Objective

This one-day workshop aims to bring together researchers working on various aspects of the integration of refugee families into host societies and discuss the most recent research developments in this field. It also aims to discuss empirical research, data collection, and policy challenges in view of the new waves of refugees expected to arrive to Europe in the near future. To this end, the workshop will also include selected presentations on the experience and results of the IAB-BAMF-SOEP Refugee Survey, a representative survey of refugees in Germany that has been conducted as a longitudinal survey since 2016. The workshop is financed by the project “Representative Sample of Refugee Families in Germany (GeFam2).”

Keynote Speaker

Prof. Hillel Rapoport

Hillel Rapoport is Professor of Economics (and Director of International Relations) at the Paris School of Economics, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, and Senior Member of the Institut Universitaire de France (IUF) since 2021. He is also a research fellow at CEPII, IZA, CESifo, Harvard CID, Kiel Institute for the World Economy, LIESER, Institut Convergences Migrations and European Development Network (EUDN). He was a member of Bar-Ilan University until 2013 and held visiting positions at Stanford University (in 2001-03) and at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government (in 2009-11). Since 2008 he is the scientific coordinator of the “Migration and Development” annual conferences jointly organized by the World Bank and the French Development Agency. His research focuses on the growth and developmental impact of migration and on the economics of immigration, diversity, and refugees’ integration.

Submission Guidelines and Deadlines

Authors are invited to submit extended abstracts of their recent work no later than June 30, 2022 (23:59 EST) to soepmig@diw.de. The extended abstract should not exceed two pages plus references. An appendix of at most two pages for results or figures is welcome. Submitters will be notified by July 30 on whether their paper has been accepted.

Preferred topics include (but are not limited to):

- Labor market integration of refugees
- Advances in language and education and their effects on integration
- Health of refugees
- Discrimination, xenophobia, and their impacts on integration
- Effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on refugees
- Determinants of refugee migration and prospects for the near future

Financial Support

Up to two Ph.D. students or post-docs coming from outside Germany will be awarded 500 euros for travel costs. Students from overseas will be given preference.

Conference Organizers: Adriana Cardozo and Sabine Zinn (scientific program), Janina Britzke (workshop management)

For more information on the Representative Sample of Refugee Families in Germany (GeFam2), see: https://www.diw.de/en/diw_01.c.822801.en/projects/refugee_families_in_germany_gefluechtete_familien_in_deutschland_gefam_2.html