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WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER (11:15-17:30)

Panel 3: Refugee Job Seekers and their Labour Market Integration in the Host Country

Organized by Achim Ahrens, Mirjam Bächli & Rafael Lalive

University of Lausanne, Géopolis, room 2235

Programme

11:15 – 13:00 | Session 1

- **Keynote (45'): Linea Hasager** (University of Copenhagen). How Migrants Respond to Citizenship Requirements
- **Dominik Hangartner** (ETH). AI-based matching improves refugee employment in a double-blind randomized trial
- **Achim Ahrens** (CERGE-EI, University of Lausanne). Incentive or Impediment? Cantonal Welfare Regimes and the Integration of Refugees and Their Children

13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 | Session 2

- **Martina Viarengo** (Geneva Graduate Institute). The gender dimension of refugees' integration in the labor market (online)
- **Ilgi Bozdag** (UNHCR) and **Laura Crivelli** (former UNHCR). The Accumulation of Barriers: Rethinking Refugee Women Labour Market Integration
- **Miko Lepisto** (Paris School of Economics). Uncertainty about the legal status and the economic and social integration of refugees

15:30 – 16:00 | Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30 | Session 3

- **Tomas Lichard** (University of Prague). Ukrainian refugees and native workers: Evidence from the most affected countries
- **Olena Iarmosh** (University of Lausanne). From Managers to Service Workers: Occupational Trajectories of Displaced Ukrainians in Switzerland (flash talk, 15')
- **Keynote (45'): Andreas Steinmayr** (University of Innsbruck). Labor Market Activation through Job Search Obligations