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KNOMAD Seminar

**Labor Market Impacts of States Issuing of Driver Licenses
to Undocumented Immigrants**

Thursday, May 24, 2018

12:30pm-2pm

Room JB1-080

Twelve U.S. states, plus the District of Columbia, have recently enacted measures granting undocumented immigrants access to driver licenses. We exploit the state and temporal variation regarding the issuing of state driver licenses for undocumented immigrants to estimate its impact on these population's employment outcomes. Using 2013 through 2017 data from the monthly Current Population Survey and its Outgoing Rotation Groups, we find that likely undocumented women increase their labor supply in response to the availability of driver licenses. Those at work raise their weekly hours of work by 5 percent, but endure a 4 percent reduction in their real hourly wages. We find no similar impacts among likely undocumented men—a result consistent with a standard labor supply model predicting a greater response from individuals with a larger elasticity. Additionally, we find no apparent impacts on the labor supply and wages of similarly skilled Hispanic native-born women. At a time when anti-immigrant sentiments are at all-time high, understanding how these policies impact targeted groups and similarly skilled native populations is crucial for maintaining an informed immigration policy debate.

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Speaker

Catalina Armuedo-Dorantes

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Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes is professor and Chair of the Economics Department at San Diego State University, a Research Fellow at CReAM and IZA, a member of the Americas Center Advisory Council at the Atlanta Fed and the western representative of the Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession. Her areas of interest include a variety of topics in labor economics and, more specifically, international migration and remittances. Her work has been funded by the BBVA, the Hewlett Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Upjohn Institute, among other agencies. She was the 2013-2014 Border Fulbright García-Robles Scholar, served as President of the American Society of Hispanic Economists in 2014, and has held visiting positions at the University of Wisconsin, Madison and the Public Policy Institute of California.



Dilip Ratha is Head of KNOMAD and Lead Economist of Migration and Remittances team at the World Bank. Mr. Ratha is currently working to lower remittance fees and provide innovative financing solutions for people, businesses, and governments. Over a career spanning three decades in academia, private sector and the World Bank, he has worked extensively on migration and innovative financing for development, including remittances, diaspora bonds, and prediction of sovereign credit ratings. His TED Talk “The hidden force in global economics: sending money home,” has 1.3 million views. He is the founder of KNOMAD, co-founder of Migrating out of Poverty Research Consortium, and the brain behind Africa Institute for Remittances. According to a 2008 New York Times article about his life and work, “No one has done more than Dilip Ratha to make migration and its potential rewards a top-of-the-agenda concern in the world’s development

ministries.”

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