

## The Haifa Center for German and European Studies

### Guest Lecture

# From Free to Fair Labour Migration in Europe

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A liberal political theory of labour migration faces a dilemma. It takes the inequality generating effects of international brain drain to be morally objectionable, but cannot (directly) restrict the movement or occupational choice of labour migrants as a solution. I argue that a plausible account of fairness in labour migration requires us to rethink a basic tenet of liberal political theory concerning the *moral ownership of skills*. I propose an internal critique of the standard liberal thesis and argue that insofar as the cultivation of our skills is conditional on the contribution and cooperation of others, we rightfully own them against background conditions where everyone has

a fair chance to cultivate their skills. That is, the *development* and the *deployment* of skills to result in the rightful ownership of goods, it requires background institutions of pre-distributive fairness.

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**Minerva Center (Room1013), Terrace Building**

The discussion will be held in English and will be open to the public

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