SYLLABUS: Summer School on Economics of Migration 2023

Thursday, September 12, 2023: “Policies and integration of immigrants”
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The aim of these two classes will be to discuss how recent immigration policies have impacted the integration of immigrants in the United States through a host of channels, including their residential and employment choices, family and household outcomes, naturalization and civic engagement, detention, and police trust. We will pay closer attention to a couple of policies, discussing the institutional framework surrounding their enactment, some of their implications, and broad methodological challenges in assessing their impacts. To conclude, after focusing on policies with effects concentrated in the interior of the United States, we will discuss recent border challenges and policy responses, analyzing more closely the impact of a couple of policies on border flows.

Structure:

1. Introduction: Summary of Immigration Policy in the United States from 1960s onwards
2. Close Door Policies and Immigrant Integration
   ▪ The Case of Interior Immigration Enforcement
     ▪ Institutional Background
     ▪ Methodological Challenges
     ▪ Diverse Impacts
3. Open Door Policies and Immigrant Integration
   ▪ Focus on Sanctuary Cities
     ▪ Institutional Background
     ▪ Methodological Challenges
     ▪ Some Impacts
4. Recent Border Challenges, Policy Responses, and Implications

Suggested Readings


