

Irregular Migration: Concepts, Causes and Consequences

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Agenda

- Concepts and data
- Causes
- Consequences

Concepts

- Irregular, illegal, undocumented, unauthorized
- A variety of experiences
- Regional differences
- Shifting statuses

Data

- Conceptual difficulties
- Practical difficulties
- Access

Causes

- Global disparities in development, demography and the democratic process
- The global jobs crisis
- Segmented labour markets
- A communications revolution
- A transportation revolution
- Migration networks
- The migration industry

Consequences

- State sovereignty
- Public security
- Negative economic and social impacts
- A polarised debate

Consequences

- Personal risks
- Migrant smuggling and human trafficking
- Women
- Strains on NGOs, religious bodies and civil society