

*Welfare and migration patterns in European Union – microeconomic migration decision determinants and their macrostructural consequences.*

The doctoral dissertation will take form of a series of four journal publications:

1. *Migration and welfare systems – state of the art and research challenges*

In the first article, the author will present a critical analysis and synthesis of available literature. Does it answer the question about the impact of welfare systems on migration? What are the conclusions for empirical research?

2. *Does welfare drive international migration? – an European experience*

The second article will contain a measure of the impact that welfare systems (both of source countries and at destinations) have on migration patterns in European Union. Do generous welfare systems impact mobility patterns in European Union? What matters – an absolute or relative assessment?

3. *Between perception and reality – welfare systems and individual migration decision-making*

In the third article, the author will present a microeconomic, theoretical model of an individual migration decision (based on human capital approach and utility maximization). Does perception of welfare systems and transferability of welfare provisions impact migration decisions?

4. *Temporary migration and its drivers – the role of welfare systems*

The last article will include an assessment of the impact welfare systems have on migration duration (and migration strategies). Do the characteristics of welfare systems impact the migration duration in European Union?