Migration Policy: What can we Learn from Cooperatives?


Abstract

Large-scale migration is one of the most pressing problems of our time. The extreme solutions of letting nobody in or accepting everyone are unacceptable. The article proposes a humane immigration policy by taking cooperatives as a guide. In the same way members of the cooperative have to acquire a participation certificate, immigrants have to pay an entry fee. The advantages and disadvantages of this proposal for immigration countries, for the migrants, and for the countries of origin are discussed.

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