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Rethinking Administrative and Statistical Categories of Migration

A Critical Examination and Demographic Measurement Perspective

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Transnational Migration in Southeast Asia

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Presentation outline

Migration: easy to define... but impossible to measure

Is the term “migration” problematic?

From the classic indirect estimation of net number of migrants flow...

... to the recent standardization of the stock of life long international migrants

Refugees, Labor migration, Student migration: relevant categories ?

Migration: easy to define...

“Human migration [...] is a permanent change of residence”

Encyclopaedia Britannica

According to the United Nations, migration is a “change [...] of usual residence, irrespective of the reason for migration or legal status”

...but (almost) impossible to measure

No data on the residential history between birth and observation

Except in some very specific surveys

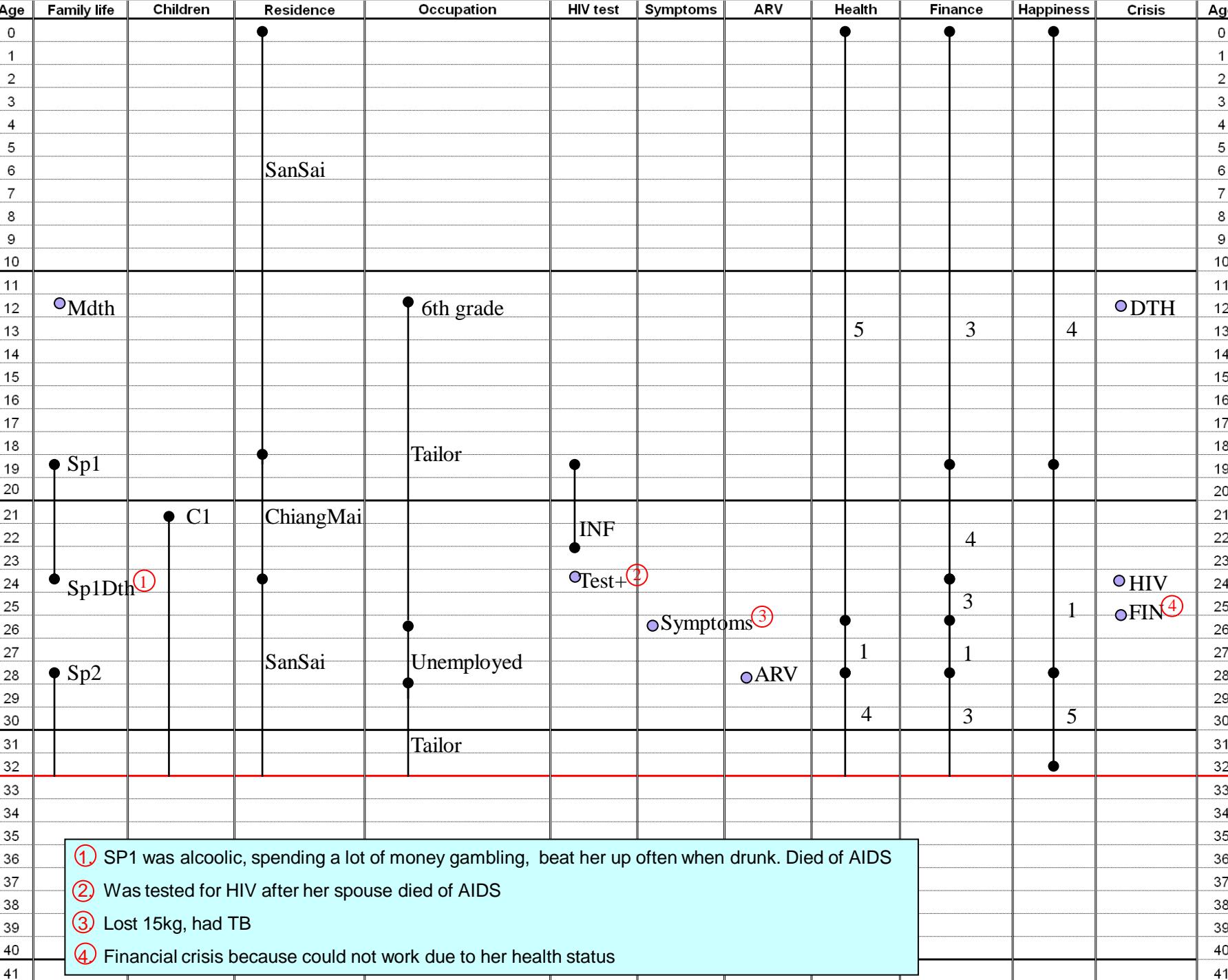
Années	Durée	RESIDENCES	ACTIVITES	EVT. FAMILLE	Années	Durée
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1956	33				1956	33
1955	34				1955	34

1989
Dakar/Pikine
Survey
Senegal
(Orstom)
P.Antoine

1998
EDER Survey
Mexico
(CEPED,
COLEF,
CREDAL,
Paris X)

Fecha y Edad		Lugar de Residencia					Relación de Parentesco				
		2.1 ¿En qué localidad (poblado o ciudad) nació usted? 2.2 ¿En qué municipio (delegación)? 2.3 ¿En qué estado de la República o país? 2.4 Además de (Localidad de Nacimiento) ¿ha vivido en otras localidades (poblados o ciudades) por lo menos un año en forma continua? Si () No () Pase a 3. 2.5 ¿Podría decirme todas las localidades (poblados o ciudades) donde haya vivido después de (localidad de nacimiento) por lo menos un año en forma continua, y la fecha o edad de traslado a estos lugares (Anote Municipio y Estado o País)?					3 ¿Cuál era la relación de parentesco entre usted en el primer Hogar en que vivió en su lugar de cada una de las localidades (poblados o ciudades)				
1		Or den	2.1			2.2		2.3			
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- 01 Jefe(a) del hogar
- 02 Cónyuge
- 03 Hijo(a)
- 04 Yerno / Nuera
- 05 Padre-Madre / Suegro(a)
- 06 Otro pariente
- 07 Sirviente, trabajador(a) doméstico(a)
- 08 Otro No-Pariente
- 09 Vivienda colectiva



2007 LIWA Survey Thailand (ANRS-INED) S.Lecoeur et al.

2007 ENI
Survey
Spain
(INE)

PAÍSES	País 1 NOP01	País 2 NOP02	País 3 NOP03	País 4 NOP04
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3 ¿Con quién se trasladó a este país? (Varias opciones de respuesta son posibles)				
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4 ¿Por qué motivo se trasladó a este país? (Varias opciones de respuesta son posibles)				
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2020 Trans-HIV Survey France (SESSTIM)

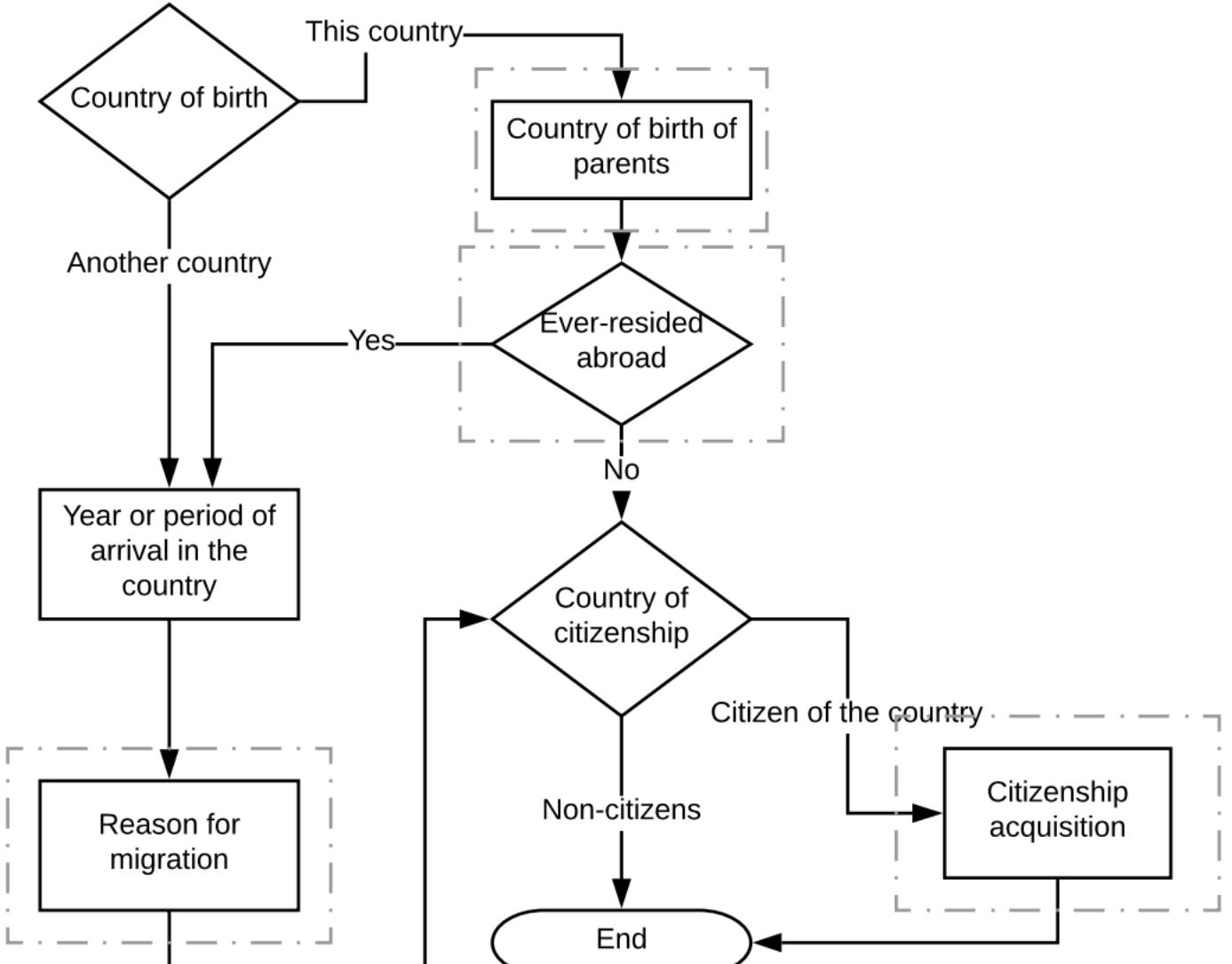
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Through the Census data, information on

Country of birth

Country of previous residence (e.g. 1 or 5 years before)

Country of actual residence



Note: Questions in dotted boxes are optional

Standard questions on international migration

Guidance note for the use in population censuses and household surveys

UNITED NATIONS EXPERT GROUP ON MIGRATION STATISTICS 2015

2020
Census
Malaysia
(DOSM)

50	E10	Where was your / this person's place of birth?
51		(a) Are you / this person a Malaysian citizen?
52	E11	(b) What is your / this person's citizenship?
53		(c) What is your / this person's residence status?
54	E12	Where was your / this person's usual place of residence one (1) year ago?
55	E13	Where was your / this person's usual place of residence five (5) years ago?

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What we actually call migration in the standardized statistics?

"Lifelong international migration: a comparison between the country of birth and the current country of residence"

The actual acceptation does not correspond to the UN theoretical definition

...but (almost) impossible to measure

Evolution of lifelong international stocks

Année	Effectifs	Proportion
1970	84 460 125	2.3%
1975	90 368 010	2.2%
1980	101 983 149	2.3%
1985	113 206 691	2.3%
1990	153 011 473	2.9%
1995	161 316 895	2.8%
2000	173 588 441	2.8%
2005	191 615 574	2.9%
2010	220 781 909	3.2%
2015	248 861 296	3.4%
2019	271 642 105	3.5%

2022: 281 millions 3.6%

Source: UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, 2008, 2019a, 2019b. Cited in World Migration Report OIM

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What we actually call “migration”?

An emic definition in the public debate in Europe

A definition but only for people coming from the global south

European outmigrants are not referred to as migrants but as expatriates

Choisir de bouleverser son destin et repartir de zéro à des milliers de kilomètres : un pari un peu fou auquel beaucoup pensent un jour sans jamais oser.
« Tout quitter pour changer de vie - Épisode 2 »
 Dimanche à 21.05 dans #ZoneInterdite



11:00 AM · 24 déc. 2021 · Twitter Media Studio



Réanimumab #DarmaninDémission
@reanimumab

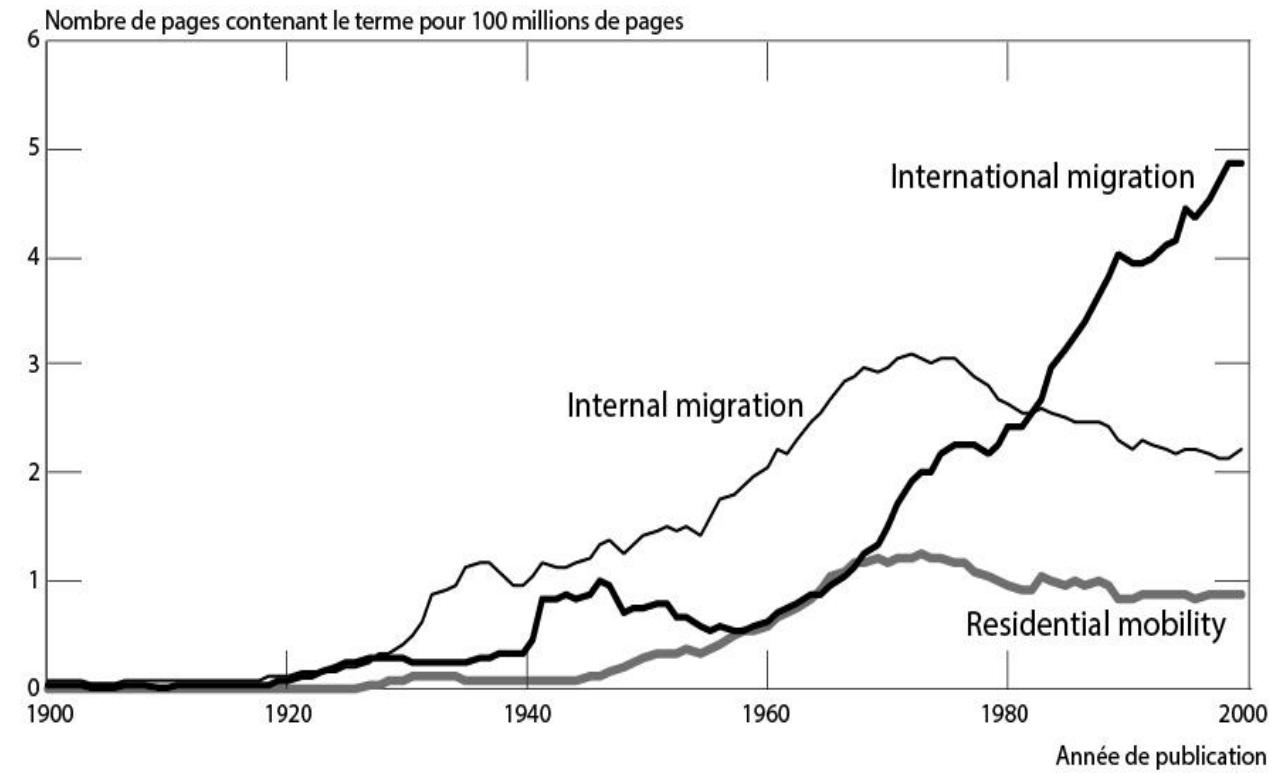
« Cite un truc qui est considéré comme audacieux quand tu es blanc et riche, et comme scandaleux quand tu es pauvre et racisé »

9:37 PM · 26 déc. 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

Promotion of a reality tv show on a French couple out-migrating.

First tweet : “To choose to upheave one's destiny and start anew thousands of kilometers away: a crazy and risky challenge that many look for without ever daring to take the risk.”

Answer: Something called “daring” when you are white and rich and “scandalous” when you’re poor and non-white



Migration

A really recent synonym of
international migration

Occurrence of «international migration», «internal migration» and «residential mobility» in all English books digitalized by year of publishing.

Le Roux et Sierra-Paycha 2021

Is the term “migration” problematic?

A governmental view point?

“migration as a social issue is coupled from its very outset with a governmental rationale: migration is a phenomenon to manage. For these reasons, as indeed many scholars have argued, there would not be **migration without borders, only mobility**. And, given the regulative function of borders, it follows that there would not be migration outside of a governmental perspective.”

Tazzioli 2015

Is the term “migration” problematic?

That weakens critical analyses on migration governmentality

“Government [...] shapes our way of thinking and speaking of people’s movements. Most critical analyses on migration governmentality assume this of coupling migration-government as an unquestionable bond, addressing criticisms towards inhumane treatments against migrants or towards the deprivation of migrants’ political and civil rights, insisting on the necessity of granting access to services and protection. If the translation of practices of mobility into migration in order to govern is not challenged in itself, the critique of the government of migration becomes a slippery discourse, unwittingly turning into a critique of the excesses and violations of the politics of mobility and into a claim for a ‘fair government’.”

Tazzioli 2015



For No border activists:

“People on the move”

“Travelers”

Not “migrants”



From the classic indirect estimation of net number of migrants flow...

$$P_{t+1} = P_t + B_{t;t+1} - D_{t;t+1} + I_{t;t+1} - E_{t;t+1}$$

$$P_{t+1} - P_t = B_{t;t+1} - D_{t;t+1} + I_{t;t+1} - E_{t;t+1}$$

$$(P_{t+1} - P_t) = (B_{t;t+1} - D_{t;t+1}) + (I_{t;t+1} - E_{t;t+1})$$

Population growth = Natural Increase + Net number of migrants

Net number of migrants = Population growth – Natural Increase

From the classic indirect estimation of net number of migrants flow...

Net migration = Population growth – Natural Increase

Indirect estimation → *Net migration*

Census data → *Population growth*

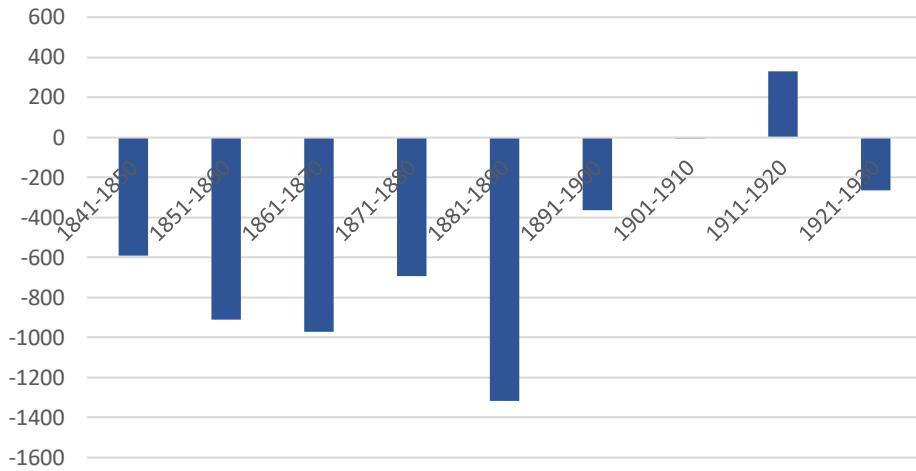
Civil registration system data → *Natural Increase*

ANNEXE AU CHAPITRE II
MIGRATIONS APPARENTES D'APRÈS LA COMPARAISON DES RECENSEMENTS SUCCESSIFS (1)
(EN MILLIERS DE MIGRANTS)

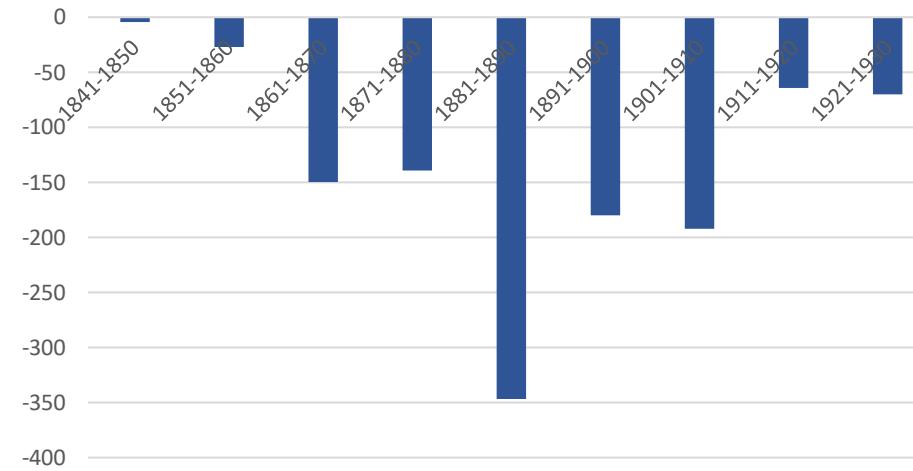
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Angleterre et Galles	+ 44	- 311	- 232	- 208	- 601	- 69	- 501	- 1.197	- 177
Ecosse	»	»	- 117	- 93	- 218	- 52	- 254	- 239	- 392
Irlande	»	»	- 837	- 693	- 764	- 487	- 332	- 404	(2)
Norvège	- 12	- 28	- 86	- 74	- 189	- 57	- 167	- 18	+ 20
Suède	- 4	- 27	- 150	- 139	- 347	- 180	- 192	- 64	- 70
Finlande	+ 6	- 12	- 17	+ 9	- 19	- 42	+ 20	+ 20	+ 16
Autriche	- 73	+ 8	- 123	- 51	- 190	- 396	- 684	»	»
Hongrie	»	»	- 60	- 236	- 184	- 164	- 646	»	- 73
Suisse	»	- 24	- 25	- 22	- 99	+ 69	+ 79	- 115	- 56
Allemagne	- 593	- 911	- 972	- 694	- 1.319	- 364	- 5	+ 330	- 264
Pays-Bas	- 7	- 18	- 68	- 17	- 69	- 75	- 176	+ 18	- 3
Belgique	+ 51	- 69	- 54	- 14	- 12	- 9	+ 33	- 180	+ 164
France	+ 105	+ 28	+ 89	+ 107	+ 161	+ 379	+ 213	+ 500	+ 1.962
Portugal	»	»	»	»	- 130	- 139	- 116	- 460	- 183
Espagne	»	»	- 334	- 225	- 162	- 79	- 785	+ 76	- 20
Italie	»	»	- 228	- 266	- 850	- 1.434	- 1.650	+ 577	- 1.770

I) Le signe + convient à un excédent d'émigration.

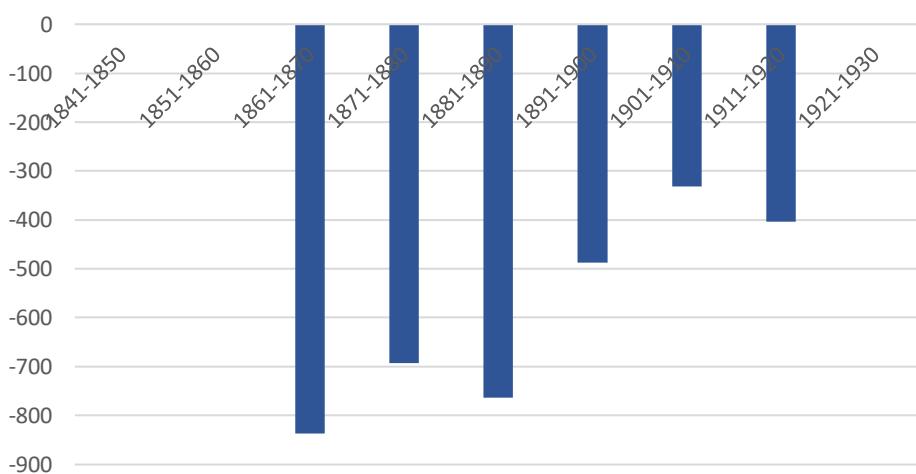
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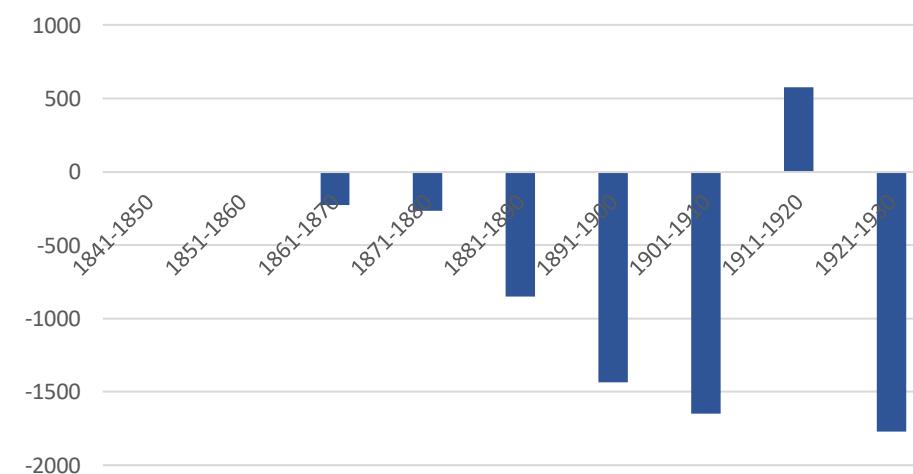
Sweden

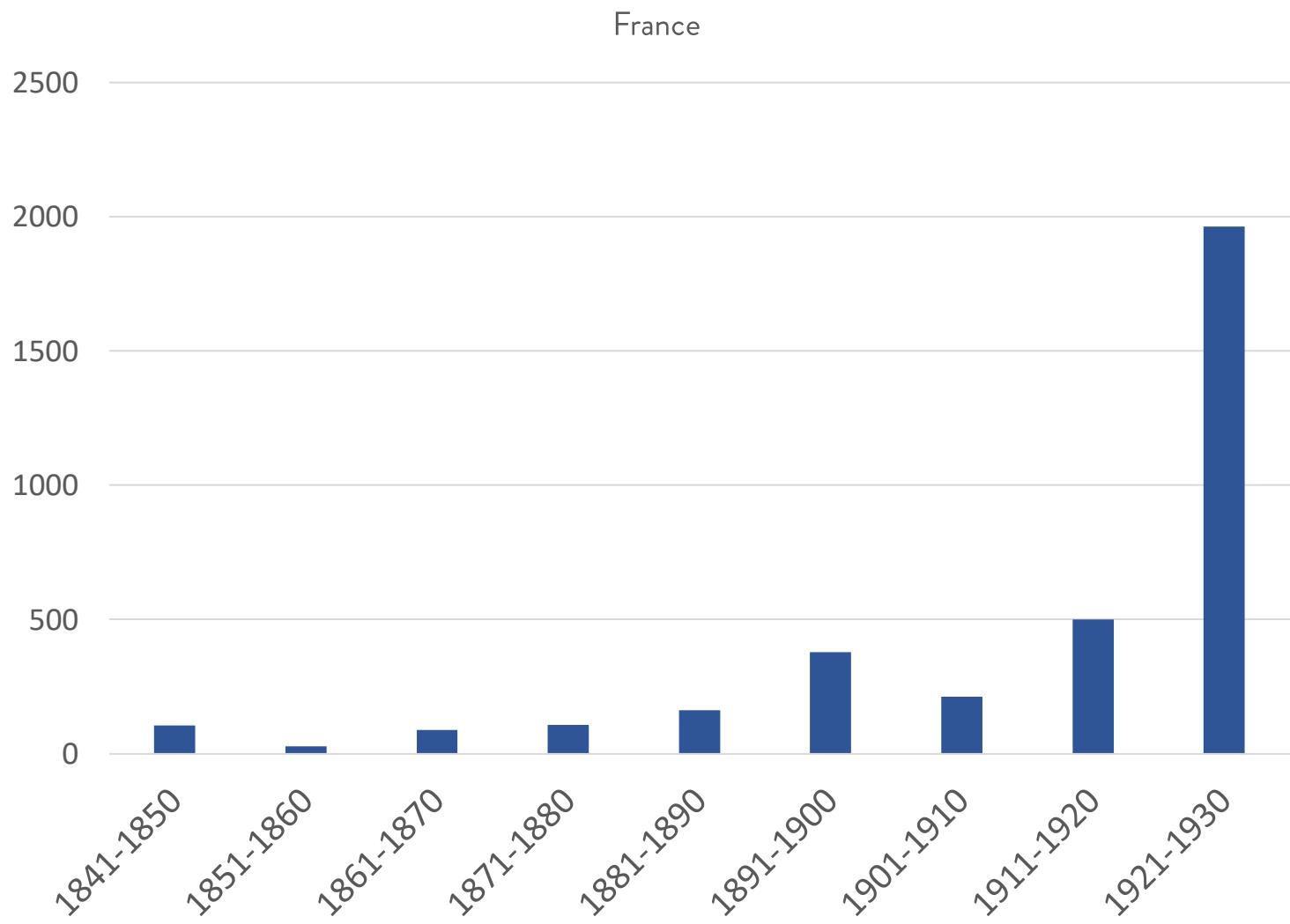


Ireland



Italy





Halbwachs and Sauvy 1936 [2005]

Application to the case of Malaysia

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Net migration between January 1, 2010, and December 31, 2020 = 976 thousands

From the classic indirect estimation of net number of migrants flow...

$$\text{Total growth rate} = \frac{P_{t+1} - P_t}{t(\frac{P_t + P_{t+1}}{2})} \times 1000$$

$$\text{Natural growth rate} = \frac{B_{t;t+1} - D_{t;t+1}}{t(\frac{P_t + P_{t+1}}{2})} \times 1000$$

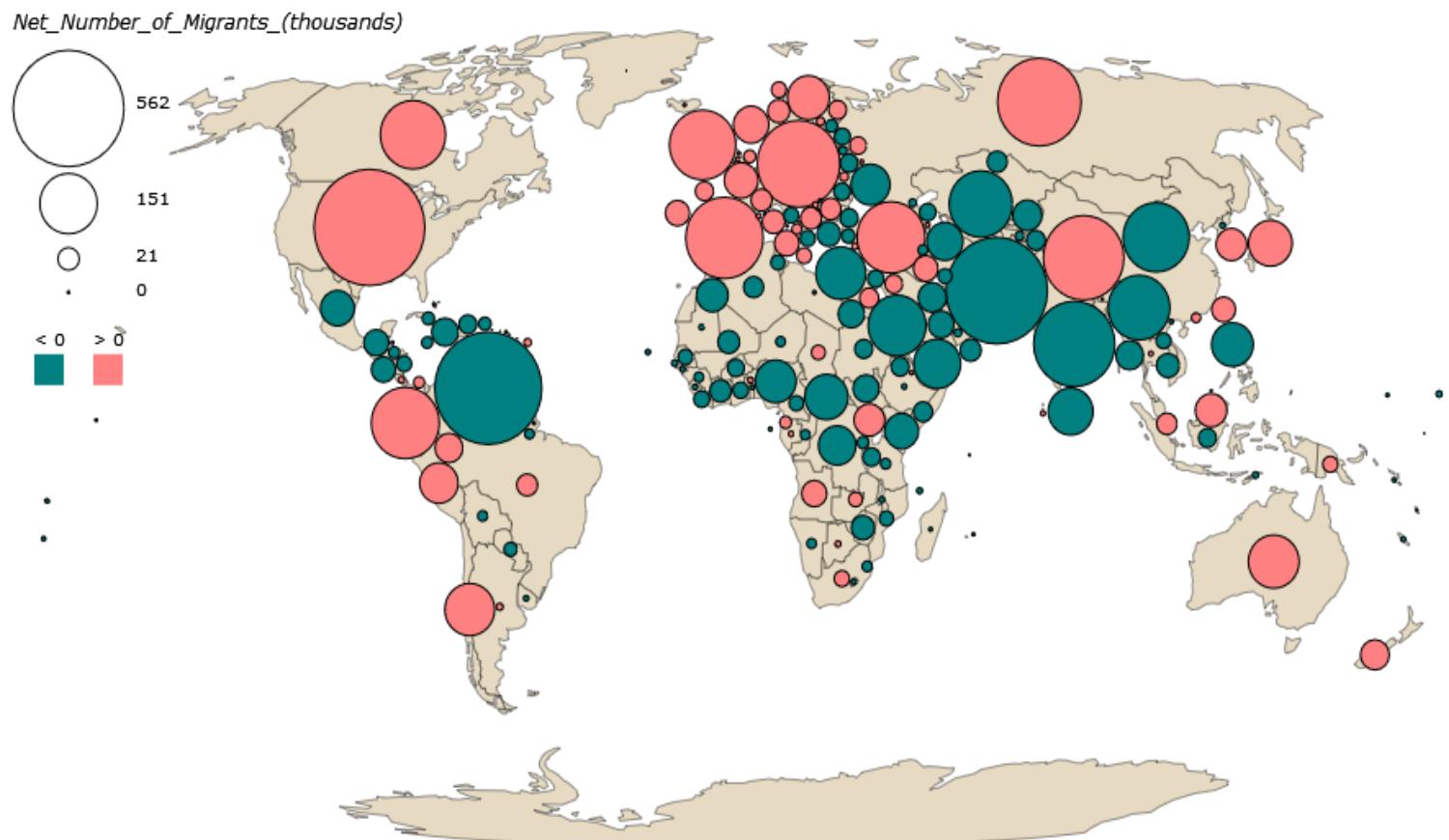
$$\text{Net migration rate} = \frac{I_{t;t+1} - E_{t;t+1}}{t(\frac{P_t + P_{t+1}}{2})} \times 1000$$

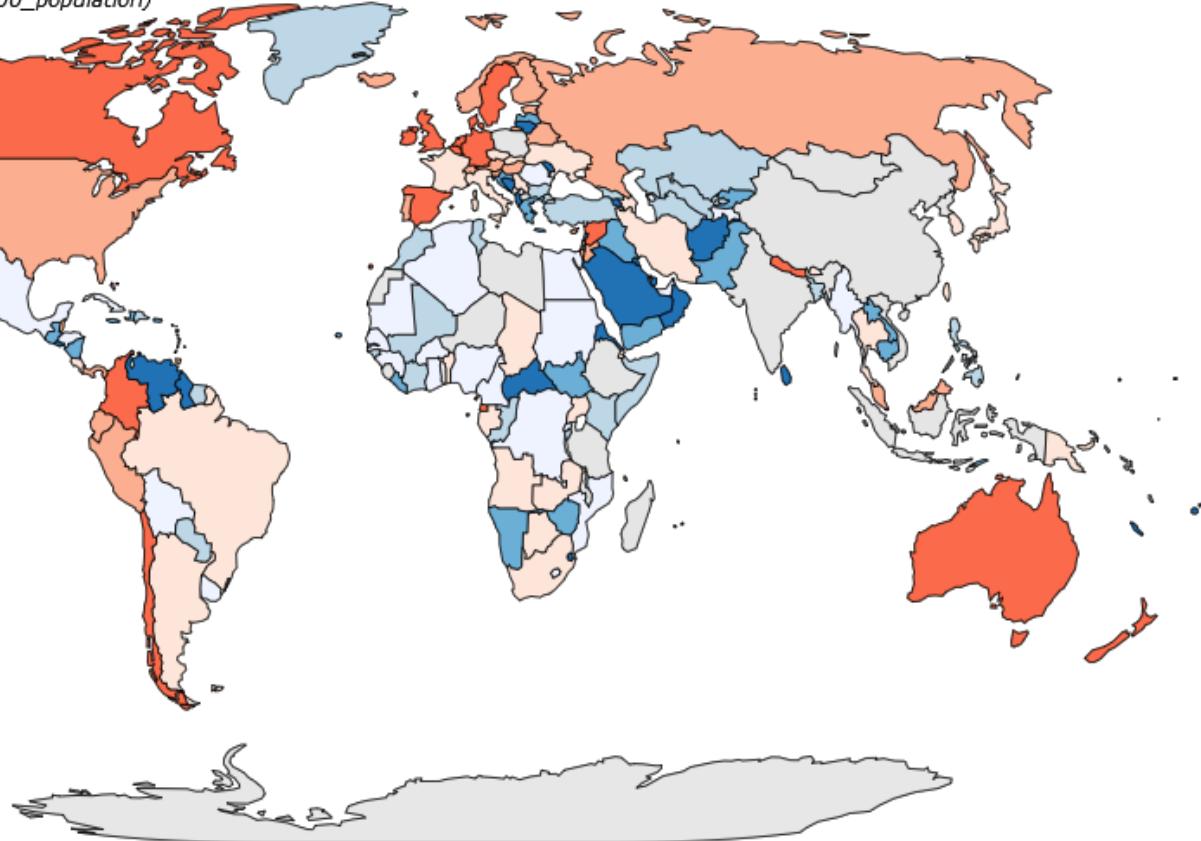
Application to the case of Malaysia

For 1000 inhabitants in Malaysia,

every year, 2.9 new inhabitants were added annually through international migration.

Note that the net migration rate for 2021, as depicted on the map, is 1.4 per 1,000 inhabitants





... to the recent standardization of the stock of life long international migrants

In most countries, censuses questionnaires ask information on country of birth

Basically, the information on the birth country of every inhabitant in Malaysia is available

The same info is also available in France, in Singapore, and in the South Africa

The world bank built a matrix called the MigrationBilateralMatrix

This matrix is basically a distribution of the population not leaving permanently in its country of birth by its country of residence.

Bilateral Estimates of Migrant Stock		Hong Kong SAR, China	Hungary	Iceland	India	Indonesia	Iran, Islamic Rep.	Iraq	Ireland	Isle of Man
Destination country (across)	Source country (down)									
Madagascar		0	35	2	0	0	0	0	30	0
Malawi		0	2	4	0	0	0	0	293	0
Malaysia		15 511	104	37	12 317	2 315	0	0	4 501	0
Maldives		0	0	0	197	0	0	0	8	0
Mali		0	24	4	0	0	0	0	42	0
Malta		0	96	6	0	0	0	0	400	0
Marshall Islands		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mauritania		0	6	2	0	0	0	203	37	0
Mauritius		0	60	5	293	0	0	0	3 474	0
Mexico		0	536	102	0	0	0	0	838	0
Micronesia, Fed. Sts.		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Moldova		0	257	28	0	0	0	0	4 072	0
Monaco		0	4	1	0	0	0	0	14	0
Mongolia		0	964	19	0	0	0	0	586	0
Montenegro		0	66	10	0	0	0	0	27	0
Morocco		0	259	174	0	0	0	597	676	0

Bilateral Migration 2017

[World Bank 2017 Migration bilateral data base](#)

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... to the recent standardization of the stock of life long international migrants

This matrix is essentially a distribution of the population not permanently residing in its country of birth by its country of residence.

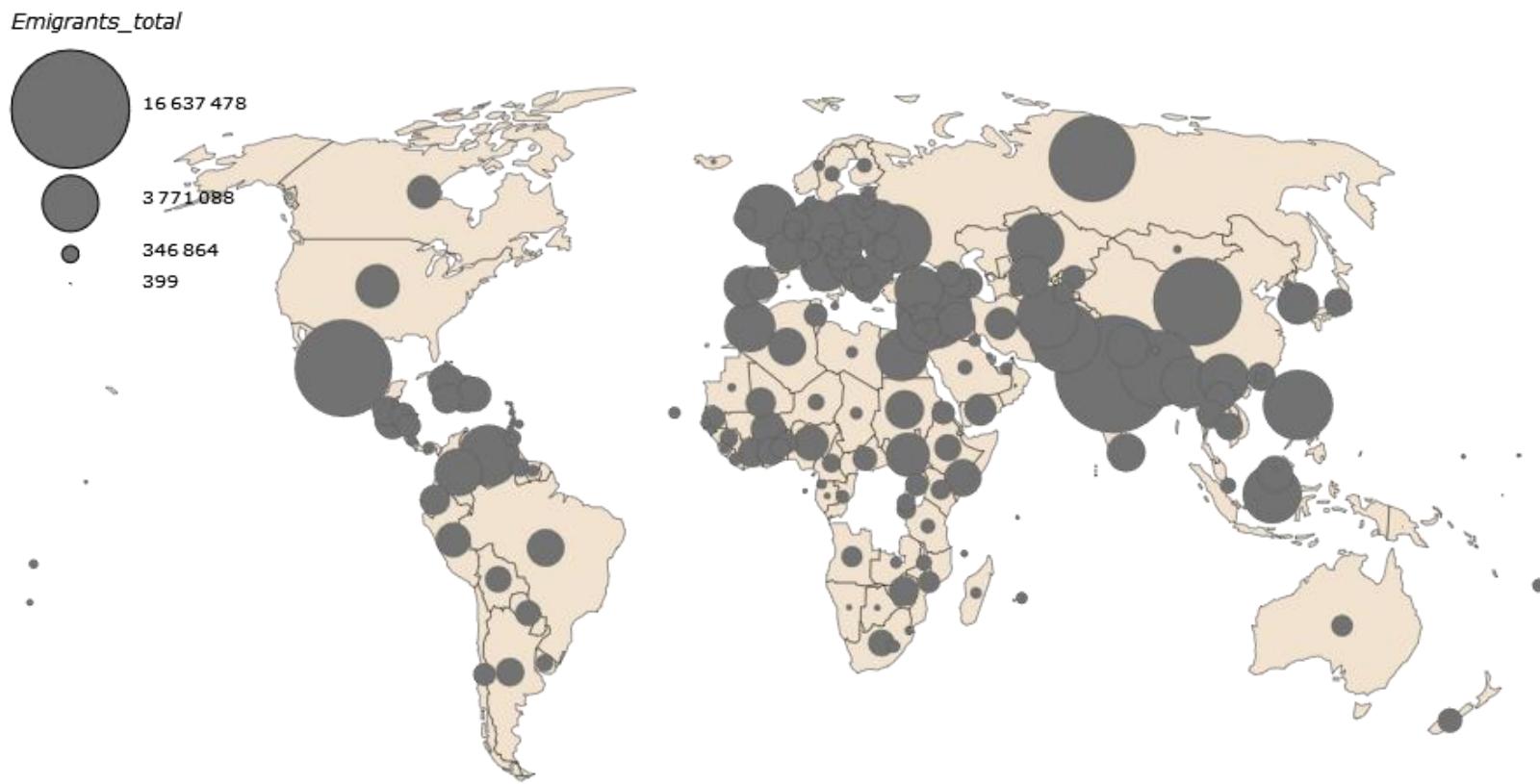
Thus, we have only recently obtained information on the number of emigrants by country of birth

An essential statistical insight that migration researchers need to avoid relying solely on consular (partial) information.

From the classic indirect estimation of net number of migrants flow...

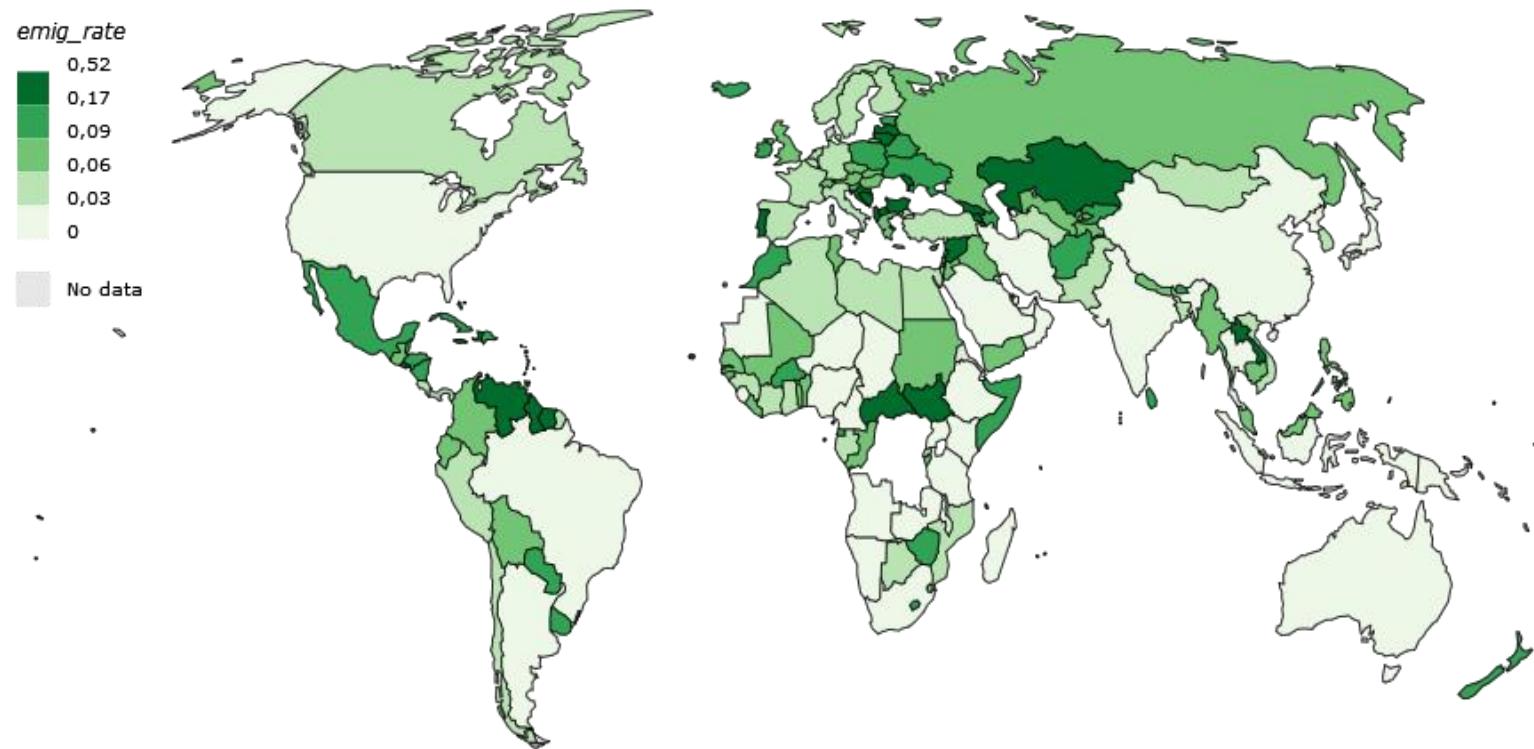
$$\text{Emigration rate} = \frac{\text{Born in a country living in another country}}{\text{Population living in the country}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Immigration rate} = \frac{\text{Foreign born}}{\text{Population living in the country}} \times 100$$



2020 World Bank Migration Matrix Data Base

2020 World Bank Migration Rate Data Base



[2020 World Bank Migration Matrix Data Base](#)
[2020 World Bank Migration Rate Data Base](#)

... to the recent standardization of the stock of life long international migrants

Thanks to the Bilateral Migration Matrix, it is possible to create a diaspora map for almost every country. For example, let's consider Colombia:



[2020 World Bank Migration Matrix Data Base](#)

[2020 World Bank Migration Rate Data Base](#)

... to the recent standardization of the stock of life long international migrants

And, of course, you can map the distribution of lifelong international migrants by their country of birth.

However, this information was already available through a single source, such as the census or population register

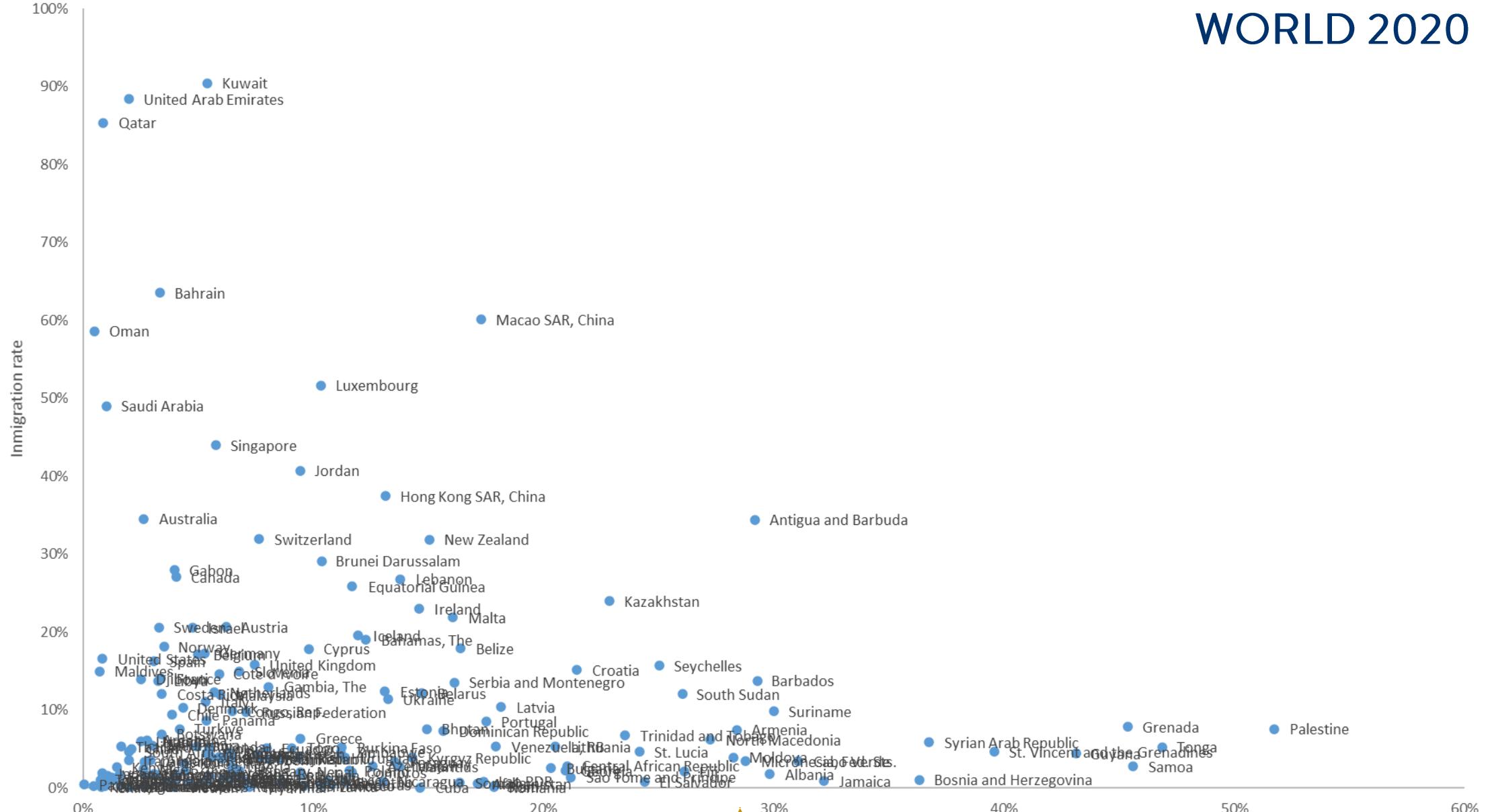
For example, in Colombia:



[2020 World Bank Migration Matrix Data Base](#)

[2020 World Bank Migration Rate Data Base](#)

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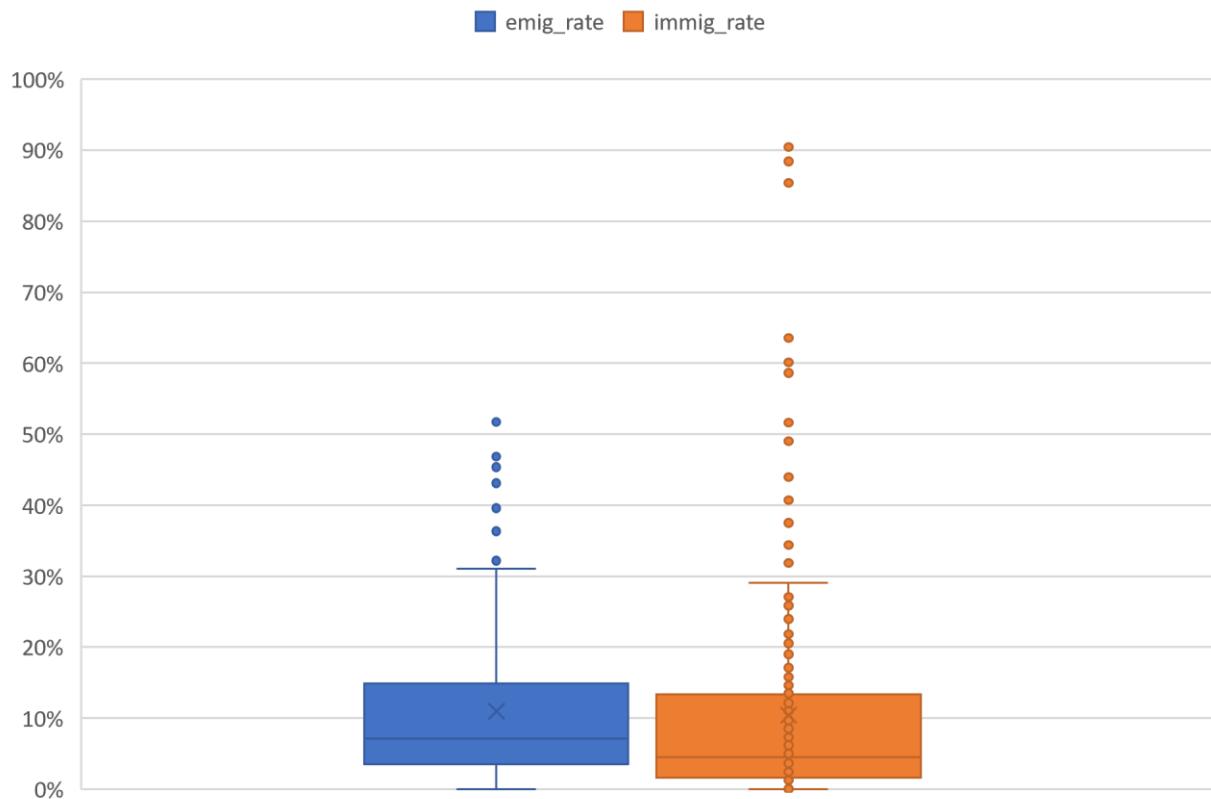


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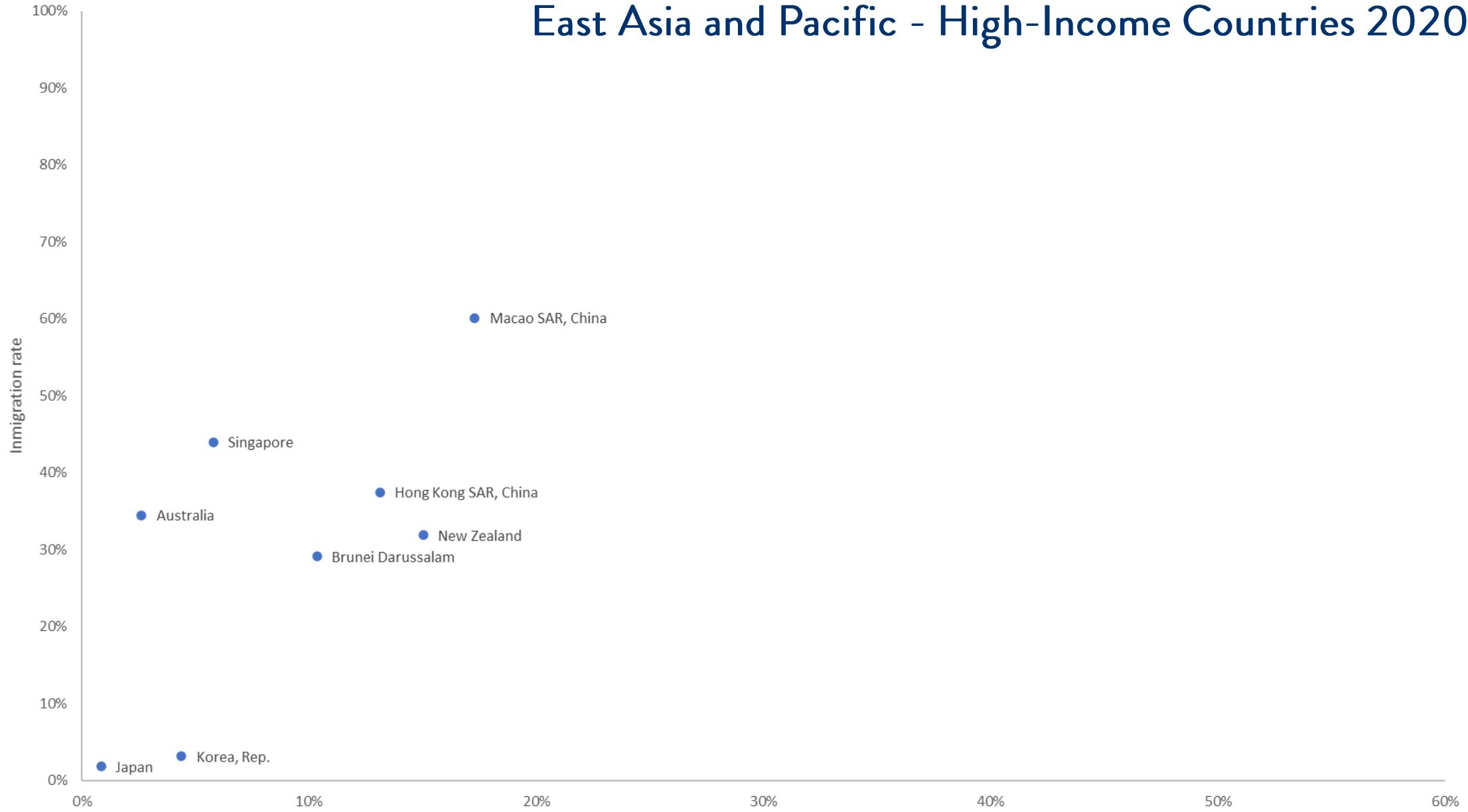


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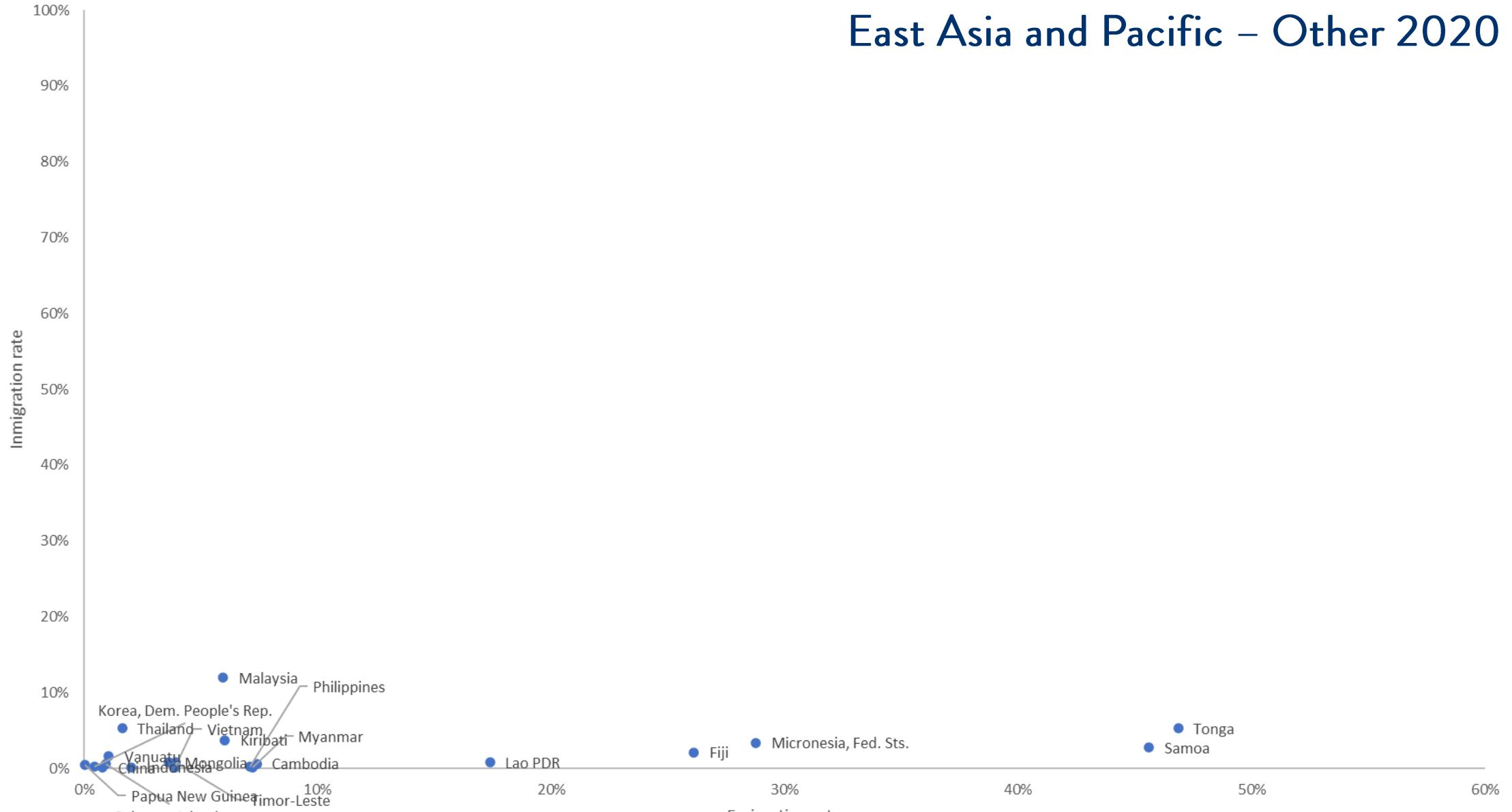
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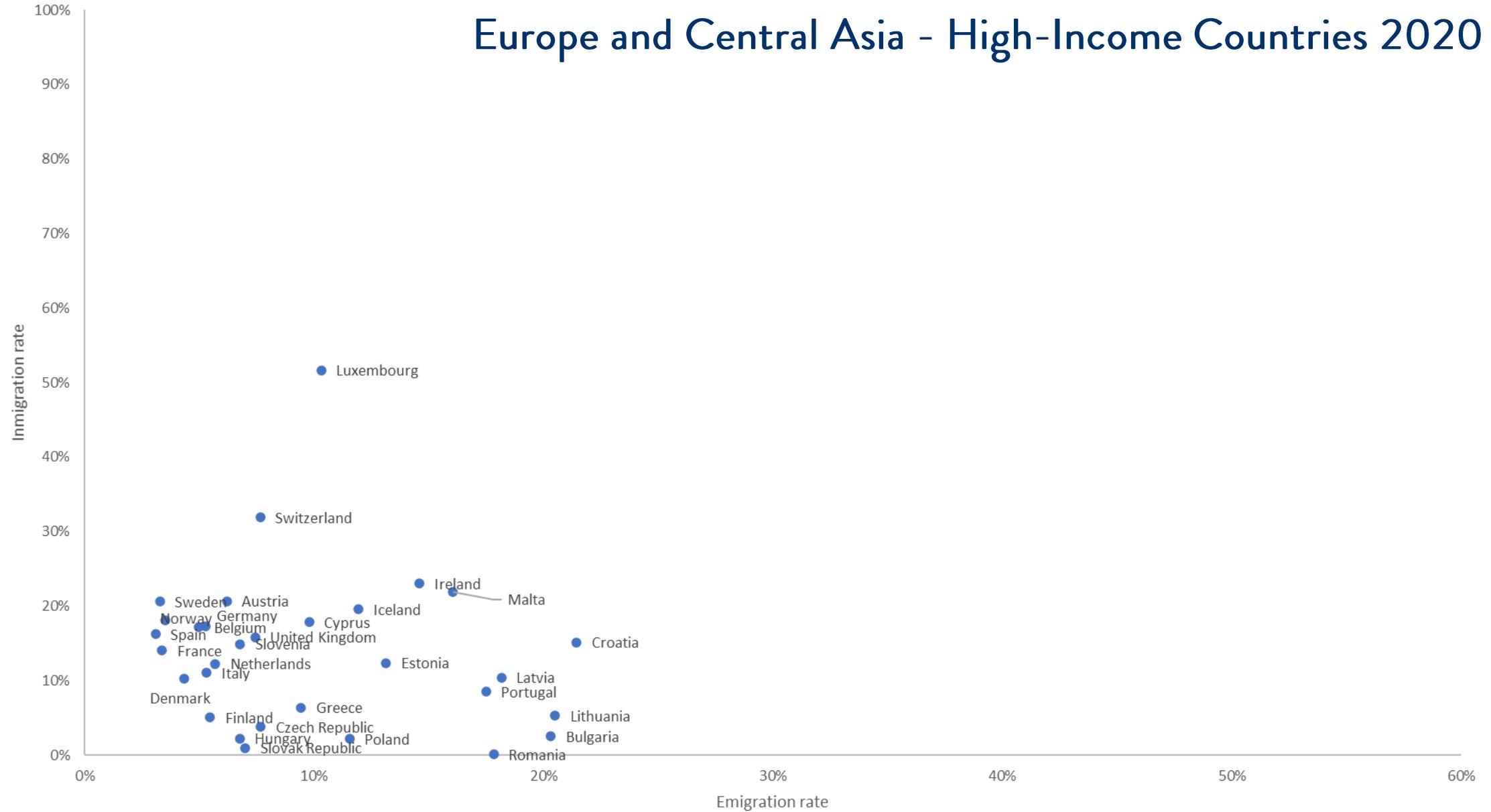
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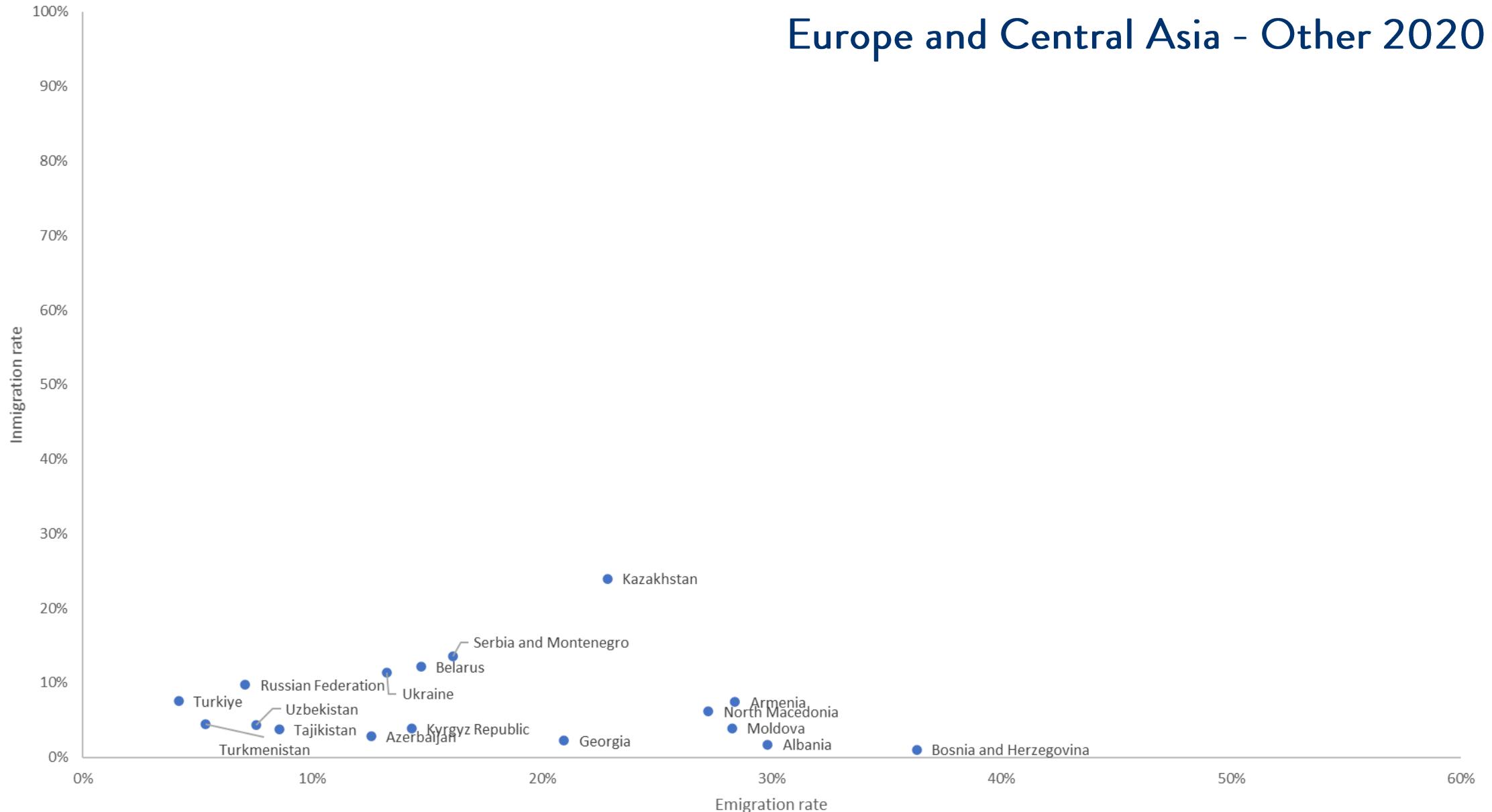


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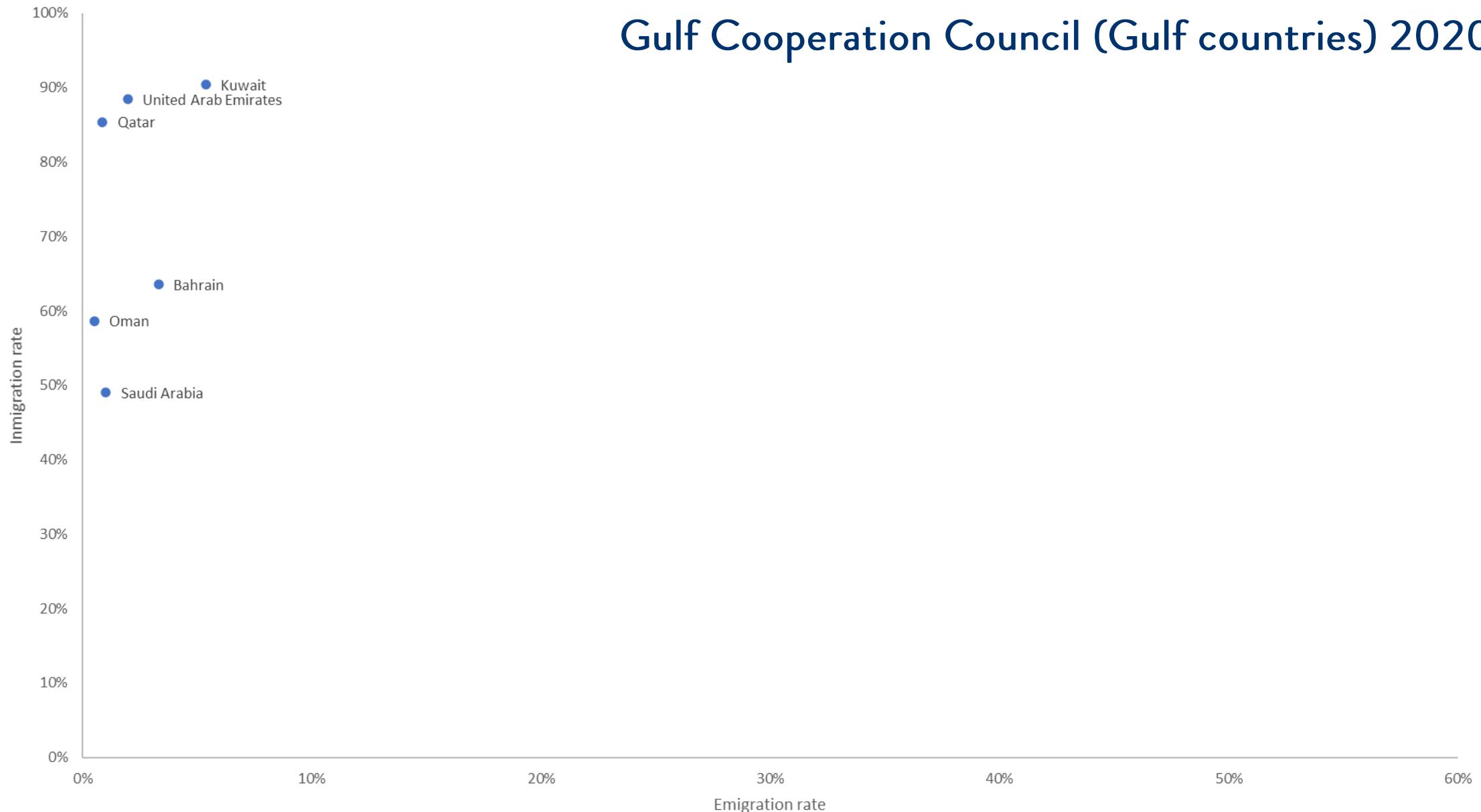
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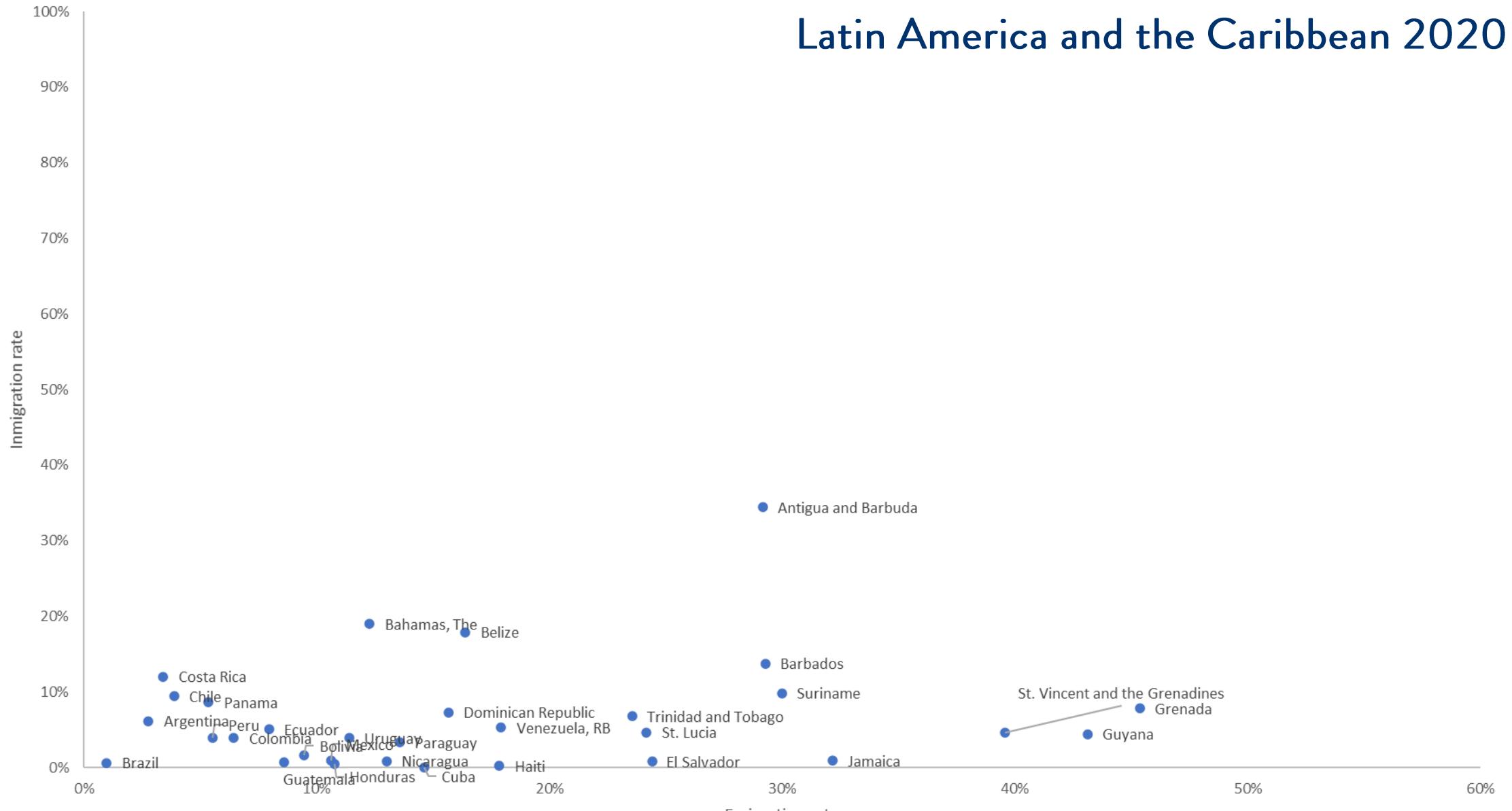


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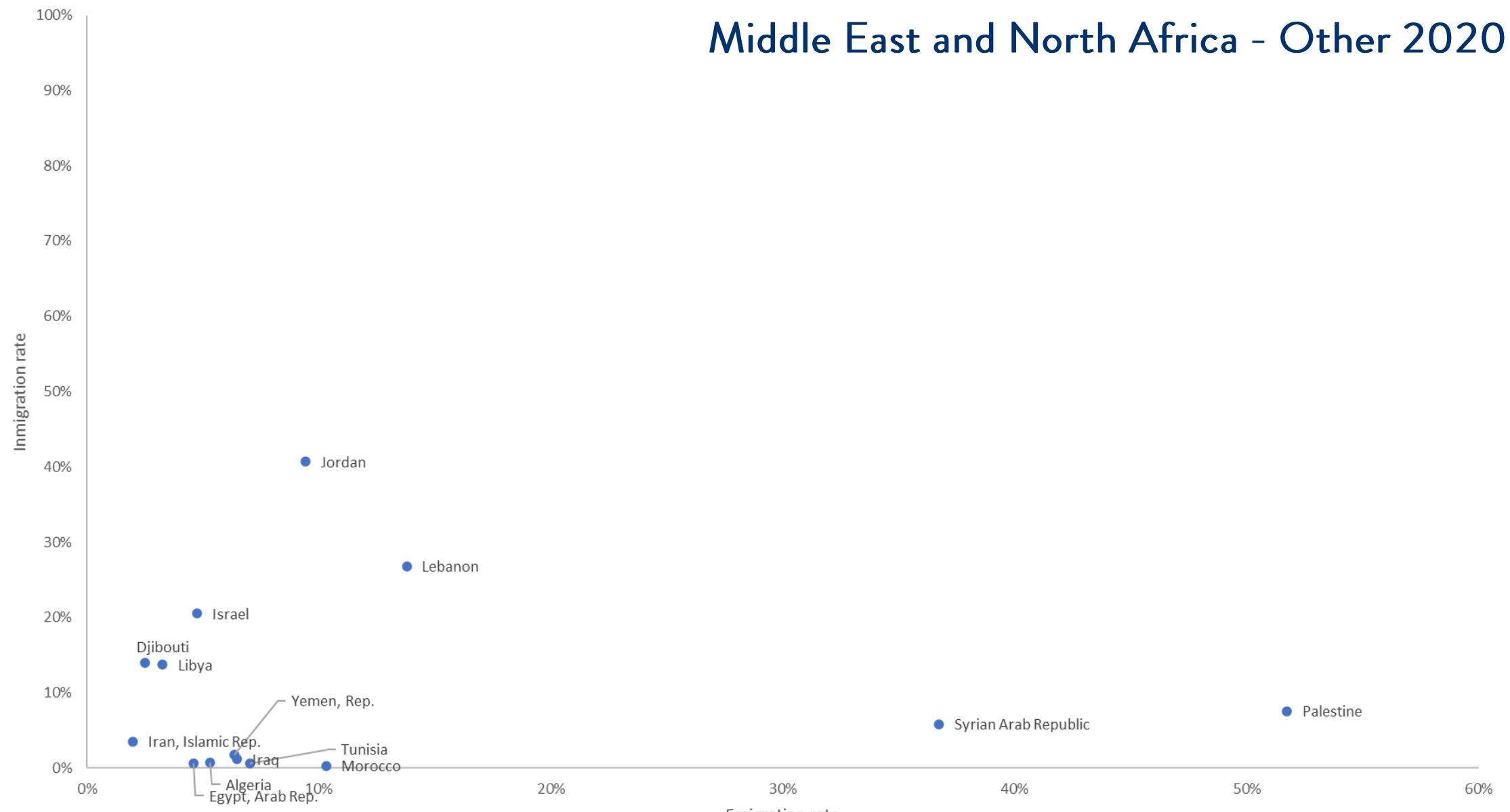


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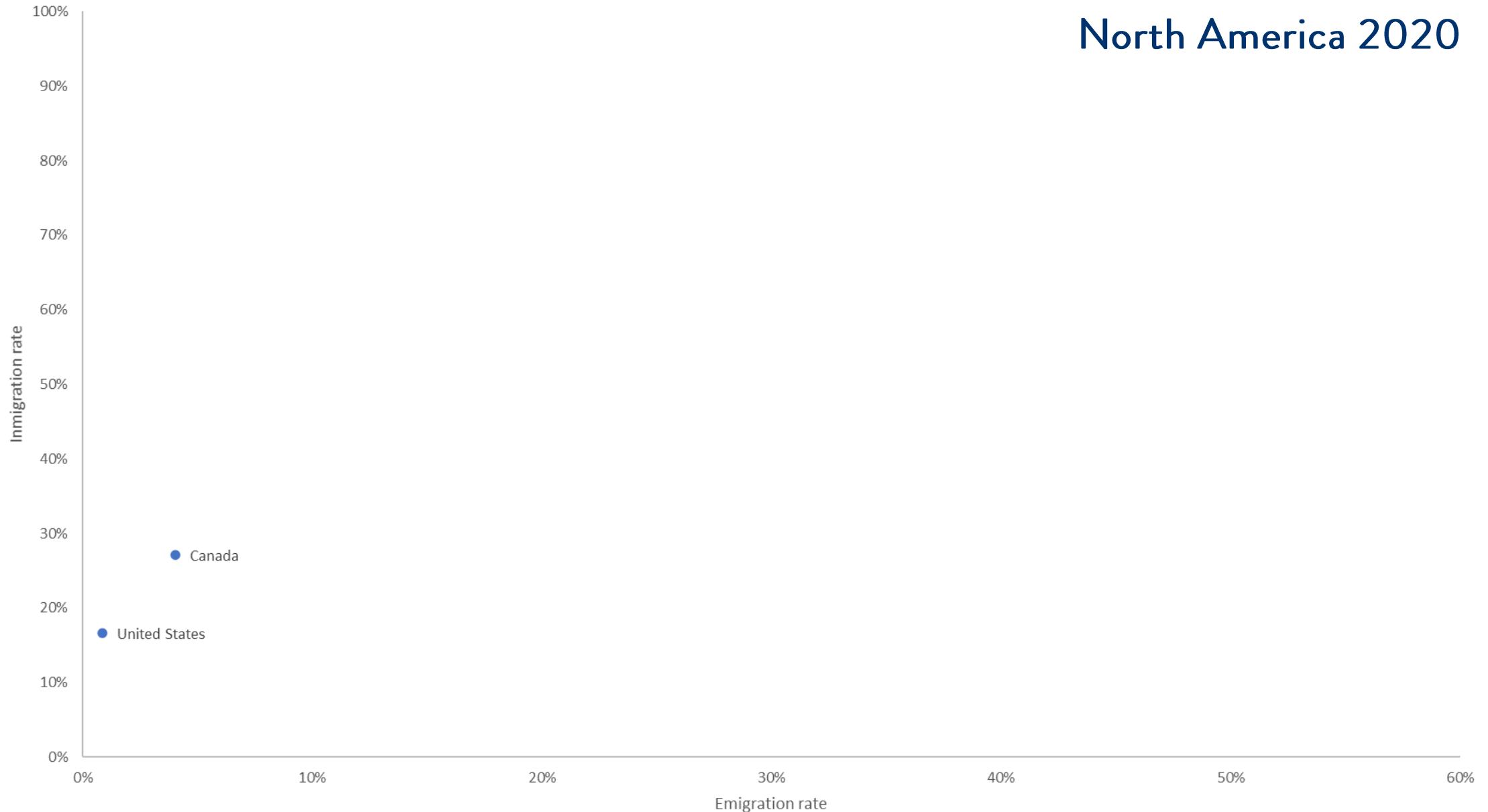
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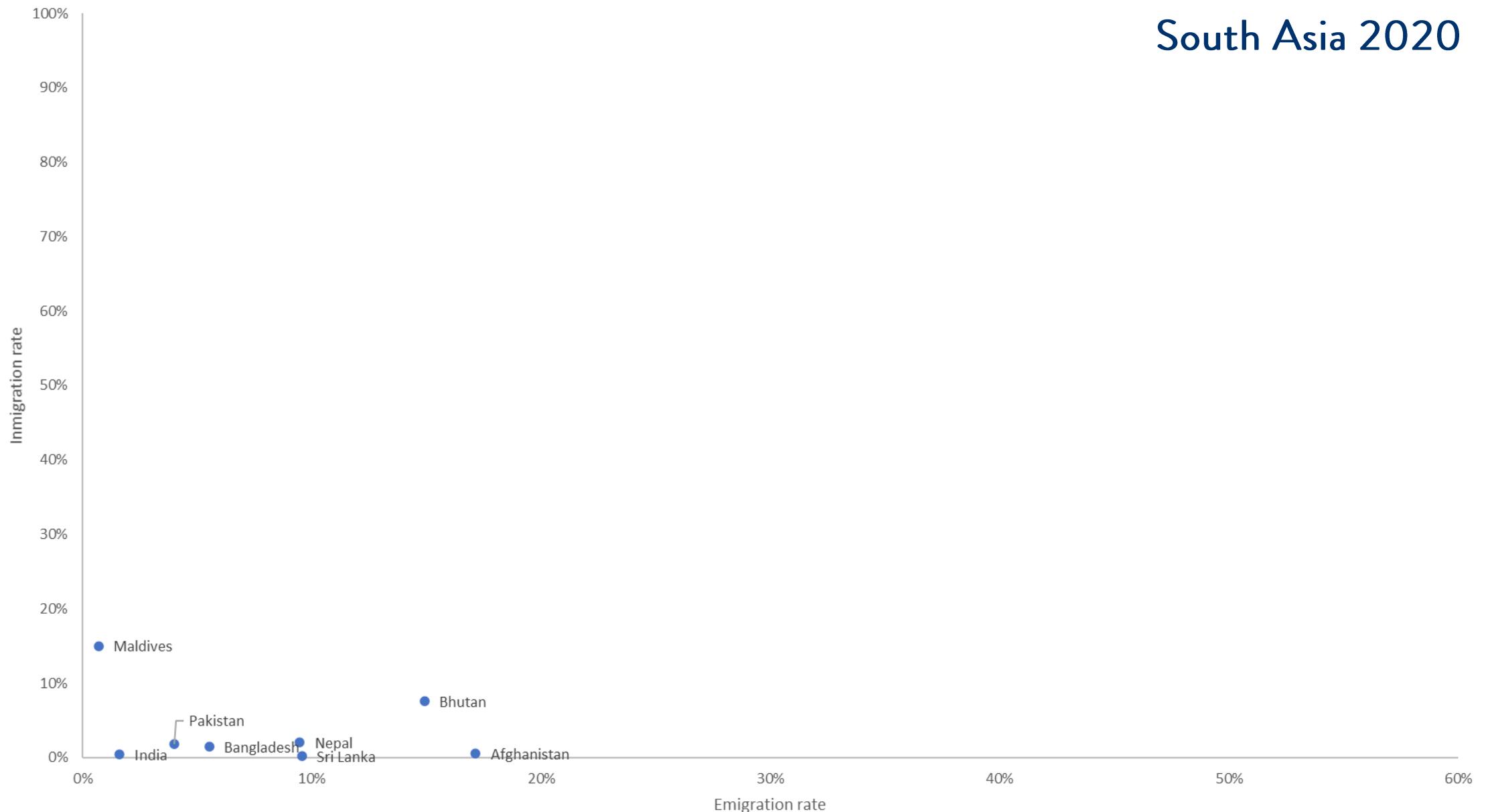


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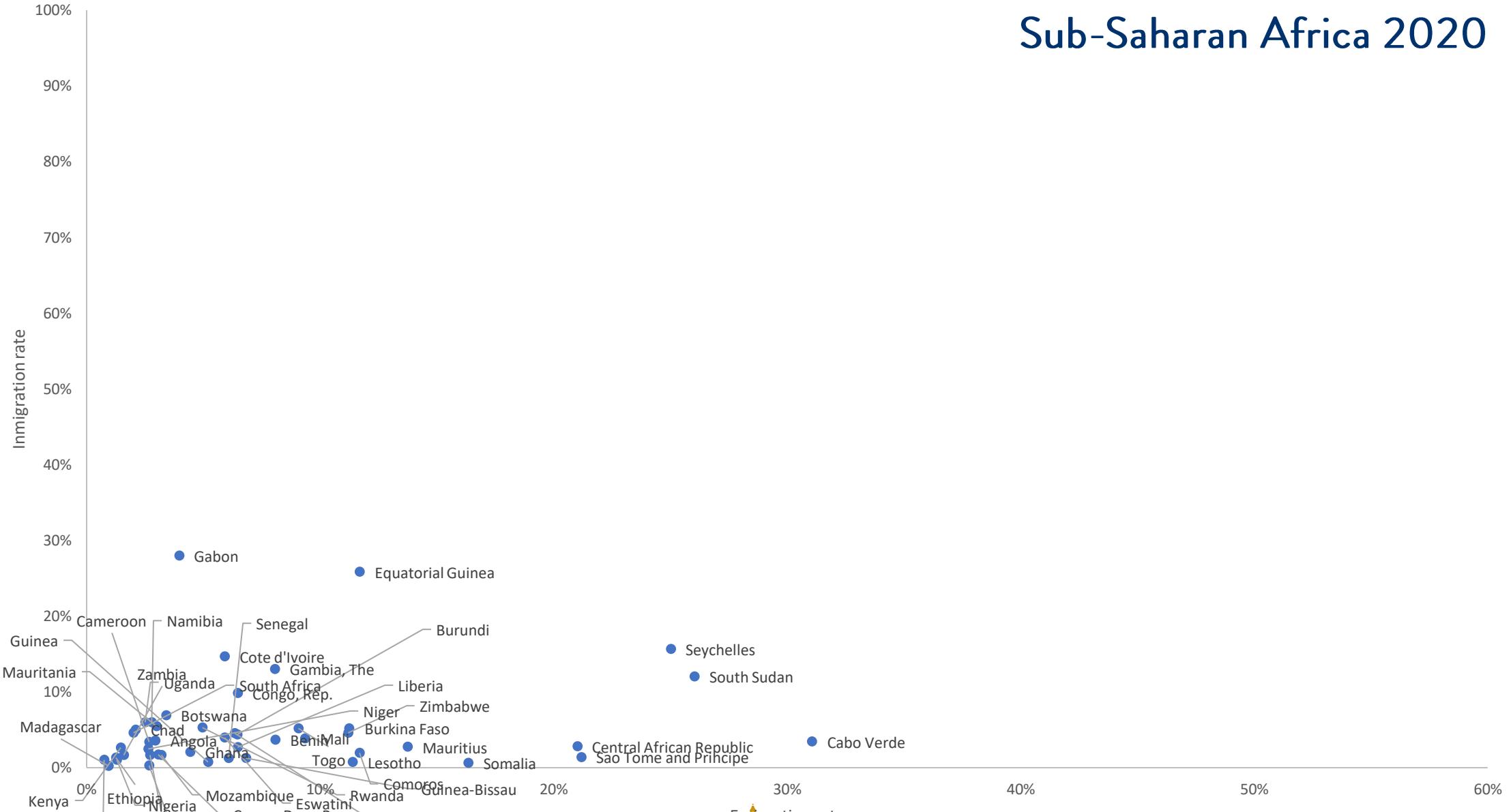


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Sub-Saharan Africa 2020



Refugees, Labor migration, Student migration: relevant categories ?

Migration is motivated by a plurality of factors

Simplifying mobility to mere administrative categories is an oversimplification and reductionism.

Individuals may assume various roles or statuses, including...

...being asylum seekers, precarious workers, undocumented individuals, students, or those seeking family reunification in Europe.

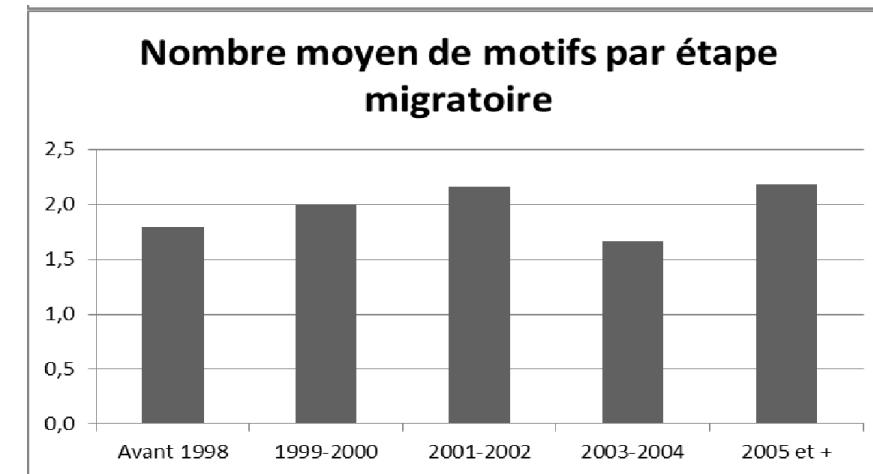
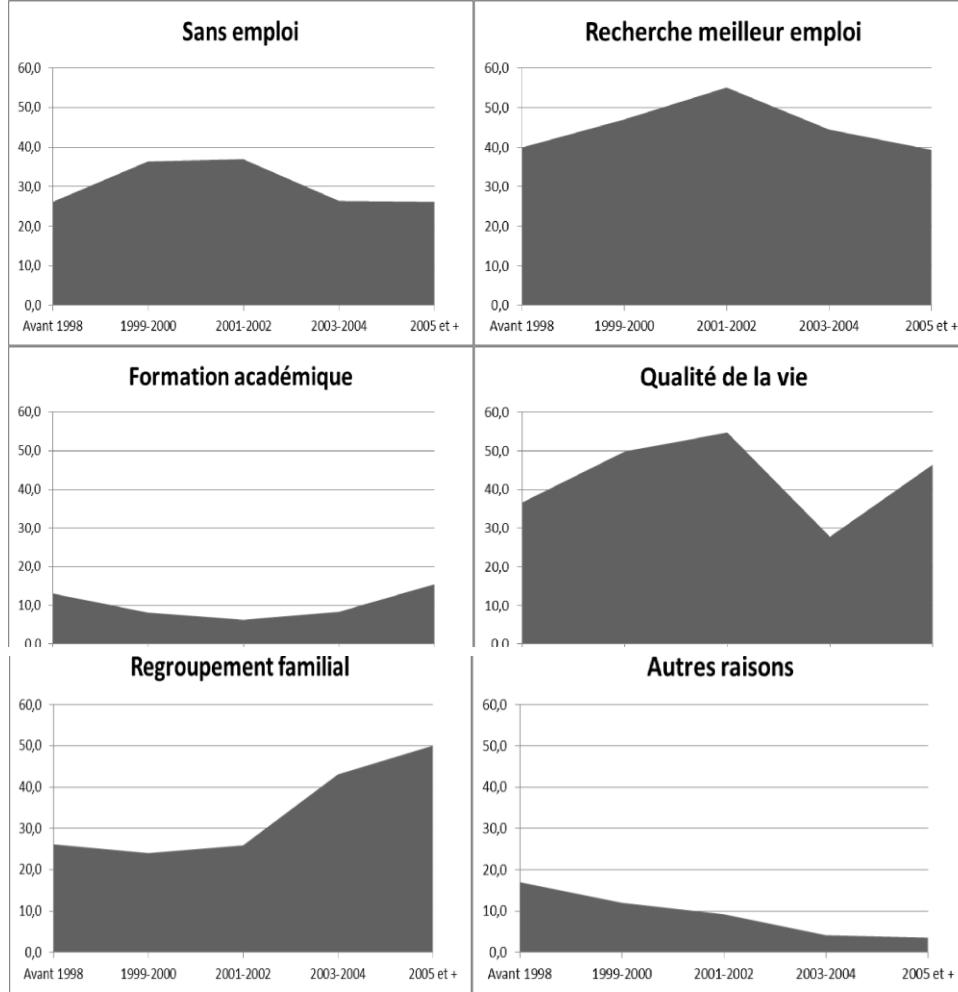
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See also the example of Colombian migrants interviewed in the ENI survey in 2007

In the questionnaire, for every former country of residence, interviewees had to select one of the following motives to explain the reason for their stay in the country

The average number of reasons is greater than one.

Refugees, Labor migration, Student migration: relevant categories ?



Proportion of Colombians migrating to Spain
for different reasons according to the period of arrival
(ENI 2007, INE, Sierra-Paycha 2017)

Refugees, Labor migration, Student migration: relevant categories ?

“that refugee status is no more than an administrative category. A refugee is simply a person to whom the label has been applied [...] Considering the refugee as the product of a classification operation means not adopting the institution's response, not believing in the substance of the category and not thinking that it characterizes the experience of the people it groups together. [...] Take note of the performative dimension of nomination [...] Keep a safe distance from the polemical question of "true" and "false" [...] Why are some foreigners (refugees) more legitimate than others (migrants)? How is a refugee made?”

Refugees, Labor migration, Student migration: relevant categories ?

“the category of refugee is particularly prone to essentialization [...] because it has been naturalized by law, a powerful instrument of reification [...] Refugees are now "recognized" by asylum institutions, and this term is far from neutral. It evokes the idea of an already existing, pre-existing nature to the designation process. [...] This vision of the refugee reinforces the illusion that the refugee's own experience is different from that of other foreigners [whereas the labelling of a certain population as refugees] is the product of historically and politically situated decisions, which inform more about those who designate than about those who are designated.”

Akoka 2020

Refugees, Labor migration, Student migration: relevant categories ?

“Academic research is not immune to this essentialization, nor to the lack of distance from institutional categories [...] The refugee category also resists deconstruction because the fiction of the migrant/refugee dichotomy transcends the divide between supporters of closed and open migration policies. [...] In a context of restrictive migration policies, refugee status provides such rare and precious advantages to such vulnerable people that it is difficult to question. The fiction of the specificity of refugees saves the few remaining "legitimate" foreigners by keeping them at a distance from the illegitimacy of migrants” [...] Armed with good intentions, the researchers, experts and activists most critical of asylum and immigration policies are sometimes the first to participate in the naturalization of the refugee category”

Refugees, Labor migration, Student migration: relevant categories ?

Family reunification: a relevant category?

“The non-European foreigner holding a residence permit in France can be joined by their spouse and children. This is referred to as the family reunification procedure. Both the foreign applicant and the joining family must meet certain conditions. The family reunification procedure collectively applies to the following:

The adult spouse (18 years or older) of a foreigner residing in France,
and minor children (under 18 years of age).”

Refugees, Labor migration, Student migration: relevant categories ?

Labor migration : a relevant category ?

Many foreigners don't need special visas to work in France (EU residents)

Many non EU members work while undocumented

Not an exclusive motive

Refugees, Labor migration, Student migration: relevant categories ?

Student migration : a relevant category ?

Many foreigners don't need special visas to study in France (EU residents)

Many non EU members study while undocumented

Not an exclusive motive

Refugees, Labor migration, Student migration: relevant categories ?

The governmental categories assigned to migration are not necessarily relevant for analyzing migration patterns.

They may be more indicative of the level of governmental xenophobia, owing to the restrictiveness of these categories, rather than providing insights into the actual stocks and flows of migrants based on their motives

Even the notion of migration motive is under debate

2007 ENI
Survey
Spain
(INE)

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3 ¿Con quién se trasladó a este país? (Varias opciones de respuesta son posibles)				
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4 ¿Por qué motivo se trasladó a este país? (Varias opciones de respuesta son posibles)				
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The pitfall of biographical illusion

Life-event histories surveys

“Instead of inquiring about the reasons for migration, it is useful to develop tables that cross-reference migration with various types of events” (Courgeau 1988)

2020 Trans-HIV Survey France (SESSTIM)

Années	AGE	Historique résumé et administratif										Autres événements marquants	Années		
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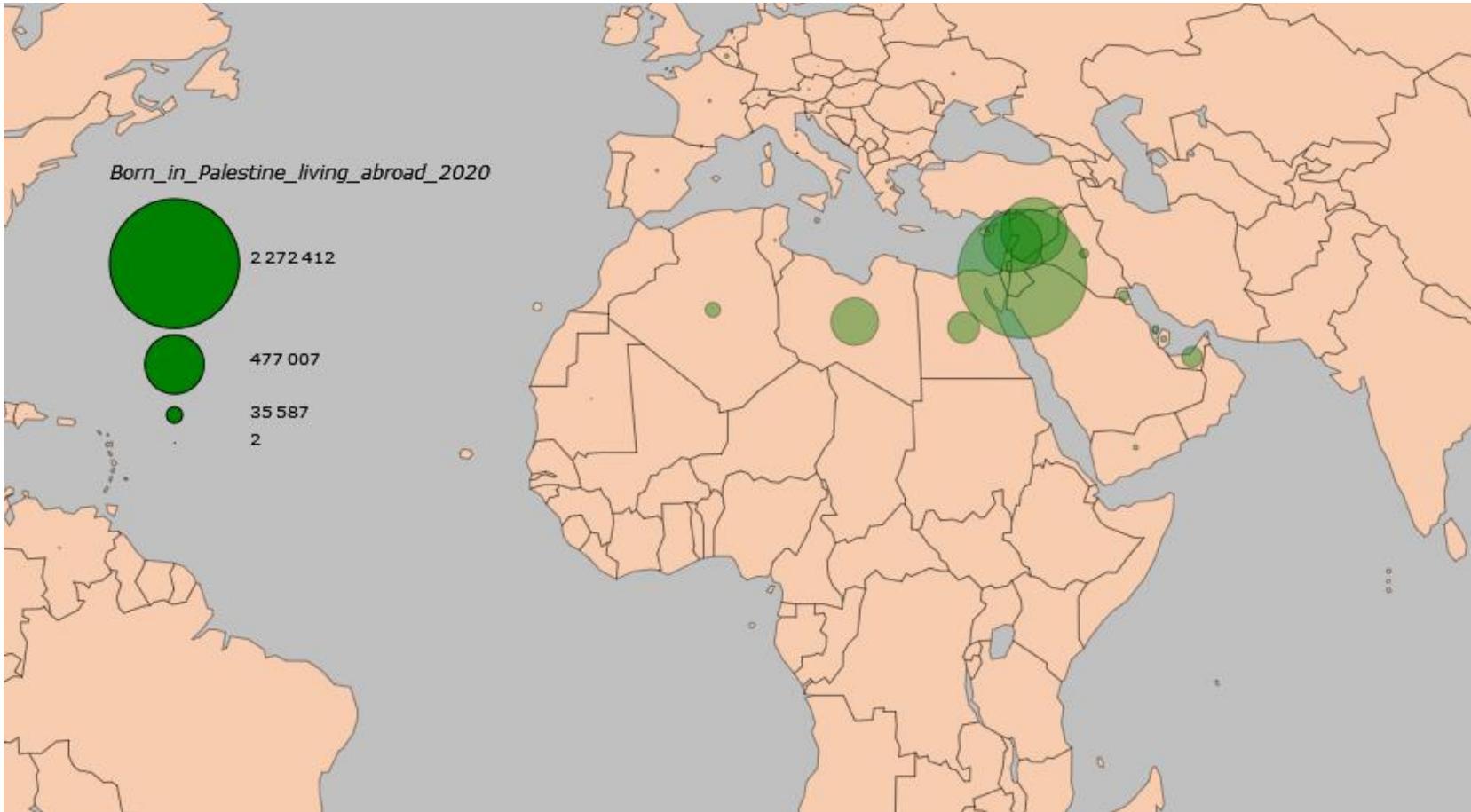
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