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Does academic mobility prevent brain-drain?

Abstract:

An empirical research I conducted with the support of the New Europe Foundation, Bucharest in 2000 among Romanian academics has found that the group of mobile academics and the group of academics intending to emigrate in the following year of our questioning were as good as completely separate. Most social characteristics of these two groups were highly different. My presentation will introduce the findings of the empirical research, comment upon the origins of these differences and discuss the role of academic mobility as prestige solution of gaining international validation as compared to emigration as a form of international validation thought after by marginal and/or diasadvantaged groups in Romanian academia (younger academics, women, academics with no decision making power and lower academic position, etc.)