political character of this country.


This paper focuses on the implications of economic theories and research for regulating the number, selection, and rights of migrant workers in high-income countries. It examines the asymmetric economic interests of migrant-receiving and migrant-sending countries in the debate over the ‘optimal’ design of labour immigration policy and, in light of this analysis, provides a brief economic assessment of the core components of labour immigration policy in the UK.
Shaw, Jo; Miller, Nina and Fletcher, Maria. *Getting to grips with EU citizenship: understanding the friction between UK immigration law and EU free movement law.* Edinburgh: Edinburgh Law School Citizenship Studies, 2013
Available in the British Library, at: YK.2014.b.6922

Available online from the British Library’s Social Welfare Portal; URL: http://socialwelfare.bl.uk/subject-areas/services-client-groups/minoritygroups/homeoffice/working10.aspx
This paper explores one potential approach to developing a framework to assess how UK immigration policies compare to those of other countries. The analysis is based on a methodology that allows the wide range of different visas available under different countries’ immigration systems to be combined into a few key routes of entry.

Available online from the British Library’s Social Welfare Portal; URL: http://socialwelfare.bl.uk/subject-areas/services-client-groups/minoritygroups/themigrationobservatory/fiscal13.aspx
This briefing explores the conceptual and methodological issues related to estimating the fiscal impact of immigration and provides an overview of the existing estimates for the UK and other countries.

Available online from the British Library’s Social Welfare Portal; URL: http://socialwelfare.bl.uk/subject-areas/services-client-groups/minoritygroups/themigrationobservatory/geographical13.aspx
This briefing focuses on long-term international migrants coming to the UK; it examines their characteristics, where they go after they arrive in the UK, and trends over time. The key points outlined in this briefing include: data on migration inflows to the UK suggest that 89% of incoming migrants go to England; for those migrants going to England, London remains the most popular destination (32% of the total in 2011), but the share of incoming migrants going to London has decreased from the peak of the late 1990s.

Available online from the British Library’s Social Welfare Portal; URL: http://socialwelfare.bl.uk/subject-areas/services-client-groups/minoritygroups/themigrationobservatory/migrants13.aspx
This briefing reviews the statistical and research evidence on migrants’ experiences in and impacts on the UK housing system. The key points outlined in this briefing include: the foreign-born population has significantly lower ownership rates than the UK-born; the foreign-born population is three times as likely to be in the private rental sector compared to the UK-born; recent migrants are more than twice as likely to be renters compared to other migrants; UK-born individuals and foreign-born individuals have similar levels of participation in social housing.

Available online from the British Library’s Social Welfare Portal; URL:
This briefing discusses migration of European Union citizens (excluding British citizens) to and from the UK. A special focus of the briefing is on A8 citizens – citizens of eight countries that joined the EU in May 2004 and A2 citizens – citizens of the two countries that joined the EU in January 2007.


This paper finds that during periods of strong economic growth, migration is and has always been important for filling gaps in the labour market. On balance, the evidence for the UK labour market suggests that fears over the consequences of rising immigration have been exaggerated. But there have been some effects. The less skilled may have experienced greater downward pressure on wages and greater competition for jobs than others, but these effects still appear to have been relatively modest.


This article examines how the regulatory character of market institutions shapes government responses to labour shortages, with particular reference to immigration policy.

**NEWS AND CURRENT DEBATE**

The following newspaper and current affairs websites have dedicated sections, gathering together news and comment related to immigration:


*The Guardian*: Immigration and Asylum: [http://www.theguardian.com/uk/immigration](http://www.theguardian.com/uk/immigration)


*The Independent*: Immigration: [http://www.independent.co.uk/topic/Immigration](http://www.independent.co.uk/topic/Immigration)


**Stories in the press**

Oliver Wright, ‘What’s gone wrong with immigration – by a man who should know’, *The Independent*, 5 August 2014. Interview with John Vine, the outgoing inspector of borders and immigration.

Nigel Farage, ‘Cameron’s EU benefits diatribe fools no-one – it’s not welfare abuse by immigrants but the number of them that is a drag on this nation’, *The Daily Telegraph*, 30 July 2014 [http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/nigel-farage/10998115/Nigel-Farage-David-Camerons-EU-benefits-diatribe-fools-no-one.html](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/nigel-farage/10998115/Nigel-Farage-David-Camerons-EU-benefits-diatribe-fools-no-one.html)


Allison Pearson, ‘Are we all racist now? As a survey of British Social Attitudes reveals a shocking upturn in prejudice, Allison Pearson argues that the political elite’s desire to advance multiculturalism with mass immigration has backfired’, *The Daily Telegraph*, 4 June 2014 [http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/10860492/Are-we-all-racist-now.html](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/10860492/Are-we-all-racist-now.html)


John Hutton & Alan Milburn, ‘Stop kowtowing to UKIP. Immigration works. Instead of conducting a policy arms race, Labour should stop conniving in blatant myths’, *The Times*, 27 May 2014

Editorial, ‘Migration dilemmas: increased immigration is a trend in advanced industrial economies. It has many benefits if social cohesion is managed sensitively’, *The Times*, 23 May 2014


Will Hutton, ‘What's wrong with selling visas to rich immigrants at £2.5m a pop? The money raised would solve a lot of economic problems and quell political scaremongering about immigration’, *The Observer*, 2 March 2014  
[http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/mar/02/immigration-sell-visas](http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/mar/02/immigration-sell-visas)

Decca Aitkenhead (interview with Keith Vaz), ‘”Immigrants are first-class providers to the country”. Keith Vaz’s visit to Luton airport on New Year’s Day to greet new EU migrants attracted much mockery, and not for the first time. But does he really deserve all the opprobrium he gets?’, *The Guardian*, 11 January 2014  

Polly Toynbee, ‘If you want to curb immigration, pay workers a living wage’, *The Guardian*, 3 January 2014  

Philip Collins, ‘Little England should prepare a big welcome. We need immigrants and most see themselves as British. So what happens if Britain gets broken up?’, *The Times*, 3 January 2014

Hugh Muir, ‘Immigration from Romania and Bulgaria will lead to new pressures, but not Armageddon. The right will invoke worst-case scenarios but the biggest disaster would be if Britain no longer attracted migrants’, *The Guardian*, 2 January 2014  
RESOURCES ON THE WEB

Bangla Stories
http://www.banglastories.org/
An oral history project, which interviewed 8 subjects, 4 in India/ Bangladesh and 4 in the UK. The project examined experiences of migration from and within the Bengal delta region in the period from independence in 1947. The website includes resources for teachers and details from the interviews.

British Future: Identity, Integration, Migration, Opportunity
http://www.britishfuture.org/
British Future is a think-tank, which focuses on issues of identity, migration and integration.

British Social Attitudes Report 31: Being British Today: we uncover how Britain feels about itself – its boundaries, its identity, and its inhabitants
http://www.bsa-31.natcen.ac.uk/?_ga=1.59433892.844364605.1408109710

European Economic and Social Committee: Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship
http://www.eesc.europa.eu/?i=portal.en.soc-section
The EESC represents civil society and other interest groups, and makes recommendations to the European Commission and European Parliament. Matters relating to immigration are discussed by the Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship section. This website provides details of the EESC and links to publications and details of membership.

European Migration Network
The EMN was set up by the Home Affairs department of the European Commission to provide comparable information from across the EU to inform policy makers on migration and asylum topics. The website provides links to the national contact points of the network, publications and statistics.

Eurostat: Migration and migrant population statistics
European Union statistics on migration to, from and within the EU.

GLA Intelligence
http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/mayor/publications/gla-intelligence
A research and policy advice unit for the Greater London Authority. This page links to activities and publications of GLA Intelligence, which includes statistical reports relevant to London. Migration, and the impacts of migration, in London features in many of the reports.

Histpop – The online historical population reports website
http://www.histpop.org.uk
Historical UK population data derived from UK census reports 1801- 1921. The website includes many essays on the development and history of census data, including migration statistics.
Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration
http://icinspector.independent.gov.uk/
Links to news, further information and inspection reports of the UK’s border and immigration functions.

International Organisation for Migration
http://www.iom.int
The IOM is an intergovernmental organisation, established in 1951, with 156 member states. It aims to ensure the humane and orderly management of migration and to promote international cooperation on migration issues. The IOM publishes a range of reports, statistics and policy documents, including the *World Migration Report*.

Making Histories: developing young community historians
http://www.makinghistories.org.uk/
Developed by the Runnymede Trust, in collaboration with the LSE and University of Cambridge, this website brings together family histories and migration stories from young people in Cardiff, Leicester and Sheffield.

Migration Advisory Committee
https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/migration-advisory-committee
The MAC is a non-departmental public body to advise the UK government. This website links to committee reports and consultations.

The Migration Observatory
http://www.migrationobservatory.ox.ac.uk/
Based at the University of Oxford Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS), the Migration Observatory provides evidenced-based analysis and briefings to support public debate on migration.

Migration Research and Analysis
https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/migration-research-and-analysis
Documents produced to support the Home Office in policy development and operations related to migration.

Migration Watch UK
http://www.migrationwatchuk.com/
A campaigning organisation that is ‘concerned about the present scale of migration into the UK’. The website provides links to press releases and reports.

Moving Here
Personal stories, documents, timelines and other resources tell the story of migration to the UK over the past 200 years, and the impact of migration on British culture.

National Institute of Economic and Social Research: Migration
http://niesr.ac.uk/research-theme/migration
Publications and projects that look at the impact of migration on the UK labour market.

Norface Research Programme on Migration
http://www.norface-migration.org/index.php
A programme of 12 trans-national projects at European institutions, which focus on the cultural, economic, social and policy aspects of migration. There is a list of active projects at http://www.norface-migration.org/currentprojects.php and discussion papers at http://www.norface-migration.org/publrespapers.php
Refugee Council
http://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/
The Council provides support and advocacy for refugees in Britain. Their website provides more information about the Council, refugees and asylum seeking in Britain, policy briefings, and their campaigns.

Runnymede: Intelligence for a multi-ethnic Britain
http://www.runnymedetrust.org/
A charity and think-tank that works on issues relating to racial equality in Britain.

UK National Statistics: Publication Hub: Migration
Reports and statistical releases related to: migration within the UK; migration to and from the UK; and related matters such as immigration control and asylum. Immigration Statistics bring together a variety of data sources on immigration and control of immigration.

UK Parliament: Asylum, immigration and nationality
http://www.parliament.uk/topics/Asylum-immigration-and-nationality.htm
This topic page links to briefing papers, current legislation, committee reports and statistics. Choose from the links to asylum, immigration and nationality to find out more information.

Understanding Population Trends and Processes
http://www.restore.ac.uk/UPTAP/index.html
An Economic and Social Research Council funded programme, using census and other population datasets to understand population trends. The programme has completed, and this website links to details of individual projects and their outputs. Themes covered included the impact of migration on labour markets, ethnicity, and integration.

United Nations Population Division: International Migration
Links to publications, reports and resolutions of the General Assembly, events, statistics and other information related to international migration.

Universities UK: Immigration and globalisation
http://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/aboutus/whatwedo/PolicyAnalysis/ImmigrationGlobalisation/Pages/default.aspx
This page describes the policies of Universities UK with regard to immigration and the international competitiveness of UK universities. There are links to activities and programmes such as Immigration and Globalisation reports, UK Higher Education international unit, and the Observatory on Borderless Higher Education.
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Social Welfare Portal
Find the latest research reports and policy briefs across a range of topics, including housing, employment and minority groups. Available online at: http://socialwelfare.bl.uk/

Management and Business Studies Portal
Working papers, research and policy briefs relating to employment and the economy. Available online (this resource requires registration, which is free) at: http://www.mbsportal.bl.uk/

Databases relating to regional and global population movements

In addition, the Library subscribes to a range of databases and electronic libraries which provide details on global economic and social contexts, and many of the factors behind migration. These include the OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development) and World Bank publications.

A listing of Inter-Governmental Organisation resources available at the Library can be found at: http://www.bl.uk/eresources/socsci/intorg.html

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Myths and Realities 15: Our ethnicity and identity – what does it all mean?
http://www.bl.uk/whatson/podcasts/podcast145660.html

Myths and Realities 1: Migration and Integration
http://www.bl.uk/reshelp/bldept/socsci/events/myths/migration/integration.html

The full list of events in this series can be found at
http://www.bl.uk/reshelp/bldept/socsci/events/myths/realities.html

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