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On the Importance of Macroeconomic Factors for the Foreign Student's Decision to Stay in the Host Country

ABSTRACT

The paper tests whether the macroeconomic factors suggested by migration theories have a significant impact on the foreign student's decision to stay in the host country. The analysis is based on the register data whereas the earlier research in the field has used only macro-level data. Individual-level data allows determining out-migration propensity by nationality more precisely than the previous studies do as well as controlling for individual demographic and education related characteristics. The home - host country difference in mean labor income is found to affect negatively the student's probability to stay in the host country. The differences in unemployment, welfare benefits, business cycles between the home and the host countries do not determine the probability to stay. The more hierarchical society in the home country is, the more likely male students are to out-migrate. The employment outcome of student immigrants is also analyzed in the paper.