**VOX—CEPR Policy Portal**

* **[Israel's positive immigration story](http://voxeu.org/article/israels-positive-immigration-story)**

**Assaf Razin**, 1 April 2017

Israel has received almost one million immigrants from the former Soviet Union, close to 19% of its established population. The extraordinary exodus of Soviet Jews to Israel in the 1990s is relevant to the current debate about globalisation.

* [**Migration and the welfare state**](http://voxeu.org/vox-talks/migration-and-welfare-state)

**Assaf Razin**, 11 March 2011

Assaf Razin of Cornell University and Tel Aviv University talks to Romesh Vaitilingam about his book, ‘Migration and the Welfare State: Political-Economic Policy Formation’, which explores implications of the observation that open immigration cannot

* [**The welfare state and migration: Coalition-formation dynamics**](http://voxeu.org/article/welfare-state-and-migration-coalition-formation-dynamics)

**Assaf Razin, Efraim Sadka, Benjarong Suwankiri**, 17 January 2015

Allowing greater immigration may raise tax revenue and help pay for the welfare state, but it also affects the future composition of the voting population.

* [**Tax competition vs. tax coordination: Revisiting the debate**](http://voxeu.org/article/tax-competition-vs-tax-coordination-revisiting-debate)

**Assaf Razin, Efraim Sadka**, 21 January 2011

Does the free movement of factors of production lure tax authorities into a race to the bottom?

* [**Immigration and the welfare state: New evidence from the EU**](http://voxeu.org/article/immigration-and-welfare-state-new-evidence-eu)

**Assaf Razin, Jackline Wahba**, 4 March 2011

Do immigrants just move for the benefit systems?

* [**Migration and welfare in the US and Europe**](http://voxeu.org/article/migration-and-welfare-us-and-europe)

**Assaf Razin, Efraim Sadka**, 1 September 2014

European migration exhibits a bias towards low-skilled workers, whereas the US attracts the majority of the world’s skilled migrants. At the same time, the welfare system in Europe is more generous than the one in the US.

* [**Theories of financial crises**](http://voxeu.org/article/theories-financial-crises)

**Itay Goldstein, Assaf Razin**, 11 March 2013

Broadly speaking, there are three types of economic crisis: banking crises and panics, credit frictions and market freezes, and currency crises.

* [**Creditor protection and financial crises**](http://voxeu.org/article/creditor-protection-and-financial-crises)

**Assaf Razin, Galina Hale**, 8 August 2009

Finding reliable indicators that predict the likelihood and severity of crises across countries has been a frustrating quest for economists. This column suggests that countries with better creditor protection suffer less when a crisis hits.

* [**The ageing, crisis-prone welfare state is bad news for welfare migration**](http://voxeu.org/article/ageing-crisis-prone-welfare-state-bad-news-welfare-migration)

**Assaf Razin**, 6 November 2010

The growing voice of skilled workers and the retired in industrialised countries is calling out for politicians to further restrict immigration in order to allay fears of stealing jobs and scrounging off benefits.

* [**Welfare state generosity and immigrants’ skills**](http://voxeu.org/article/welfare-state-generosity-and-immigrants-skills)

**Alon Cohen, Assaf Razin**, 2 December 2008

Do generous welfare states attract less-skilled immigrants?