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Impacts of Refugees and IDPs on Host Communities

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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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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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