# The Integration of Migrants in the German Labor Market: Evidence over 50 Years

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# Motivation

Germany has become world's 2nd-most important destination for international migrants (after the US)

▶ 13 million foreign-born

pop. share: 17.1%; incl. 2nd-generation: 27.2% (< age 20: 38.9%)</p>

However, most immigration episodes took Germany by surprise and were accompanied by controversial debates rather than positive narratives.

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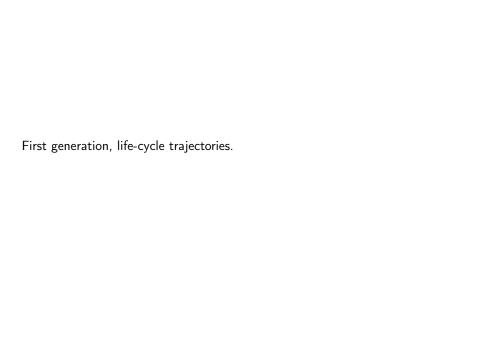
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# Overview: Immigrant cohorts Inflows over time

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period	period	Iron curtain	East-West integration
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# Estimating employment and income gaps

Unconditional immigrant-native gaps:

$$\hat{y}_i^{\mathsf{gap}} = y_i - \hat{y}_i \tag{1}$$

We predict  $\hat{y}_i$  from:

$$y_n = \sum_{a=18}^{58} \delta^N A_{na} + \sum_{t=1976}^{2015} \gamma_t^N \Pi_t + \sum_{t=1976}^{2015} \sum_{a=18}^{58} \zeta_{ta}^N (A_{na} \times \Pi_t) + \varepsilon_n$$
 (2)

where:

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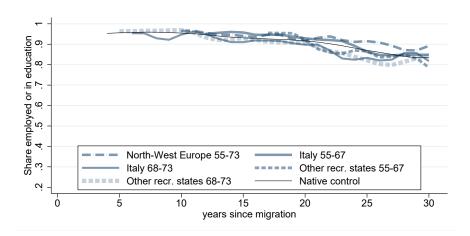


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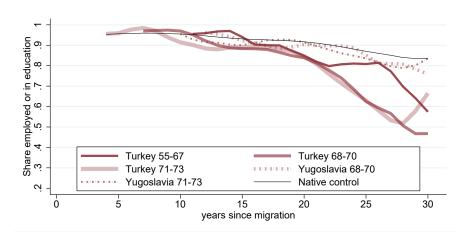


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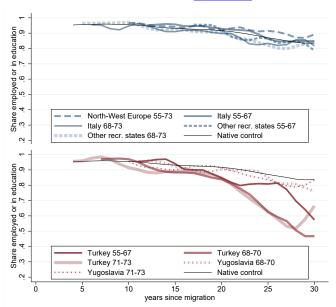


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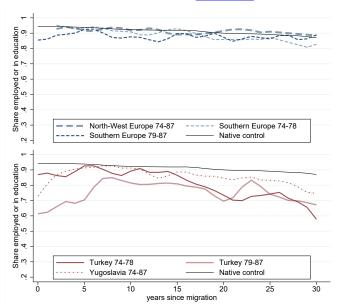


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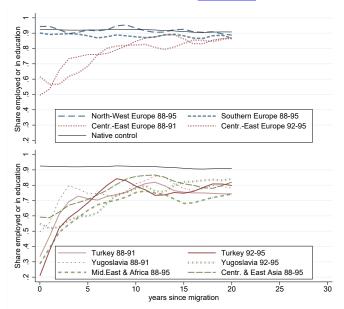
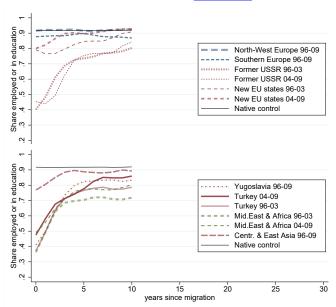


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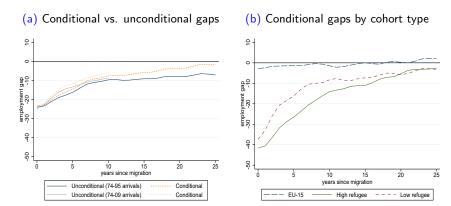
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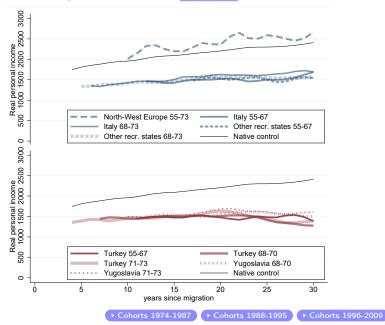
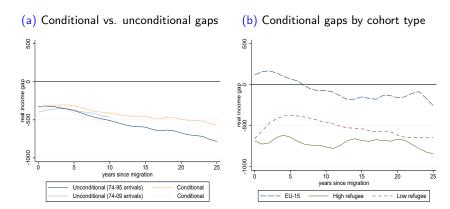


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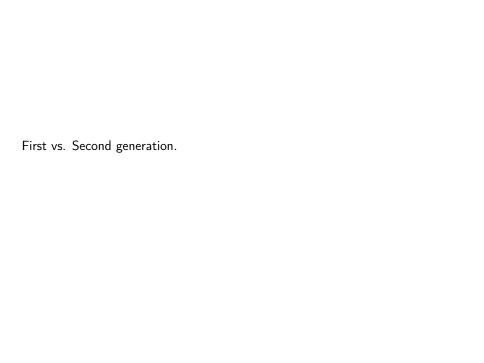
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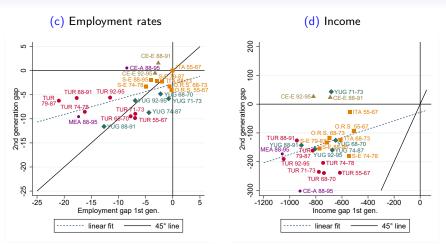
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# Labor market gaps for first and second generations



Notes: Unconditional immigrant-native gaps estimated non-parametrically according to eq. (1). Second generation includes persons who migrated at age 6 or younger ("generation 1.5"). First-generation gaps measured 20 years after migration to Germany. Second-generation gaps measured in 2005, 2009 and 2013. The labels refer to region of origin and arrival year: CE-E: Central and Eastern Europe; ITA: Italy; MEA: Middle East and Africa; O.R.S: Other recruitment states; CE-A: Central and East Asia; S-E: Southern Europe; TUR: Turkey; YUG: (former) Yugoslavia.

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## Prediction

### How predictable are integration profiles?

- Cohort characteristics more predictive than individual-level predictors
- ▶ Basic cohort characteristics, such as its average education or refugee share, explain 75% of the variation in employment and income gaps across cohorts

Figure: Cohort-level labor market gaps

		Employmen	t gaps (p.p.	)	Real income gaps (Euros)					
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)		
			Panel	A: Initial	gaps					
Share w/	11.13***			-0.50	193.4***			-48.7		
school dgr.	(1.57)			(2.53)	(48.3)			(79.9)		
Share w/	-3.82			2.78	193.9**			251.3**		
university	(2.73)			(3.25)	(90.1)			(99.1)		
Refugee		-11.07***		-4.61**		-79.3***		-71.5		
share		(2.48)		(2.04)		(29.1)		(119.3)		
EU-15		3.66**		3.80*		306.9***		142.9*		
(dummy)		(1.46)		(2.20)		(79.2)		(80.1)		
Hofstede			-0.28***	-0.05			-10.6***	-2.4		
Index			(0.05)	(0.06)			(2.2)	(2.7)		
Unempl.				-10.86***				-183.3***		
rate				(2.31)				(57.8)		
N (cohorts)	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38		
adj. $R^2$	0.39	0.56	0.25	0.74	0.44	0.64	0.64	0.79		

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		Pan	el B: Gap	s 10 years	after arriv	/al			
Share w/ school dgr.	5.22*** (0.72)			1.24 (1.00)	206.7*** (39.8)			46.3 (70.9)	
Share w/ university	-1.07 (0.83)			2.39** (1.06)	132.7 (89.5)			160.7 (101.0)	
Refugee share		-5.32*** (0.86)		-3.00*** (0.62)		-105.4*** (24.4)		-62.3 (104.6)	
EU-15 (dummy)		0.41 $(0.70)$		-0.58 $(0.85)$		218.5** (84.7)		50.1 (84.8)	
Hofstede Index			-0.09*** (0.02)	-0.01 (0.02)			-8.5*** (2.1)	-3.1 (2.4)	
Unempl. rate				-3.53*** (1.13)				-101.9* (59.4)	
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		Panel C: E	explaining	10-year ga	ps with in	itial gaps				
Initial		6.31***								
gap				(0.57)				(26.4)		
N (cohort	38							38		
$Adj. R^2$	0.82							0.89		

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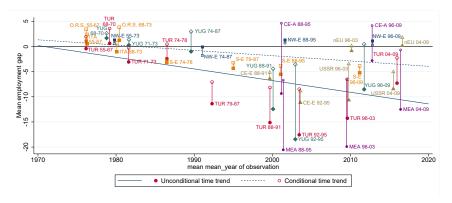
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### Time trends

Have integration outcomes improved over the past five decades?

- Raw employment and income gaps have widened strongly
- ▶ But, gaps have remained fairly stable when controlling for cohort composition and economic conditions

Figure: Time trends in employment gaps (10 years after arrival)



Notes: Filled markers and solid line: unconditional immigrant-native employment gaps and time trend; hollow markers and dashed line: conditional employment gaps and trend. Gaps and time trends are predicted based on the time trend, the average covariates for natives and the residuals from regressions in panel B of Table 3 and aggregated to the cohort level. Unconditional time trends refer to column (1) and conditional time trends to column (4), including controls for individual education, regional unemployment rate (on the level of 75 regional planning units, "Raumordnungsregionen") and cohort-level refugee share.

Figure: Time-trends in employment gaps

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)						
Panel A: Employment gaps at arrival (p.p.)										
Time trend (10 years)	-5.00**	-6.12***	-2.98*	-0.80						
	(2.14)	(1.96)	(1.48)	(1.17)						
Observations	$40,\!309$	$40,\!309$	40,309	40,309						
Panel B: Employment gaps 10 years after arrival (p.p.)										
Time trend (10 years)	-2.15***	-2.75***	-1.14**	-0.68*						
	(0.75)	(0.70)	(0.49)	(0.36)						
Observations	32,612	32,612	32,612	32,612						
Education contr.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Refugee share	No	No	Yes	Yes						
Regional unempl. rate	No	No	No	Yes						

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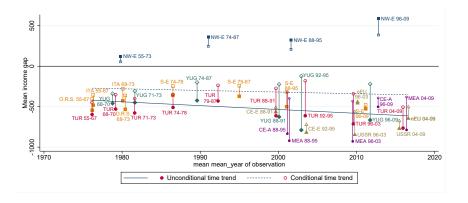


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Time trend (10 years)	2.63	-72.43	-9.21	31.61						
	(81.33)	(52.65)	(59.54)	(63.94)						
Observations	$38,\!483$	$38,\!483$	$38,\!483$	$38,\!483$						
Panel D: Income gaps 10 years after arrival (Euros)										
Time trend (10 years)	-43.87	-108.3***	-52.27	-43.90						
	(43.01)	(26.24)	(35.07)	(37.48)						
Observations	31,607	31,607	31,607	31,607						
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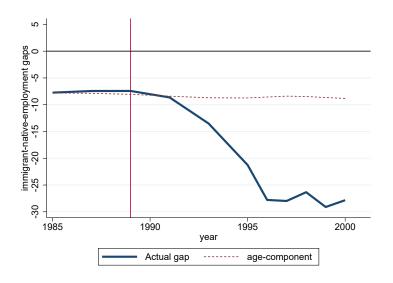
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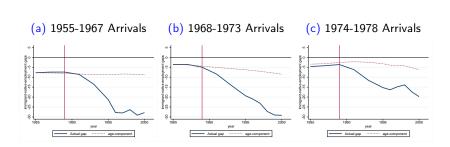
▶ Method. approach

In the early 1990s, employment rates drop strongly, in particular for Turkish cohorts:

Across arrival years and age groups (time-specific shock)

▶ Unempl. and Bartik shocks

➤ Can be attributed to changing economic conditions: structural change across sectors, 1993 recession, new in-migration



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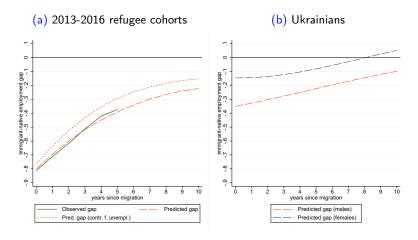
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Figure: Employment gaps for recently arrived refugees



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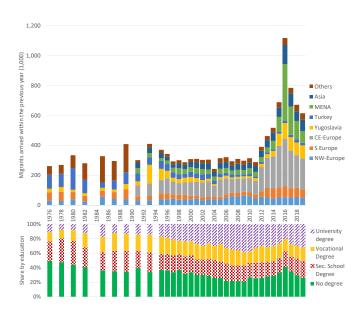
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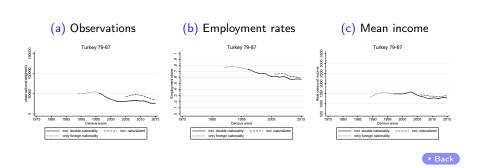
Figure: Immigration to Germany 1976-2019



## Selective naturalization: Different immigrant definitions

- ▶ Before 1996: Only foreigners without German nationality
- ▶ Until 2004: Including persons with multiple (current) nationalities
- ► Since 2005: Including previous nationalities

Example: Turkish immigrants 1979-1987



# Empirical approach: Parametric estimates

$$y_i = X_i \phi^I + \delta^I A_i + \alpha^I Y S M_i + \sum_{t=1976}^{2015} \gamma_t^I \Pi_t + \varepsilon_i$$
 (3)

Where:

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 $X_i$  Vector of covariates (optional)

 $A_i$  Age (up to the third polynomial)

YSM<sub>i</sub> Years since migration (up to the third polynomial)

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Predicted immigrant-native gaps

$$\hat{y}' - \hat{y}^N = (\hat{\phi}^I - \hat{\phi}^N)X + (\hat{\delta}^I - \hat{\delta}^N)A + \hat{\alpha}^I YSM \tag{4}$$



#### Figure: Conditional employment gaps

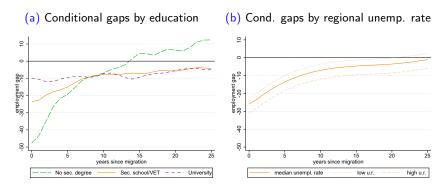




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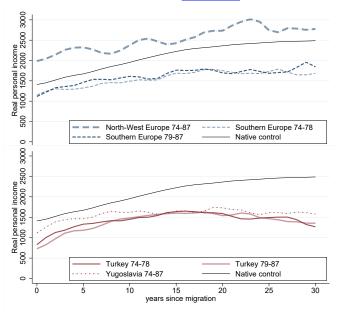




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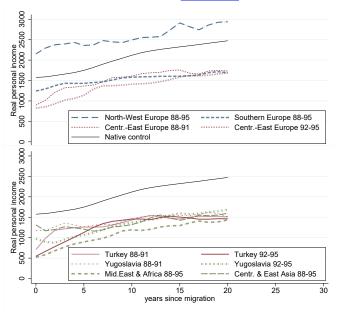
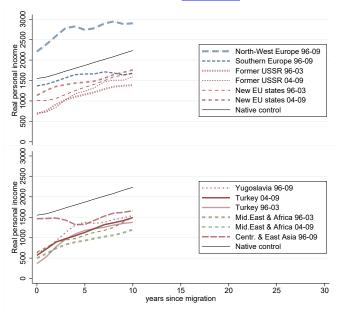
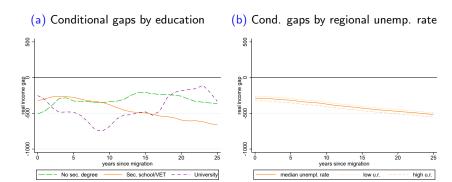




Figure: Mean income, 1996-2009 arrivals



### Figure: Conditional income gaps



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Figure: Individual vs. cohort-level predictors of labor market gaps

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)				
Panel A: Employment gaps (Percentage points, 10 years after arrival)											
School degree (coh. mean)	5.35*** (0.55)		5.69*** (0.69)				5.04*** (0.69)				
University degree (coh. mean)	-1.10 (0.82)		-0.17 (0.70)				-0.55 (0.68)				
Cohort size at arrival (coh. mean)		2.33*** (0.77)	1.66** (0.66)				1.40** (0.61)				
Age at arrival (coh. mean)		1.74 (1.11)	-1.68 (1.15)				-1.56 (1.08)				
School degree (individual)				2.30*** (0.24)		2.281*** (0.238)	1.69*** (0.20)				
University degree (individual)				1.47*** (0.50)		1.561*** (0.494)	1.77*** (0.25)				
Age at migration (individual)					-2.40*** (0.71)	-2.536*** (0.703)	-3.03*** (0.60)				
Observations Adj. $R^2$ (in~) Adj. $R^2$ (co~)	32,612 0.03 0.61	32,612 0.01 0.15	32,612 0.03 0.69	32,612 0.02 0.50	32,612 0.00 0.08	32,612 0.03 0.57	32,612 0.05 0.70				



## Oaxaca-Blinder decomposition

Estimate separately for immigrants and natives:

$$\begin{aligned} y_{ictr} = & \delta^I A_i + \alpha Y S M_i + \sum_{t=1985}^{2005} \gamma_t^I \Pi_t + \sum_{t=1985}^{2005} \mu_t^I \Pi_t \times U R_{shock1997-1989,r} \\ & + \sum_{t=1985}^{2005} \xi_t^I \Pi_t \times B S_{1997-1989,c} + \varepsilon_n \end{aligned}$$

where  $y_{ictr}$  is outcome y for individual i of cohort c observed at time t in region r,  $\Pi$  is a set of year dummies,  $UR_{shock1997-1989,r}$  is a regional unemployment shock and  $BS_{1997-1989,c}$  a Bartik-shifter.

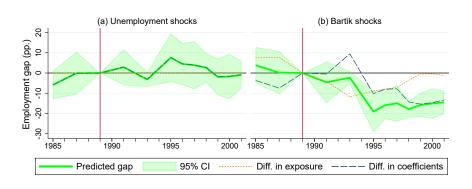
We perform Oaxaca-Blinder decompositions to determine which share of the observed immigrant-native gap can be explained by (1) different exposure of immigrants to each shock, or (2) different coefficients  $\gamma_t$  and  $\mu_t$ .

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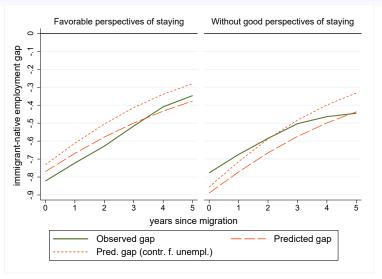
# Application I: 1990s employment collapse

#### Determinants of the 1990s employment collapse, Turkish migrants





# Application II: Integration of recent refugee cohorts





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Figure: Forecasts for employment gaps of recently arrived refugees

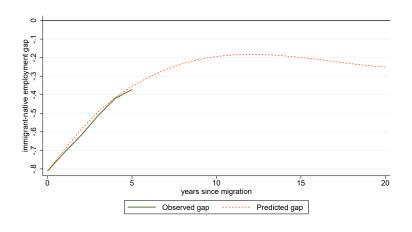


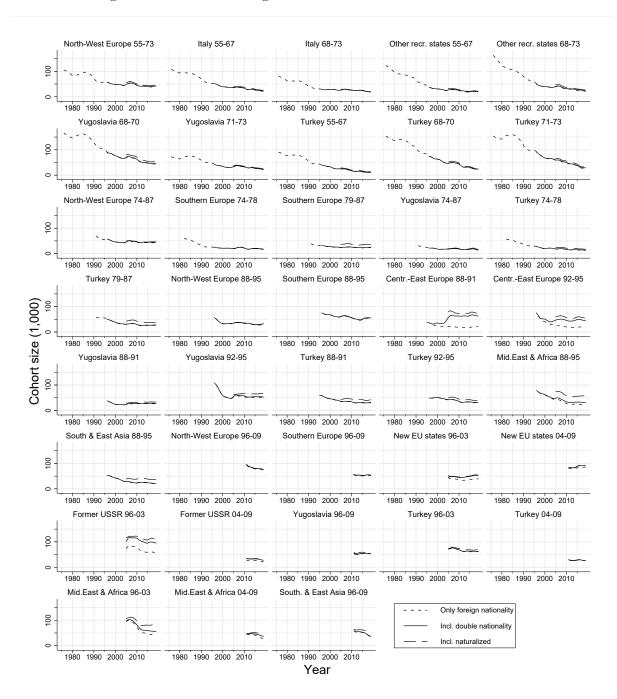


Table 1: Definition and characteristics of immigrant cohorts

		nort size	Age at		university	Refugee
	•	apolated)	migration		gree (%)	share
	at arrival	after 10 years	(mean)	at arrival	after 10 years	(%)
1. Recruitment period	(1955-1973	3)				
North-West Europe 55-73	100,000	94,000	27.6	24.6	23.8	0
Italy 55-67		99,000	27.0		1.2	0
Italy 68-73	80,000	71,000	28.8	3.0	0.7	0
Turkey 55-67		89,000	28.6		1.1	0
Turkey 68-70		118,000	29.7		1.8	0
Turkey 71-73	162,000	156,000	29.4	2.2	1.9	0
Yugoslavia 68-70		135,000	27.7		2.4	0
Yugoslavia 71-73	74,000	80,000	28.0	1.0	2.9	0
Other recr. states 55-67		111,000	28.0		2.7	0
Other recr. states 68-73	170,000	100,000	29.4	1.6	2.4	0
2. Consolidation period	1 (1974-198	37)				
North-West Europe 74-87	100,000	46,000	28.1	20.5	27.1	0
Southern Europe 74-78	53,000	36,000	28.8	7.6	6.7	0
Southern Europe 79-87	58,000	27,000	27.4	7.9	4.5	0
Yugoslavia 74-87	47,000	19,000	28.9	4.7	6.4	13
Turkey 74-78	55,000	41,000	30.2	8.1	4.4	0
Turkey 79-87	71,000	42,000	26.4	7.8	5.6	6
3. Fall of the Iron Curt						
North-West Europe 88-95	59,000	34,000	31.2	46.3	37.7	0
Southern Europe 88-95	77,000	61,000	29.5	9.0	5.7	$\overset{\circ}{2}$
CentrEast Europe 88-91	43,000	30,000	32.6	25.7	15.2	3
CentrEast Europe 92-95	82,000	56,000	30.7	24.3	21.1	9
Yugoslavia 88-91	31,000	21,000	29.3	10.7	3.4	41
Yugoslavia 92-95	111,000	64,000	$\frac{25.5}{30.7}$	7.8	7.7	77
Turkey 88-91	52,000	40,000	25.6	8.7	5.5	19
Turkey 92-95	50,000	52,000	26.1	7.1	4.4	29
Mid.East & Africa 88-95	82,000	77,000	27.8	27.5	20.6	57
Central & East Asia 88-95	51,000	39,000	28.5	28.7	17.0	65
4. Period of East-West			20.0	20.1	11.0	00
North-West Europe 96-09	111,000	•	33.2	55.8	56.3	2
*	,	59,000				0
Southern Europe 96-09	68,000	48,000	29.8	$30.8 \\ 27.4$	29.5	4
New EU states 96-03 New EU states 04-09	43,000	45,000	29.0		24.8	
	88,000	89,000	32.4	20.6	15.9	1
Former USSR 96-03	105,000	86,000	33.2	27.7	24.9	34
Former USSR 04-09	39,000	25,000	32.6	32.0	39.4	12
Yugoslavia 96-09	64,000	53,000	28.8	9.6	6.5	38
Turkey 96-03	70,000	68,000	26.0	9.5	10.4	20
Turkey 04-09	35,000	25,000	27.4	21.7	13.2	4
Mid.East & Africa 96-03	104,000	82,000	29.3	26.6	23.7	56
Mid.East & Africa 04-09	56,000	43,000	28.1	37.3	36.8	52
Central & East Asia 96-09	77,000	43,000	28.7	56.7	49.6	34

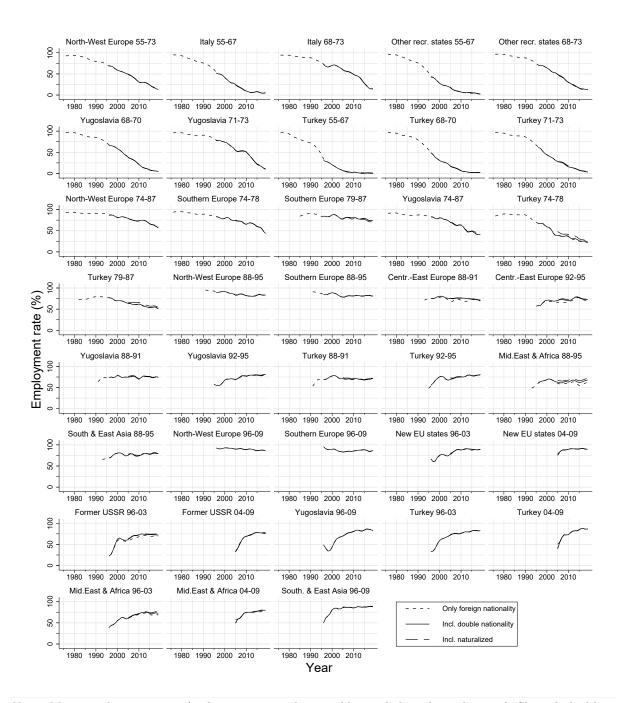
Notes: Cohort sizes and characteristics measured in the first available census wave after and 10 years after complete arrival. Total population numbers extrapolated using the extrapolation weights provided by the microcensus. Refugee share taken from the SOEP. See Appendix Table A4 for a precise definition of the origin regions.

Figure A1: Different immigrant definitions: Number of observations



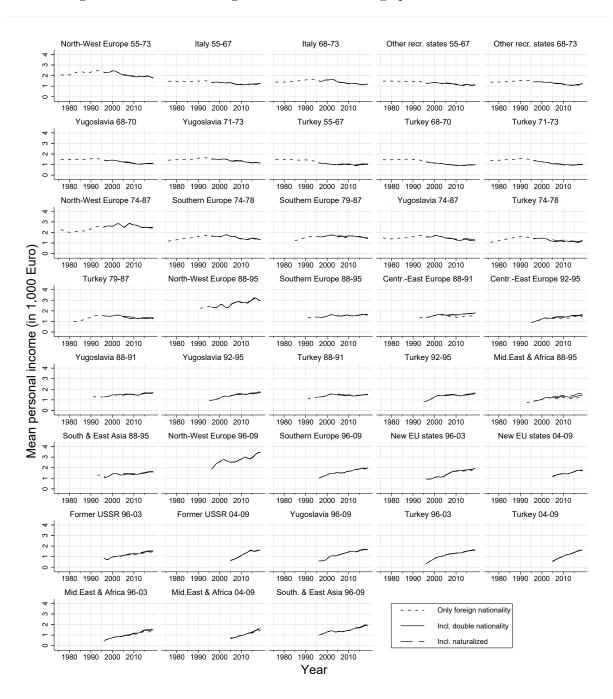
Notes: Observation numbers (in 1,000; extrapolated with microcensus weights to match total population numbers; male migrants aged 18 or older, including those above 58). Short dashed line: Migrants holding a foreign nationality, but no German nationality (since 1976). Solid line: Additionally migrants holding both, German and foreign nationality (since 1995). Long dashed line: Additionally naturalized migrants who lost foreign nationality when adopting German citizenship (since 2005).

Figure A2: Different immigrant definitions: Employment rates



Notes: Mean employment rates (male migrants aged 18 or older, including those above 58). Short dashed line: Migrants holding a foreign nationality, but no German nationality (since 1976). Solid line: Additionally migrants holding both, German and foreign nationality (since 1995). Long dashed line: Additionally naturalized migrants who lost foreign nationality when adopting German citizenship (since 2005).

Figure A3: Different immigrant definitions: Average personal income income



Notes: Mean real individual post-tax income (in 1,000 Euro - reference year 2010; male migrants aged 18 or older, including those above 58). Short dashed line: Migrants holding a foreign nationality, but no German nationality (since 1976). Solid line: Additionally migrants holding both, German and foreign nationality (since 1995). Long dashed line: Additionally naturalized migrants who lost foreign nationality when adopting German citizenship (since 2005).

Gaps in monthly personal income (2010 EUR) (a) All cohorts (b) Cohorts with low return migration -200 total personal income gap -1000 -800 -600 -400 total pr -1000 -1200 10 15 years since migration Conditional on education C.o. educ, reg., occup. & ind. Conditional on education Gaps in log hourly labor wage (log-points) (d) Cohorts with low return migration (c) All cohorts log hourly wage gap -.3 -.25 -.2 -.15 hourly v -.25 g.ċ. -35 20 Conditional on education Conditional on education Unconditional Unconditional Gaps in full-time daily labor wage (log-points) (e) All cohorts (f) Cohorts with low return migration log full time wage gap

Figure A4: Additional evidence on income profiles

Notes: Dark long lines include arrival cohorts 1974-95, light short lines include cohorts 1974-2009. Solid blue lines depict unconditional immigrant-native gaps (controlling only for observation year and age); dotted orange lines additionally controls for education; dashed red lines additionally controls for region, number of children and marital status; dash-dotted green lines additionally controls for occupation and industry groups.

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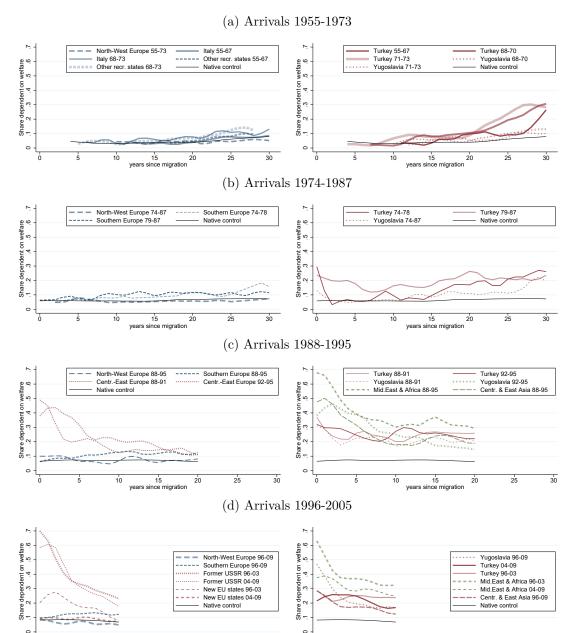
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Table A1: Inter- and intramarriage rates of immigrant cohorts

	at a	rrival	10 years af	ter arrival
	intermarriage	intramarriage	intermarriage	intramarriage
1. Recruitment period	(1955-1973)			
North-West Europe 55-73			39.6	31.7
Italy 55-67			16.7	68.8
Italy 68-73			15.1	64.5
Turkey 55-67			1.5	92.0
Turkey 68-70			0.8	90.0
Turkey 71-73			1.9	91.6
Yugoslavia 68-70			4.7	82.5
Yugoslavia 71-73			4.5	79.5
Other recr. states 55-67			4.2	75.1
Other recr. states 68-73			2.4	69.9
2. Consolidation period	d (1974-1987)			
North-West Europe 74-87	18.1	30.7	34.7	32.0
Southern Europe 74-78	4.0	48.0	23.2	53.7
Southern Europe 79-87	7.2	41.7	7.5	63.3
Yugoslavia 74-87	11.2	54.4	11.2	71.0
Turkey 74-78	2.9	68.9	4.3	84.7
Turkey 79-87	6.3	54.0	7.4	80.7
3. Fall of the Iron Curt				0011
North-West Europe 88-95	8.0	28.7	27.6	16.8
Southern Europe 88-95	1.0	49.2	9.8	57.9
CentrEast Europe 88-91	7.9	66.2	21.8	55.7
CentrEast Europe 92-95	9.3	58.3	$\frac{21.0}{20.0}$	57.6
Yugoslavia 88-91	6.4	65.7	20.8	58.6
Yugoslavia 92-95	1.7	62.5	17.0	60.1
Turkey 88-91	3.7	76.9	13.2	72.2
Turkey 92-95	9.4	70.9	$\frac{13.2}{21.5}$	62.7
Mid.East & Africa 88-95	=			
	7.9	31.5	23.3	$33.2 \\ 61.7$
Central & East Asia 88-95	2.9	38.7	11.0	01.7
4. Period of East-West	-		00.6	20.0
North-West Europe 96-09	6.4	19.8	23.6	20.0
Southern Europe 96-09	3.7	22.8	8.7	36.5
New EU states 96-03	16.4	29.9	14.7	47.3
New EU states 04-09	4.4	43.8	4.9	48.1
Former USSR 96-03	23.1	53.1	22.1	54.5
Former USSR 04-09	21.7	42.0	25.1	44.4
Yugoslavia 96-09	21.2	41.6	17.8	56.2
Turkey 96-03	39.3	42.0	37.4	44.0
Turkey 04-09	49.7	33.5	43.2	33.6
Mid.East & Africa 96-03	22.8	16.4	18.6	32.1
Mid.East & Africa 04-09	25.8	20.0	15.8	30.1
Central & East Asia 96-09	5.3	29.6	13.8	45.7

Notes: Percentages are taken from the entire sample, regardless of marital status. Non-married persons are included in the percentages and treated as zeros. Intramarriage refers to be married to a spouse of the same nationality group (the same groups our cohorts are based on); intermarriage refers to being married to a spouse that only holds the German nationality.

Figure A5: Welfare dependency of different immigrant cohorts



Notes: Share of persons whose main source of income is public transfers. This includes unemployment benefits and social assistance, but also other programs like asylum seeker benefits, parental benefits, student aid (BAFoeG). Pensions are *not* considered. The counterfactual native welfare shares are for natives of the same age observed in the same year as the immigrant sample (estimated according to equation 2).

years since migration

Table A5: Table: Assimilation of immigrant-native gaps by cohorts (Part I)

		person	al income	(EUR)	log	hourly v	vage	empl	oyment (1	p.p.)
	ysm	uc	ed	fm	uc	ed	fm	uc	ed	fm
1. Recruitment per	iod (19	55-1973	5)							
N. & W. Europe 55-73	10 20	$105.9 \\ 204.8$	63.7 $132.3$	84.5 177.1	$0.01 \\ 0.06$	-0.02 $0.01$	$0.02 \\ 0.05$	1.64 -1.41	1.09 -2.46	1.26 -1.85
Italy 55-67	10 20	-483.8 -556.0	-403.1 -492.1	-181.6 -299.2	-0.29 -0.25	-0.24 -0.21	-0.09 -0.13	0.52 -0.37	$1.84 \\ 0.64$	$2.34 \\ 0.35$
Italy 68-73	10	-435.9	-351.5	-181.5	-0.25	-0.20	-0.11	-1.04	-0.44	-1.10
	20	-709.9	-651.1	-344.0	-0.33	-0.29	-0.19	-2.21	-1.22	-1.42
Turkey 55-67	10 20	-596.4 -565.1	-527.1 -495.1	-260.4 -338.9	-0.26 -0.17	-0.21 -0.13	-0.08 -0.09	-0.42 -4.94	1.52 -1.88	1.26 $-2.71$
Turkey 68-70	10	-529.3	-453.6	-251.8	-0.24	-0.18	-0.11	0.64	2.24	1.26
	20	-805.4	-721.0	-519.2	-0.24	-0.19	-0.16	-6.92	-4.24	-5.77
Turkey 71-73	10	-574.8	-490.3	-301.6	-0.23	-0.17	-0.11	-3.05	-1.71	-2.93
	20	-834.7	-738.1	-544.8	-0.22	-0.16	-0.14	-6.30	-4.22	-5.76
Yugoslavia 68-70	10	-459.5	-388.6	-183.2	-0.23	-0.18	-0.10	1.68	1.90	1.15
	20	-692.6	-660.7	-386.4	-0.24	-0.20	-0.15	-2.26	-2.15	-3.11
Yugoslavia 71-73	10	-436.2	-350.6	-154.8	-0.19	-0.13	-0.04	0.23	0.89	0.11
	20	-728.5	-662.4	-420.7	-0.25	-0.20	-0.15	-0.14	-0.24	-1.35
O. recr. states 55-67	10 20	-542.4 -486.6	-487.4 -434.9	-258.0 -267.7	-0.26 -0.24	-0.22 -0.20	-0.10 -0.15	1.02 -0.79	$1.91 \\ 0.46$	1.27 -0.12
O. recr. states 68-73	10 20	-528.0 -740.8	-444.3 -677.7	-267.9 -418.7	-0.26 -0.25	-0.20 -0.20	-0.13 -0.15	1.34 -0.72	$2.38 \\ 0.93$	1.76 -0.17
2. Consolidation pe	riod (1	974-198	7)							
N. & W. Europe 74-87	1 10 20	292.2 369.8 433.5	193.2 281.1 297.6	164.9 245.8 305.1	0.18 $0.08$ $0.06$	0.08 0.03 0.00	0.12 $0.06$ $0.03$	-9.74 0.97 2.24	-10.38 -0.46 0.95	-10.48 -0.79 1.22
S. Europe 74-78	1	-111.1	-78.3	-20.9	-0.08	-0.06	0.09	0.15	0.46	1.70
	10	-420.4	-380.2	-182.4	-0.22	-0.18	-0.11	-5.44	-4.63	-5.91
	20	-538.1	-423.1	-204.7	-0.21	-0.14	-0.06	-6.59	-4.30	-4.70
S. Europe 79-87	1	-138.5	-130.1	-91.3	-0.16	-0.17	-0.05	-5.89	-5.71	-6.49
	10	-351.3	-278.3	-173.2	-0.21	-0.17	-0.11	-2.88	-1.76	-3.24
	20	-772.1	-616.6	-465.5	-0.29	-0.20	-0.13	-2.40	1.08	-0.91
Yugoslavia 74-87	1	-396.9	-362.0	-276.1	-0.17	-0.15	0.01	-10.44	-10.08	-8.37
	10	-408.1	-339.5	-144.8	-0.19	-0.15	-0.10	-0.15	0.76	-0.85
	20	-701.1	-582.1	-430.6	-0.22	-0.17	-0.11	-3.78	-2.17	-3.50
Turkey 74-78	1	-485.2	-447.4	-207.2	-0.16	-0.13	-0.01	-9.20	-7.47	-6.82
	10	-489.2	-411.4	-276.0	-0.18	-0.13	-0.11	-2.81	-0.12	-1.97
	20	-733.7	-574.6	-438.3	-0.18	-0.10	-0.10	-15.14	-10.71	-12.80
Turkey 79-87	1	-534.6	-483.7	-124.0	-0.06	-0.03	0.07	-30.67	-28.90	-29.44
	10	-495.6	-390.6	-277.2	-0.14	-0.09	-0.09	-14.27	-11.58	-14.38
	20	-838.9	-541.0	-336.4	-0.16	-0.02	-0.02	-22.98	-15.41	-18.19

Notes: ysm: years since migration; uc: unconditional estimates (controlling only for age and observation year); ed: conditional estimates (controlling for age, observation year and education); fm: full model (controlling for age, observation year, education, marital status, household size, number of children, region, and – in the case of income and wage – also for broad industry and occupation groups).

Table A6: Table: Assimilation of immigrant-native gaps by cohorts (Part II)

		persona	al income	(EUR)	log	hourly v	vage	employment (p.p.)		
	ysm	uc	$\operatorname{ed}$	$_{ m fm}$	uc	$\operatorname{ed}$	$_{ m fm}$	uc	$\operatorname{ed}$	$_{ m fm}$
3. Fall of the Iron	Curtain	(1988-19	995)							
N. & W. Europe 88-95	1	705.5	490.2	436.4	0.22	0.10	0.12	1.78	-0.44	-0.14
	10	265.2	167.2	207.6	0.02	-0.01	0.03	0.73	-0.02	0.15
	20	412.7	236.0	307.1	0.13	0.07	0.08	-3.37	-4.08	-4.66
S. Europe 88-95	1	-232.0	-182.3	-122.8	-0.19	-0.18	-0.08	-4.49	-3.44	-4.60
1	10	-557.2	-419.3	-254.9	-0.25	-0.19	-0.11	-7.19	-5.01	-7.29
	20	-774.0	-536.7	-301.2	-0.32	-0.19	-0.10	-3.71	1.47	-0.21
C. & E. Europe 88-91	1	-669.1	-708.5	-611.9	-0.17	-0.21	-0.19	-33.75	-34.67	-36.27
c. & E. Europe co or	10	-551.5	-518.5	-419.2	-0.14	-0.12	-0.11	-4.93	-4.22	-6.32
	20	-677.2	-596.2	-430.2	-0.19	-0.16	-0.13	-2.30	-1.60	-3.32
C. & E. Europe 92-95	1	-773.2	-766.4	-669.7	-0.37	-0.37	-0.32	-33.32	-33.07	-35.54
C. & E. Europe 92-95	10	-773.2 -771.5	-760.4 -749.2	-533.8	-0.24	-0.37	-0.32 -0.19	-33.32 -10.58	-33.07 -9.95	-35.54
	20	-783.2	-681.6	-476.6	-0.22	-0.17	-0.13	-2.71	-1.48	-3.37
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Yugoslavia 88-91	1	-458.4	-428.1	-289.0	-0.13	-0.13	-0.09	-28.50	-28.28	-30.99
	10	-643.3	-532.5	-353.8	-0.20	-0.15	-0.14	-12.27	-10.67	-13.57
	20	-950.3	-722.1	-517.0	-0.25	-0.15	-0.12	-13.34	-9.61	-12.04
Yugoslavia 92-95	1	-816.6	-714.6	-553.7	-0.30	-0.28	-0.23	-40.01	-38.46	-40.23
	10	-771.2	-626.5	-381.1	-0.25	-0.19	-0.14	-16.59	-14.63	-17.50
	20	-816.0	-622.2	-454.3	-0.23	-0.13	-0.08	-8.55	-4.97	-7.59
Turkey 88-91	1	-424.0	-346.8	-393.8	-0.05	-0.05	-0.11	-40.23	-38.18	-43.40
	10	-605.6	-402.0	-293.8	-0.17	-0.08	-0.08	-16.05	-11.85	-15.84
	20	-950.0	-527.6	-411.3	-0.28	-0.06	-0.08	-18.70	-7.65	-11.08
Turkey 92-95	1	-687.9	-546.2	-643.8	-0.08	-0.04	-0.09	-48.70	-45.31	-50.45
Turkey 92-95	10	-600.7	-324.9	-043.8 -277.4	-0.08	-0.10	-0.09	-18.09	-43.31 -12.07	-16.60
	20	-1040.8	-586.2	-451.7	-0.27	-0.16	-0.11	-12.58	-1.96	-5.38
3.6 T										
M.East & Africa 88-95	1	-952.0	-965.6	-771.9	-0.32	-0.35	-0.28	-46.71	-44.82	-45.17
	10	-914.9	-835.0	-549.2	-0.31	-0.28	-0.17	-20.13	-16.92	-18.09
	20	-1086.4	-834.3	-604.4	-0.34	-0.19	-0.12	-17.43	-10.00	-10.99
C. & E. Asia 88-95	1	-352.2	-409.5	-74.2	-0.04	-0.11	-0.05	-36.79	-35.79	-36.11
	10	-793.1	-753.3	-540.4	-0.33	-0.29	-0.18	-8.67	-5.98	-8.60
	20	-812.6	-526.8	-335.9	-0.42	-0.27	-0.19	-8.45	-1.22	-3.42
4. Period of East-V	Vest int	egration	(1996-20	05)						
N. & W. Europe 96-09	1	698.7	413.3	471.6	0.25	0.13	0.14	1.56	-0.94	-1.07
•	10	517.3	325.6	281.1	0.14	0.07	0.07	0.93	-0.01	-0.48
C E 06 00	1	212.0	250 4	140 5	0.17	0.10	0.06	2.24	2 66	2 20
S. Europe 96-09	$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 10 \end{array}$	-213.9 -558.4	-258.4 $-456.4$	-149.5 -288.8	-0.17 -0.26	-0.18 -0.20	-0.06 -0.13	-3.24 -3.46	-2.66 -0.25	-3.29 -1.57
	10	-550.4	-400.4	-200.0	-0.20	-0.20	-0.13	-5.40	-0.20	-1.01
New EU states 96-03	1	-495.1	-521.4	-283.3	-0.23	-0.24	-0.18	-18.85	-18.87	-21.84
	10	-389.5	-373.8	-336.7	-0.12	-0.11	-0.10	0.34	0.95	-1.44
New EU states 04-09	1	-566.3	-604.1	-408.2	-0.26	-0.27	-0.18	-10.93	-10.82	-13.62
	10	-560.5	-508.8	-394.5	-0.22	-0.18	-0.13	1.44	2.60	0.68
Former USSR 96-03	1	-917.2		619 1	0.22	0.24	-0.26	44.94	44.01	47.05
rormer USSN 90-03	$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 10 \end{array}$	-917.2 -798.4	-948.7 -757.1	-618.4 -543.8	-0.23 -0.26	-0.24 -0.24	-0.20 -0.21	-44.24 -11.39	-44.01 -10.45	-47.05 -12.94
	10	-130.4	-101.1	-545.0	-0.20	-0.24	-0.21	-11.53	-10.40	-12.34
Former USSR 04-09	1	-1039.6	-1028.6	-827.1	-0.29	-0.33	-0.33	-47.95	-47.12	-50.45
	10	-926.4	-862.9	-688.6	-0.28	-0.24	-0.22	-10.32	-8.60	-11.44
Yugoslavia 96-09	1	-783.9	-629.9	-343.7	-0.22	-0.19	-0.16	-45.91	-42.38	-39.61
~	10	-661.4	-423.6	-315.0	-0.23	-0.12	-0.10	-10.17	-5.36	-8.75
Turkey 96-09	1	717 5	546.0	596 9	0.10	0.16		41.99		
титкеу эо-оэ	1 10	-717.5 -702.7	-546.9 -370.0	-526.8 -341.5	-0.19 -0.26	-0.16 -0.10	-0.18 -0.11	-41.28 -13.19	-36.94 -5.63	-42.24 -10.10
		-104.1								
M.East & Africa 96-09	1	-848.7	-827.8	-654.3	-0.30	-0.29	-0.23	-41.57	-37.91	-35.58
		010 1	769.1	520 O	0.91	0.22	0.16	-18.48	19.10	-14.14
	10	-918.1	-762.1	-539.0	-0.31	-0.22	-0.16	-10.40	-12.19	-14.14
C. & E. Asia 96-09	10 1	-918.1 -137.0	-702.1 -448.7	60.3	0.09	-0.22	-0.10	-12.74	-12.19	-12.79

Table A7: Time-trends in immigrants' labor market gaps (weighted)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)							
Panel A: Employmen	Panel A: Employment gaps at arrival (p.p.)											
Time trend (10 years)	-4.78**	-5.89***	-2.80*	-0.64	0.84							
	(2.13)	(1.98)	(1.47)	(1.12)	(1.33)							
Observations	40,288	$40,\!288$	40,288	40,288	40,288							
Panel B: Employment gaps 10 years after arrival (p.p.)												
Time trend (10 years)	-2.28***	-2.92***	-1.26**	-0.74*	-0.64							
	(0.82)	(0.77)	(0.53)	(0.39)	(0.43)							
Observations	$32,\!612$	$32,\!612$	$32,\!612$	$32,\!612$	32,612							
Panel C: Income gaps at arrival (Euros)												
Time trend (10 years)	12.34	-63.03	-0.04	43.05	5.89							
	(79.48)	(51.69)	(58.23)	(62.74)	(72.94)							
Observations	$38,\!462$	$38,\!462$	$38,\!462$	$38,\!462$	$38,\!462$							
Panel D: Income gap	s 10 year	s after arri	ival (Eur	os)								
Time trend (10 years)	-46.82	-111.8***	-55.02	-45.63	-62.22							
	(44.40)	(26.99)	(36.40)	(39.43)	(38.26)							
Observations	31,598	31,598	31,598	31,598	31,598							
Education contr.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes							
Refugee share	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes							
Regional unempl. rate	No	No	No	Yes	No							
National unempl. rate	No	No	No	No	Yes							

Standard errors clustered on the level of cohorts in parentheses

Notes: Equations estimated according to equation (6), using microcensus weights. The dependent variables are individual migrant-native employment gaps (including education) predicted according to equation (1). The variable that captures the linear time trend is year/10, thus coefficients capture a change over one decade. Educational controls are individual dummies for an academic degree and a vocational degree, refugee share is measured on the cohort level, regional unemployment rate on the level of 75 regional planning units ("Raumordnungsregionen").

<sup>\*</sup> p < 0.1, \*\* p < 0.05, \*\*\* p < 0.01