

# Comments

## Conference and Policy Forum

### Impacts of Refugees and IDPs on Host Communities

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# Labor Markets, Trade, Entrepreneurship and Gender



## PAPERS:

H - Hernan Winkler, World Bank

*Are Displacement Inflows Good for Business? The Role of Informality in Developing Countries*

A - Anna Maria Mayda, Georgetown University

*The economic case for or against refugees: The impact on international trade flows*

M - Mathis Wagner, Boston College

*The impact of Syrian refugees on the Turkish labor market*

C - Carlos Vargas-Silva, Oxford University

*The impact of hosting refugees on the intra-household allocation of tasks: A gender perspective*

## QUESTIONS:

- 1 - What are the main results of the papers in terms of impacts on host communities?
- 2 - In how far can these results be generalized?
- 3 - What are the methodological challenges?
- 4 - Which key research gaps do remain?

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	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Paper H				
Paper A				
Paper M				
Paper C				

YOU HAVE 5 MINUTES!

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	<b>Q1 Main results</b>	<b>Q2 Generalize?</b>	<b>Q3 Challenge?</b>	<b>Q4 Gaps?</b>
Paper H	Refugees hurt formal firms	Possibly	Endogeneous response mobility of locals	Is distance the best Instrument?
Paper A	Refugees increase exports	Probably not	Endogeneous allocation of refugees?	Use random allocation?
Paper M	Reduce informal employment	Possibly	Endogeneity: locals' mobility	Is distance the best Instrument?
Paper C	Keep uneducated women at home	Probably not	Endogeneity might be least relevant	How does external intervention enter?

## Lessons:

- 1 - Should have named the session refugees and informality (except paper “A”)
- 2 – Distance is critical
- 3 – We need to control for natives’ mobility response to mass arrival of refugees.
- 4 – need more evidence on long term assimilation

**THANK YOU!**

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