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#### Abstract

This paper examines the impact of Brexit on international student migration. In a structural gravity model, we estimate student migration between 69 countries for counterfactual scenarios in which the United Kingdom leaves the European Union one year before the referendum. This exercise reveals a decrease in exchange students studying in the UK of around $3.8 \%$ to $4.9 \%$. While the number of non-EU students to the UK rises, a drop in EU student numbers drives this result. Similarly, $30 \%$ to $38 \%$ fewer UK students choose to study abroad. The estimated changes in international student stocks show that most other member countries lose international students and non-EU countries host more than without Brexit. Our findings provide evidence that there may be hidden costs to Brexit affecting global student exchanges that we have yet to see.


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## 1 Introduction

Since the Brexit referendum in 2016, European international students and migrants have faced uncertainties about their ability to stay in the United Kingdom. On 31st January 2020, the UK officially left the European Union. With the end of the transition period on 1st January 2021, incoming students now have to apply for a study visa if they intend to stay for longer than six months. EU students without settled or pre-settled status have to pay the same amount of tuition fees as other international students. Additionally, when staying longer than six months, EU students are required to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge of $€ 500$ or more depending on their visa type. ${ }^{1}$ Naturally, this presents an additional burden for EU students looking to study in the UK, one which likely reduced student exchanges. The goal of this paper is to estimate the impact of Brexit on student exchanges in a structural gravity general equilibrium framework.

The need to do so in a general equilibrium framework is clear since, if EU students choose study abroad options other than the UK, this can crowd out exchanges to these alternative locations. Likewise, if UK classroom places are vacated by EU students, this creates opportunities for others to take their place. Further, using a structural gravity approach is useful because of anticipatory effects. Even before formal Brexit, EU students began to avoid the UK due to anticipated future barriers and a rise in uncertainty (Amuedo-Dorantes and Romiti, 2021). These anticipatory changes make structural modelling and its use of counterfactual estimates a useful methodology for estimating the impact of actual Brexit. Further, as this uses data prior to the COVID-19 pandemic - which largely coincided with formal Brexit and nearly shut down student exchanges (Di Pietro, 2023) - it provides a better estimation of the impact on student flows during "normal" times.

Generally, freedom of movement agreements are found to stimulate migration within the union (e.g. Abbott and Silles (2016); Beine et al. (2019)). Specifically, there are studies that focus on the impact of Brexit on immigration. Examining the

[^0]determinants of migration to the UK, Forte and Portes (2017b) argue that Brexit will decrease immigration from European Economic Area (EEA) members. This stems from their finding that freedom of movement is associated with an increase in immigration by around $500 \%$. In line with this result, Portes and Springford (2023) find a reduction in immigration to the UK compared with counterfactual preBrexit or pre-pandemic trends. However, non-EU immigration is estimated to rise, a result similar to this paper's findings for international student migration. Forte and Portes (2017a) further forecast long-run GDP and GDP per capita outcomes imposing different reductions in immigration and estimates on its impact on GDP. They project that by 2030, GDP per capita is likely to fall by up to $5 \%$. Thus, to the extent that (largely temporary) student migration via exchanges follow overall immigration patterns, one might expect a decline in EU students studying in the UK.

Focussing specifically on the work considering the impact of Brexit on international student migration, most use a difference-in-differences approach. Falkingham et al. (2021) leverage the triggering of Article 50 and the UK's subsequent legal action towards withdrawal as a natural experiment. Among the main findings is that EU students' intention to stay in the UK after their studies are less likely than nonEU students'. Falkingham et al. (2021) state several reasons that could lead to this result including increased entry barriers and a general uncertainty about their future in the country. Similarly, exploiting the Brexit referendum as a quasi-experiment, Amuedo-Dorantes and Romiti (2021) find that EU applications plummeted with the exit decision. In line with Falkingham et al. (2021), this is likely due to the uncertainty in the possibility of staying in the country long-term. Relative to these studies, our approach has two advantages. First, whereas they rely on changes during the transition period to formal Brexit, the counterfactual structural approach allows us to estimate the impact of "complete" Brexit. Second, our general equilibrium approach also permits us to estimate the impact on non-EU student migration to the UK, British students studying outside the UK, and how all of these changes affect student flows not directly involving the UK. Thus, our approach yields a more
nuanced understanding of the long-run impacts of Brexit.
Our estimates point to significant effects from Brexit. The extent of this depends on whether, in addition to losing freedom of movement with the European Economic Area (EEA) due to Brexit, the UK also ends its (currently standing) Common Travel Area (CTA) Agreement with Ireland. ${ }^{2}$ Overall, we predict a drop in total students travelling to the UK of $3.8 \%$ to $4.9 \%$ with the higher number occurring when the CTA is also abandoned. This net drop is driven by a concurrent decrease in EU students in the UK of between $20 \%$ and $40 \%$ and an offsetting increase in non-EU students travelling to the UK. The net drop in outbound British students, however, is far more severe with an estimated decline of $30 \%$ to $38 \%$. This is because of the importance of the EU as a nearby destination for outbound UK students.

Understanding these changes in student numbers is likely to have significant economic effects. In particular, there is a literature demonstrating a significant positive link between trade and student exchanges (e.g. Specht (2022) and Murat, 2014, 2018). While it may appear somewhat surprising that students can exert such influence, the work of Egger et al. (2014) suggests that the trade impacts of migration can reach their peak at fairly low numbers ( 4,000 immigrants by their estimates). Thus, despite their small numbers, students who study abroad and establish international networks may well have sizable effects on trade. Further, Egger et al. (2020) suggests that these networks are separate for skilled and unskilled workers. Therefore, one might expect that student exchanges promote trade in highskill intensive goods. Beyond trade, student migration has been demonstrated to impact innovation (Chellaraj et al., 2008). Therefore, understanding the impact of Brexit on student exchanges is far more than an academic exercise.

This paper is related to several strands of the international trade and migration literature. More specifically, it borrows from Anderson's (2011) migration gravity model and applies methods commonly used in the international trade literature to student exchanges. We describe these theoretical underpinnings and econometric

[^1]methodology in more detail in the third section. To our knowledge, there are only few papers that apply this methodology to migration. Exceptions are Sirries (2016) and Campos and Timini (2019) (discussed below) who follow an approach comparable to ours. Nevertheless, due to its sound theoretical foundations and appropriateness to the issues, several studies in the international trade literature investigate the effects of Brexit on trade using structural estimation.

Dhingra et al. (2017) provides an extensive simulation of the impacts of Brexit and different counterfactual scenarios from the UK staying in the European Economic Area (EEA) to leaving it completely. Welfare losses due to the change in tariffs, non-tariff barriers and future EU disintegration for the UK range from $1.3 \%$ to $2.7 \%$. Taking into account the indirect influence of foreign direct investment and immigration leads to even greater losses. Brakman et al. (2018) and Brakman et al. (2023) also find negative aggregate general equilibrium trade effects employing a structural gravity model that captures Brexit as a bilateral trade cost change. Indeed, most studies predict repercussions on the UK's trade (Baldwin, 2016).

More closely related to our topic is the Brexit-focused literature which includes immigration in their models. Jafari and Britz (2020) employ computable general equilibrium modeling to examine the impact of Brexit and find that a drop in EU migration to the UK of one million, which when combined to declines in the UK's capital stock exacerbates welfare declines. Using a similar methodology, Ortiz Valverde and Latorre (2020) find larger reductions in welfare than, for example Dhingra et al. (2017). Jafari and Britz (2020) argue that the differential welfare outcome depends on the scope of the model and the fact that capital stocks decline. However, including immigration effects contributes to a significant share of the welfare drop. Considering student immigrants as another temporary or potential future long-term labour source, one may deduce similar adverse comorbidities from reductions in their immigration. Further, Latorre et al. (2020) review the literature on Brexit and the UK economy and state that the size of the impact depends on the restrictiveness imposed in the model. The advantage of this paper is that at the time of writing the UK has already left the EU and the withdrawal period has ended. Thus, it is
possible to estimate a nearly 'realistic' scenario of constraints that apply to student migration between the EU and the UK.

Excepting Jafari and Britz (2020), however, these papers leave out the general equilibrium effects which are one of the fundamental features of international trade. Jafari and Britz (2020), meanwhile, imposes scenarios of increased barriers postBrexit rather than estimating them as we do. To our knowledge, the only paper using a structural approach to estimating the effect of Brexit on immigration is Campos and Timini (2019) who find that immigration to the UK decreases by $25 \%$ while rising to other EU countries. Compared to the $3.8 \%$ to $4.9 \%$ drop in student immigration to the UK estimated in this paper, Campos and Timini's (2019) findings are considerably larger suggesting that visa restrictions matter more for other immigration reasons than to study. Thus, our results compliment theirs by focusing on a particular kind of migrant. An important feature of their results, however, is that general equilibrium estimates differ from their partial equilibrium counterparts. This is because, in general equilibrium, declines in EU migrants are somewhat offset by increases in non-EU migrants. A similar point is made by Sirries (2016) in his structural estimation analysis of the outcomes from a Turkish accession to the EU.

The paper proceeds as follows. Section 2 lays out the structural gravity model and the data. In Section 3, we present our findings for the partial and conditional general equilibrium focusing on the student outcomes for the UK. Section 4 concludes.

## 2 Econometric methodology and data

In this section, we lay down the theoretical foundations of employing structural gravity analysis on international student migration. Additionally, we describe the data.

### 2.1 Econometric model

We apply Anderson's (2011) structural gravity model of migration to international student migration. Then, a student's decision to migrate is a discrete choice based on the utility achieved from studying in a certain location. This utility comprises a benefit of studying in destination country $d, b_{d}$, iceberg-type costs of moving from origin country $o$ to $d, m_{o d}>1$, and an individual $h$ 's idiosyncratic utility, $\epsilon_{o d h}{ }^{3}$ Compared with Anderson's (2011) model, the emigration benefit could be understood as the educational benefit of studying abroad rather than at home. Another interpretation as in Dotti et al. (2013) is that the benefit stems from anticipated future wages differences between the destination and home. However, focusing on the present benefit of studying abroad makes the model more tractable. Further, this interpretative difference does not change the adopted theoretical foundations of the model because the logarithmic utility only includes educational quality rather than wage at the destination or origin country.

A student chooses to study abroad if the cost-adjusted benefit of doing so is greater than that of studying at home, $\left(b_{d} / m_{o d}\right) \epsilon_{o d h} \geq b_{o}$. Assuming a logarithmic utility, $u_{o d}$, of student migration from $o$ to $d$ gives $u_{o d}=\ln \left(b_{d}\right)-\ln \left(m_{o d}\right)-\ln \left(b_{o}\right)$ and with the appropriate assumptions on $\ln (\epsilon)$ 's distribution, a random individual's migration choice probability is in multinomial logit form (McFadden, 1974). Thus, the number of international students, $S_{o d}$, from origin $o$ in destination $d$ is given by

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\begin{equation*}
S_{o d}=G\left(u_{o d}\right) N_{o} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
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with $N_{o}$ as the size of the native student population from an origin country and $G\left(u_{o d}\right)=\frac{\exp \left(u_{o d}\right)}{\sum_{k} \exp \left(u_{o k}\right)}$ as the share of the origin population choosing destination d. By imposing market clearance, Anderson (2011) is able to obtain multilateral resistance terms. Adopting this approach to the tertiary education market for international students means defining total student supply from all origins $o$ to equal

[^2]total student demand from all destinations $d .{ }^{4}$ Finally, this leads to the student migration gravity model
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\begin{equation*}
S_{o d}=\frac{N_{d} N_{o}}{N}\left(\frac{1 / m_{o d}}{\Omega_{d} W_{o}}\right) \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
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with $N_{d}$ as the size of the student population in the destination country and $N$ as the global number of students. ${ }^{5}$ Equation 2 shows a structural gravity model of student migration in which students migrate from origin country $o$ to destination $d$. This student stock from $o$ in $d$ depends on both countries' population sizes relative to the rest of the world, bilateral migration costs and multilateral resistance terms. The greater the size of either or both countries, the greater migration between them. Similarly, the larger the cost to move abroad, the lower the number of students migrating. Moreover, the attractiveness of alternative destinations affects migration from $o$ to $d$ (Bertoli and Moraga, 2013). Following Anderson (2011) and paralleling Anderson and van Wincoop (2003), these multilateral resistances are given by

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\begin{equation*}
\Omega_{d} \equiv\left[\sum_{o} \frac{1 / m_{o d}}{W_{o}} \frac{N_{o}}{N}\right] \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
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and

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\begin{equation*}
W_{o} \equiv\left[\sum_{d} \frac{1 / m_{o d}}{\Omega_{d}} \frac{N_{d}}{N}\right] . \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

$\Omega_{d}$ represents the inward and $W_{o}$ outward multilateral resistance. Anderson (2011) describes these multilateral resistance terms as the buyers' and sellers' in-

[^3]cidence of migration costs. ${ }^{6}$ Figueiredo et al. (2016) provide further intuition and compare inward multilateral resistance to the destination country's immigration policy and outward multilateral resistance to the origin country's remoteness in order to emigrate to other countries, e.g. availability of train connections. ${ }^{7}$

Following recommendations by Santos Silva and Tenreyro $(2006,2011)$ and Beine et al. (2016), we use a Poisson pseudo-maximum-likelihood (PPML) estimator. Then, the estimation equation is

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{o d t}=\exp \left[\beta_{0}+\beta_{1} E U_{o d t}+\pi_{o t}+\chi_{d t}+\gamma_{o d}\right] \times \eta_{o d t} \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
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with $E U_{\text {odt }}$ as a dummy indicating whether a destination-origin-pair is a member of the European Union. Country-pairs with at least one country not being a member country have zero values for this variable. In the counterfactual experiment this variable becomes zero for all migration with the United Kingdom. Thus, students migrating from an EU or EFTA country to the UK will face higher costs to do so, e.g. applying for a visa additional to getting into college in the UK. An exception is between the United Kingdom and Ireland in the scenario when their Common Travel Area Agreement persists. This agreement allows migration between both countries and without visa restrictions. Furthermore, most EU students benefit from paying reduced tuition. $\pi_{o t}$ and $\chi_{d t}$ are origin-year and destination-year fixed effects that control for multilateral resistance (Beine and Parsons, 2015; Ortega and Peri, 2013). ${ }^{8}$ Following Anderson et al. (2018), we leverage the additive property of the PPML estimator and solve for the inward and outward multilateral resistance changes relative to a reference group's inward multilateral resistance (Anderson and

[^4]van Wincoop, 2003; Anderson and Yotov, 2010; Yotov et al., 2016). The reference country in the following is Korea, both because it has relatively few missing observations ( $12 \%$ ) and, due to its distance and cultural differences, should not be heavily affected by the experiment (Yotov et al., 2016). Let $\gamma_{o d}$ denote country-pair fixed effects to pick up bilateral distance, language, colonial history and other costs to migrating from o to $d .{ }^{9}$ We employ Anderson and Yotov's (2016) two-step procedure to fill in missing values in the number of students to achieve a full set of bilateral migration costs. From regression (5), migration costs are
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\begin{equation*}
\hat{m}_{o d}^{-1}=\exp \left[\hat{\gamma}_{o d}+\hat{\beta}_{1} E U_{o d t}\right] \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
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the estimated country-pair fixed effects $\hat{\gamma}_{o d}$ plus the costs of migrating within the EU . The $E U_{\text {odt }}$ dummy separates baseline and counterfactual migration costs: migrating outside the EU adds any potential costs that stem from not participating in the freedom of movement agreement. In this exercise, we regard EU membership as a reciprocal arrangement. Entering the Union opens borders to both immigration and emigration between members. Thus, it enters the gravity equation as a bilateral migration cost. This is similar to Yotov et al.'s (2016) and Anderson and Yotov's (2016) approach to investigate the effects of regional trade agreements. We follow their approach closely and apply it to the removal of a freedom of movement agreement with Brexit. ${ }^{10}$ Thus, to fill in missing bilateral migration costs, we regress the estimated country-pair fixed effects from Equation 5, $\hat{\gamma}_{o d}$ on the bilateral gravity variables, distance, contiguity, language and colonial relationship. We use the estimated out-of sample predictions to complete the migration cost matrix.

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\begin{align*}
\exp \left(\hat{\gamma}_{o d}\right)=\exp \left[\alpha_{0}+\alpha_{1} \ln \left(\text { Distance }_{o d}\right.\right. & +\alpha_{2} \text { Contiguity }_{o d} \\
& \left.+\alpha_{3} \text { Language }_{o d}+\alpha_{4} \text { Colony }_{o d}\right] \times \epsilon_{o d} \tag{7}
\end{align*}
$$
\]

The complete set of bilateral migration costs is then included as a constraint in the baseline and counterfactual regressions for the year 2015 (Anderson et al., 2018; Yotov et al., 2016). After obtaining student migration in the two scenarios, we compute the conditional general equilibrium effects as the percentage change in the number of students from baseline to Brexit and bootstrap the $E U_{\text {odt }}$ estimates drawn in Equation 4 to construct confidence intervals around the effects (Anderson and Yotov, 2016; Baier et al., 2019; Larch and Wanner, 2017). The estimates are conditional general equilibrium effects according to Yotov et al. (2016) and assuming $N_{o}$ and $N_{d}$ to be exogenous. ${ }^{11}$

### 2.2 Data and descriptive statistics

We use aggregate panel data on inbound foreign student stocks by country of origin, destination country and observation year by UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS). These span over more than a hundred destination and origin countries but due to missing observations, the final balanced sample only includes 69 countries from 2003 to $2015 .{ }^{12}$ To get a full symmetric sample in the main year (2015, and robustness

[^6]year 2014) of analysis, we only include those country-pairs that have non-missing student observations in 2015 and 2014 and prefer countries that migrate with the United Kingdom. ${ }^{13}$ This leaves in total 4,761 country-pairs. Still, there are pairs with missing values to other years within the 13 -year time-frame. Country-pair fixed effects that cannot be derived from Equation 4 take the out-of-sample predicted migration costs estimated in Equation 6 to achieve a complete matrix of migration costs as in Anderson and Yotov (2016). This affects around $20 \%$ of all observations.

Similar to the trade literature, we include data on intra-national student migration, meaning the enrollment of students in their respective origin country (Yotov, 2012). To do so, we require data on not just the number of international students in foreign countries but also in their origin countries. We approximate this number by taking the total number of students enrolled and subtracting the number of foreign students from it. Data on total enrollment by destination country and year is again by UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS). Finally, bilateral gravity variables, distance, common official language and colonial relationship are retrieved from CEPII (Mayer and Zignago, 2011).

At the time of writing, UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) does not provide data on international students in the United Kingdom beyond the year 2020. However, new migration rules and regulations with Brexit only applied after the end of the transition period on 1st January 2021. Therefore, we exploit regularly updated data by Higher Education Statistics Agency (2023, 2022, 2021) for descriptive purposes. ${ }^{14}$ Figure 1a presents the total number of students from EU countries, while 1b plots the total stock of students from non-EU countries studying in the UK. As previously discussed, Brexit occurred almost simultaneously with the COVID-19 pandemic and therefore, a change in international student numbers in the UK in 2020 and after could be the result of either or both events. ${ }^{15}$ Still, interestingly,

[^7]the number of non-EU international students in the UK increases by approximately $24 \%$ from 2020 to 2021 while the number of EU students drops by around $21 \%$. Put together Figure 2a shows that the total international student stock in the UK rises by $12 \%$ in those years. In light of the pandemic, this is a surprising result and it seems that the rise in non-EU student numbers drives it. Moreover, more native students studied in the UK in 2021 than the year before (see Figure 2b).

In aggregate terms, the stock of students in the UK only slightly grew by $4 \%$, presented in Figure 2c, further supporting the assumption that country-level total student stocks are sticky in the short-run. The fact that the increase in non-EU students studying compensates for the reduction in EU students in the UK supports the idea of student migration diversion due to Brexit. Similarly, the growth in the native student stock points to general equilibrium effects at play. In the following, we take these diversion effects into account when estimating the effects of Brexit on global student migration.

(a) Students from EU countries

(b) Students from non-EU countries

Figure 1: Number of students in the UK from academic year 2015/16 to 2021/22 by EU membership.


Figure 2: Number of international, native and total students in the UK from academic year 2015/16 to 2021/22.

## 3 Regression Analysis

The regression analysis starts with a partial equilibrium and then continues with the estimation of conditional general equilibrium effects. These are separated into student immigration by destination, student emigration by origin and by counterfactual scenario. The conditional general equilibrium model restricts the sample to the year 2015 while the partial equilibrium makes use of the whole panel from 2003 to 2015 .

### 3.1 Partial equilibrium

The results to the estimating Equation 5 are shown in Table 1. The estimation sample spans over the whole 13 -year time frame and full set of countries. Notice that the variable of interest varies over country-pair and time. During the sample period there were several countries that entered the European Union. However, due to data availability restrictions the sample time-frame does not include the first members'
entrances. Thus, the variation is limited to those countries joining after 2002. As expected, the coefficient on the $E U_{\text {odt }}$ variable is significant and positive. Entering the European Union leads to an on average increase in international student immigration from EU countries by around $83 \%$, ceteris paribus. ${ }^{16,17}$ That is, controlling for destination-year, origin-year and country-pair fixed effects and thereby absorbing yearly country-level and bilateral variation including distance, contiguity, language and colonial relationship. We keep this estimate constant in the following conditional general equilibrium where it enters the analysis as part of the bilateral migration costs $m_{o d}$ (see $\hat{\beta_{1}}$ Equation 5 of Section 2.1).

Table 1: Partial equilibrium

|  | Students |
| :--- | :---: |
| $E U_{\text {odt }}$ | $0.603^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(0.211)$ |
| Constant | $15.11^{* * *}$ |
|  | $(3.505)$ |
| $N$ | 38171 |
| Destination-year FE | $\checkmark$ |
| Origin-year FE | $\checkmark$ |
| Country-pair FE | $\checkmark$ |

Standard errors clustered by countrypair in parentheses ${ }^{*} \mathrm{p}<0.10,{ }^{* *} \mathrm{p}<0.05$, *** $\mathrm{p}<0.01$.

[^8]
### 3.2 Conditional general equilibrium: Impact on student immigration by destination country

### 3.2.1 'Realistic' scenario: The United Kingdom leaves the EU and keeps CTA with Ireland

The 'realistic' counterfactual scenario is one in which the UK leaves the European Union and loses free movement rights within the European Economic Area but keeps a Common Travel Area with Ireland. It owes its name to its resemblance to the actual scenario that took place after Brexit.

We start by focusing on the conditional general equilibrium effects on student immigration meaning the percentage change in incoming foreign students by destination country. Compared with the partial equilibrium result, these stem from the change in bilateral migration costs plus the subsequent adjustment in the multilateral resistances. Thus, it enables countries not directly affected by the change in freedom of movement between the UK and the EU to be indirectly affected through diversion (Yotov et al., 2016). In this case, diversion could equate to students choosing an alternative destination to the UK and thereby increasing the number of incoming students to a third non-member country.

In the first counterfactual scenario, the UK and Ireland decide to keep their Common Travel Agreement and continue free movement even after Brexit. Figure 3 shows how this impacts student immigration globally. ${ }^{18}$ Colours from yellow to red indicate negative outcomes while the darker the green, the higher the positive outcome. Appendix Table 2 lists the respective estimates and confidence intervals. Firstly, countries directly affected by the change in the agreement experience the highest percent reduction in incoming international student numbers with estimates ranging from $-23.7 \%$ (Malta) to $-0.8 \%$ (Austria). Secondly, the United Kingdom faces a statistically significant negative impact on student immigration by $3.9 \%$. This is unsurprising since $\hat{\beta}_{1}$ as in Table (1) predicted a drop in immigration (or

[^9]emigration) between European countries and the UK on average by $83 \%$. However, the reduction in UK's inward multilateral resistance by around $12 \%$ mutes this drop significantly. Adopting Anderson's (2011) interpretation of this term as reflecting the incidence of migration costs suggests that buyers have to bear less of the burden than without Brexit. More intuitively, it means that on average, students immigrating to the UK in order to study have an easier time getting in than they used to, keeping the change in bilateral migration costs constant. An example for this is universities increasing funding available for international students making studying in the UK rather than elsewhere generally more attractive. In February 2022, the Welsh government initiated "Taith", a programme which promotes international student exchanges by providing funding to students. ${ }^{19}$ Another example is reduced competition with other applicants. Amuedo-Dorantes and Romiti (2021) show that the Brexit referendum and its onset have shrunk EU student applications at UK universities by $7 \%$. Holding all else constant, this makes an application more likely to be accepted, increaing the expected benefit relative to application costs. Thirdly, student immigration to Ireland and most non-EU countries rises. The reason for the first is that Ireland and the United Kingdom share a free movement agreement and therefore, the $E U_{\text {odt }}$ variable remains one for migration between both countries in the baseline and counterfactual scenario. The reason for the latter is diversion effects. Some exceptions are Morocco and Armenia, countries relatively close to the European continent in terms of geographical distance.

Figure 2 shows the estimated changes in student immigration to the UK by origin country. With Brexit, the UK hosts $3.8 \%$ fewer international students than in the baseline scenario. This stems from a reduction in EU students between $20 \%$ and $40 \%$. Again, this is with the exception of Ireland, which has a Common Travel Area with the UK in this 'realistic' counterfactual scenario. Irish student immigration to the UK increases by $7.7 \%$ (Appendix Table 3). This result stems from collateral changes in the multilateral resistances because Irish students are not directly affected

[^10]Figure 3: Conditional general equilibrium effect (\% change in the number of incoming foreign students) with CTA by destination country. Red and orange coloured countries experience negative effects. Shades of green stand for positive effects.

by Brexit. Although an increase in Ireland's outward multilateral resistance (see Appendix Table 6) makes it overall more costly to study abroad, it has gotten relatively less costly to do so in the UK, which finally drives this positive result. Nevertheless, even with more students coming from non-EU countries and Ireland due to UK's favourable reduction in inward multilateral resistance, the overall effect on UK's student immigration remains negative.

Figure 4: Conditional general equilibrium effect (\% change in the number of incoming foreign students) with CTA and UK as destination country. Red and orange coloured countries experience negative effects. Shades of green stand for positive effects.


### 3.2.2 Alternative scenario: The United Kingdom leaves the EU and CTA with Ireland

In this alternative scenario, the UK does not only leave the EU (and EEA) but also repeals its Common Travel Area agreement with Ireland. Figure 5 shows that this counterfactual scenario creates negative student immigration outcomes for the UK with the stock of international students reducing by $4.9 \%$ (Appendix Table 4). Although this estimate is not statistically significantly different from the estimate presented in the previous scenario, one can observe the shift in its distribution towards more negative results.

Contrary to the results given by the 'realistic' scenario, Ireland also experiences negative student number changes as large as $23 \%$. Here, this is due to both a direct effect and an indirect effect. The bilateral migration costs of studying in Ireland as a British native without a free movement agreement in place directly rise with the CTA's abolition. Moreover, a rising inward multilateral resistance indicates a greater struggle for international students to study in Ireland. Interestingly, this estimate has reversed its sign between counterfactual scenarios: in the 'realistic' scenario, Ireland becomes a more desirable destination while in the alternative scenario it becomes overall less attractive for international students. Clearly, the one difference between both results is the CTA with the UK. This agreement seems to make Ireland an attainable alternative for British students to other EU countries improving its appeal as a destination country relative to other destinations. Moreover, with its removal Ireland's student immigration and inward multilateral resistance outcomes mirror those of other EU countries. Finally, the rest of the world faces similar student immigration as without the additional agreement.

Similar to the 'realistic' scenario, the number of EU students studying in the UK decreases between 20\% and 40\% (see Figure 6 and Appendix Table 3). However, without a Common Travel Area agreement, the number of Irish students studying in the UK drops by $31 \%$. Indeed, the beneficial change in the UK's inward multilateral resistance cannot counteract the additional imposed bilateral migration cost.

Figure 5: Conditional general equilibrium effect (\% change in the number of incoming foreign students) without CTA by destination country. Red and orange coloured countries experience negative effects. Shades of green stand for positive effects.


Figure 6: Conditional general equilibrium effect (\% change in the number of incoming foreign students) without CTA and UK as destination country. Red coloured countries experience negative effects.


### 3.3 Conditional general equilibrium: Impact on student emigration by origin country

### 3.3.1 'Realistic' scenario: The United Kingdom leaves the EU and keeps CTA with Ireland

The conditional general equilibrium effects by origin country are the percent changes in the number of outgoing foreign students for every origin country. Thus, they are the percent changes in the number of student emigrants from a given origin country and show where international students come from. Figure 7 and Appendix Table 6 present these results. With Brexit, the UK experiences a reduction in student emigration by $30 \%$. This is considerably smaller than the expected drop of $83 \%$ estimated in the partial equilibrium (Table 1). Nevertheless, an increase in the UK's outward multilateral resistance implies a rise in student emigration frictions. Following Anderson (2011), outward multilateral resistance reflects the sellers' incidence of migration costs. In other words, UK students wishing to emigrate in order to study are now met with higher costs of doing so. Examples for this are a decline in international travel connectivity or monetary means to afford emigration (Figueiredo et al., 2016). There exists evidence on the latter with several studies estimating UK's welfare to plummet due to Brexit (e.g. Dhingra et al. (2017); Jafari and Britz (2020)). Lower means could then contribute to less student emigration.

Analogous to the impact on student immigration, fewer EU students study abroad. Estimates range from $-10 \%$ (Malta) to $-0.27 \%$ (Slovakia) less student emigration than in the baseline scenario. Irish students, however, are an exception to this and emigrate more often than before. This is in line with the finding that more Irish students study in the UK with Brexit and a persisting Common Travel Area agreement (see Figure 4). The change in Ireland's outward multilateral resistance is positive, indicating elevated emigration barriers. At the same time, all other EU countries face lower student emigration resistances. The reason for this is not obvious, because EU students encounter higher bilateral migration costs when studying in the UK. Still, it implies that EU students have an advantage in studying abroad,
all else equal. This could be due to an ameliorated competitive or monetary position. Moreover, it lends further evidence why the drop in student immigration from EU countries to the UK is lower than in the partial equilibrium.

Turning to the destinations UK students choose for their studies, Figure 8 and Appendix Table 7 show that fewer British students study in all foreign countries including Ireland. Even with a Common Travel Area agreement in place, the number of British students who study in Ireland declines. In fact, with Brexit, the increased cost of emigration to study prevents them from doing so.

Figure 7: Conditional general equilibrium effect (\% change in the number of outgoing foreign students) with CTA by origin country. Red, orange and yellow coloured countries experience negative effects. Shades of green stand for positive effects.


Figure 8: Conditional general equilibrium effect (\% change in the number of outgoing foreign students) with CTA and UK as origin country. Red coloured countries experience negative effects.


### 3.3.2 Alternative scenario: The United Kingdom leaves the EU and CTA with Ireland

In line with the 'realistic' scenario, the model estimates UK student emigration to plummet due to Brexit. Figure 7 and Appendix Table 8 show the conditional general equilibrium effects by origin country. With $38 \%$ fewer British students studying abroad, this point estimate is greater than the - $30 \%$ in the 'realistic' scenario, however, not statistically significantly so.

Without the Common Travel Area agreement between Ireland and the UK in place, Ireland faces comparable student emigration outcomes to other EU member countries: a decline in native students studying abroad by $18 \%$ and a significant reduction in its outward multilateral resistance. This change in the resistance term from more emigration frictions to less shows that Irish as well as other EU students have to endure lower costs to study in a country other than their origin. This then mitigates the increase in bilateral migration costs due to Brexit.

At the same time, fewer British students emigrate to study (see Figure 10 and Appendix Table 9). An increased outward multilateral resistance indicates higher resistance to emigration. This leads to fewer UK students studying in both, EU and non-EU countries.

Figure 9: Conditional general equilibrium effect (\% change in the number of outgoing foreign students) without CTA by origin country. Red, orange and yellow coloured countries experience negative effects. Shades of green stand for positive effects.


Figure 10: Conditional general equilibrium effect (\% change in the number of incoming foreign students) without CTA and UK as origin country. Red coloured countries experience negative effects.


### 3.4 Robustness

In the following, we test the robustness of the conditional general equilibrium estimates. Due to the time frame in which student migration data are available by UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) the analysis is based on EU enlargements starting in the early 2000s and inevitably excludes the UK's accession. One may expect that the impact of Eastern enlargement differs from that of the UK and that this distorts the partial equilibrium effect and therefore, the conditional general equilibrium outcome. To assess whether this is true we estimate both partial equilibrium and conditional general equilibrium with cross-sectional data for 2015. ${ }^{20}$ Doing so, the estimating equation is

$$
\begin{align*}
S_{o d}=\exp \left[\beta_{1} E U_{o d}+\pi_{o}+\right. & \chi_{d}+\beta_{2} \ln (\text { Distance })_{o d}+\beta_{3} \text { Language }_{o d} \\
& \left.+\beta_{4} \text { Contiguity }_{o d}+\beta_{5} \text { Colony }_{o d}+\beta_{6} \text { Border }_{o d}\right] \times \eta_{o d} \tag{8}
\end{align*}
$$

controlling for origin and destination country fixed effects and approximating bilateral migration costs including common language, contiguity, distance and colo-

[^11]nial relationship. ${ }^{21}$ Moreover, our variable of interest is $E U_{o d}$ indicating whether both countries are EU members. This variable varies by country-pair and identifies the impact of migrating within the EU for all countries considered. This includes the UK and not only countries that joined the EU after 2000. As before, $E U_{o d}$ 's value changes for the UK and its partners in the counterfactual scenario. To account for differences in intra-national and international student migration we control for an international border dummy, Border ${ }_{o d}$, which equals one when destination and origin country are not identical.

Figures 11 and 12 show the point estimates to the 'realistic' scenario with $95 \%$ confidence interval bands for student immigration and emigration, respectively. The orange line denotes the cross-sectional analysis estimates for the year 2015.22 With some exceptions, this line lies within the $95 \%$ confidence interval. To examine whether this result is idiosyncratic to the year analysed, in a second step, we estimate Equation 8 for the year 2014. In Figures 11 and 12, this is represented by the green line providing similar results.

Due to the United Kingdom's ties with its colonies and its national language, we interact the $E U_{\text {od }}$ dummy with Colony (purple line) and Language (yellow line). Again, the point estimates seem visibly in line with previous results for the percent change in student immigration and emigration. One outlier which stands out, however, is Malta in Figure 12. Malta used to be a British colony and although the UK leaves the EU in this counterfactual scenario, these colonial ties seem to mitigate Maltese students' additional emigration costs due to the loss of free movement.

Further, to account for differences in the migration direction of students, we estimate the partial equilibrium model controlling for destination and origin EU membership additional to $E U_{o d}$ as shown by the following equation

[^12]\[

\left.$$
\begin{array}{rl} 
& S_{o d}=\exp \left[\beta_{1} E U_{o d}+\pi_{o}+\chi_{d}+\beta_{2} \ln (\text { Distance })_{o d}+\beta_{3} \text { Language }_{o d}\right. \\
+ & \beta_{4} \text { Contiguity }  \tag{9}\\
o d
\end{array}
$$+\beta_{5} Colony_{o d}+\beta_{6} Border_{o d}+\beta_{7} E U_{d=1, o=0}+\beta_{8} E U_{d=0, o=1}\right] \times \eta_{o d}
\]

with $E U_{d=1, o=0}$ indicating that a destination country is in the EU but not the student's origin and $E U_{d=0, o=1}$ presenting the opposite case. Thus, the baseline destination-origin-pair category is a combination of countries that are not EU members. The blue line in Figures 11 and 12 show the point estimates to the conditional general equilibrium student migration outcomes for immigration and emigration, respectively. Most of these point estimates lie within the $95 \%$ confidence interval providing evidence that the preferred specification as in Sections 3.2 and 3.3 are fairly robust to the migration direction.

Figure 11: Conditional general equilibrium effect (\% change in the number of incoming foreign students). 'Realistic' Scenario. By destination country excluding Malta. Baseline estimates with $95 \%$ CI are black. Estimate and CI band in red shows the United Kingdom. Lines show the cross-section results.


Figure 12: Conditional general equilibrium effect (\% change in the number of outgoing foreign students). 'Realistic' Scenario. Baseline estimates with 95\% CI are black. Estimate and CI band in red shows the United Kingdom. Lines show the cross-section results.


## 4 Conclusion

This paper attempts to quantify the impact of Brexit on global international student migration. Employing a structural gravity model of student migration based on Anderson's (2011) migration gravity model, we estimate conditional general equilibrium effects for two counterfactual experiments. First, in 2015, the year before the referendum, the UK leaves the European Economic Area but keeps a Common Travel Area with Ireland. Second, the UK retains membership and its free movement agreement with Ireland. The model estimates an approximately $3.8 \%$ to $4.9 \%$ reduction in foreign student immigration to the UK. This is in line with previous difference-in-differences estimates by Amuedo-Dorantes and Romiti (2021) who find a drop in international student applications with the referendum and Falkingham et al. (2021) who provide evidence for more EU students intending to leave the UK after their studies. Due to increasing outward multilateral resistance for the UK, leaving the country to study abroad becomes more competitive after leaving the European Union. Additionally our analysis shows important migration diversion effects underlying the net change. Finally, we estimated that emigration student numbers sink between $30 \%$ and $38 \%$.

The implications of this study are twofold. First, the results suggest large losses for the UK in terms of foreign students due to Brexit. The effects of this isolation can be felt culturally, politically, and economically (Chellaraj et al., 2008; Specht, 2022). This suggests that policy-makers should take into account the importance of freedom of movement agreements in the migration decision of international students. Second, our analysis points to several ways in which future research can build upon Anderson's (2011) migration model. In particular, researchers who wish to model temporary migration (such as that for education reasons) in addition to permanent migration as is currently the focus.

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## 5 Appendix

### 5.1 Impact on student immigration by destination country

Table 2: Destination country with CTA

| Country | $\% \Delta$ Students | 95\% CI | $\% \Delta \mathrm{IMR}$ | 95\% CI |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ABW | . 85187468 | . $41167018 ; 1.3640977$ | 1.6165041 | . $78104252 ; 2.5931503$ |
| ARE | . 75996756 | . $37529918 ; 1.1978748$ | -2.429994 | -3.8533173; -1.1915631 |
| ARM | -2.2054459 | -3.6149231; -1.0289727 | 3.5189463 | 1.6467449 ; 5.7672593 |
| AUT | -. 79971217 | -1.317428; -. 36267548 | 7.9235571 | 3.6308524 ; 13.160173 |
| AZE | . 39979658 | . 20761294 ; . 60451143 | 3.2072458 | 1.5070514 ; 5.2535088 |
| BEL | -2.5371898 | -4.2260985; -1.1370935 | 7.3042241 | 3.1486316 ; 12.567146 |
| BEN | -. 17985916 | -. 28101646 ; -. 08940323 | 4.132012 | 1.9230165 ; 6.8028285 |
| BGR | -6.1571453 | -8.8277877; -3.4024508 | 10.997787 | 5.4797267 ; 17.195244 |
| BHR | 2.5723666 | 1.2518049 ; 4.1009829 | -3.7174415 | -5.8614876; -1.835935 |
| BIH | -. 27158417 | -. 59098599 ; -. 07691004 | 6.3930972 | 3.035047 ; 10.336737 |
| BMU | 2.1461295 | $1.0641426 ; 3.3681605$ | -2.4408622 | -3.8482873 ; -1.2041654 |
| BRA | 1.4630069 | . 81335382 ; 2.0850351 | 2.9283444 | 1.3824246 ; 4.7760173 |
| BRN | 6.1033287 | 2.8880677 ; 9.9524176 | -8.1506113 | -12.832186; -4.0339844 |
| BWA | 1.4482591 | . 71899579 ; 2.2683534 | -1.6011841 | -2.5088018; -. 79557521 |
| CAN | . 65564211 | . 33561388 ; 1.0021243 | . 34435354 | . 17915013 ; . 51786859 |
| CHE | -1.5079981 | -2.4628603; -. 69415024 | 7.5544757 | 3.3752947 ; 12.731995 |
| CHL | 1.0717017 | . $54934866 ; 1.6427171$ | 1.8335347 | . 85891534 ; 3.0053545 |
| CIV | -. 29458531 | -. 5150708 ; -. 12537781 | 4.1481463 | 1.9197104 ; 6.8579952 |
| COL | . 92705861 | . 50890875 ; 1.343014 | 2.3916148 | $1.118974 ; 3.9231865$ |
| CPV | $-1.9481767$ | -3.1758039; -. 91895473 | 5.9892933 | 2.8678411 ; 9.6673107 |
| CZE | $-1.0206567$ | -1.646704 ; -. 47869292 | 8.2438631 | 3.8973526 ; 13.42936 |
| DEU | -3.7823817 | -5.6499411; -1.9906434 | 7.9733112 | 3.7155595 ; 13.119993 |
| DNK | $-1.7454516$ | -3.2122376; -. 68652232 | 7.3771935 | 3.3138404 ; 12.432546 |
| DOM | . 88618234 | . 45373173 ; 1.3616544 | 1.1078648 | . $57133165 ; 1.6920833$ |
| EST | -6.4167208 | -8.5024381; -3.9210365 | 13.495962 | 7.0373839 ; 20.386003 |
| FIN | -5.4321867 | -7.7692892; -3.0221592 | 10.147629 | 4.986301 ; 16.046536 |
| FRA | -3.6414713 | -5.6938005; -1.8117929 | 7.7867696 | 3.6344555 ; 12.800432 |
| GBR | $-3.8153853$ | -6.9651126; -1.5697864 | -11.992158 | -18.85425; -5.9499737 |
| GHA | 5.1333311 | $2.4699855 ; 8.2444955$ | -1.555662 | -2.3589159; -. 80524014 |


| HND | 1.2824149 | . $63418745 ; 2.0227171$ | . 86379006 | . 4272289 ; 1.3620311 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HRV | $-1.5476285$ | -2.4476892; -. 74551023 | 7.9814241 | $3.7035356 ; 13.12923$ |
| HUN | $-1.7359674$ | -2.6649407; -. 87766574 | 7.909707 | 3.666834 ; 13.048131 |
| IND | 1.5915697 | . $78574348 ; 2.505257$ | $-1.5880824$ | -2.4920628; -. 78906445 |
| IRL | 3.7346811 | 1.7695485 ; 5.9924037 | -5.4745203 | -9.1087376;-2.5054539 |
| ITA | -5.3522048 | -7.4977338; -3.0485736 | 10.572574 | 5.2562948 ; 16.584289 |
| JPN | . 49738328 | . 25382628 ; . 76354086 | -. 12827259 | -. 20382952 ; -. 06241562 |
| KAZ | . 60951493 | . 32535643 ; . 89464154 | . 91852836 | . 40273369 ; 1.5808869 |
| KGZ | -. 45722195 | -. 73524794 ; -. 21969071 | 1.6667502 | . 77438669 ; 2.7523456 |
| KOR | . 64659746 | . 30645668 ; 1.0517642 | 0 | 0; 0 |
| LAO | -. 47392062 | -. 81215224 ; -. 20964141 | 1.5982424 | . 7141305 ; 2.7137049 |
| LCA | 1.2236421 | . 61068467 ; 1.9106288 | -. 56739044 | -. 93382254 ; -. 26486576 |
| LKA | 2.5309524 | $1.2751484 ; 3.9215753$ | -3.4557066 | -5.3703889;-1.7370763 |
| LSO | . 48836327 | . 24346798 ; . 76045288 | -. 30443731 | -. 4723306 ; -. 1516758 |
| LVA | -7.8878853 | -10.917974; -4.5833933 | 12.647979 | 6.519864 ; 19.297693 |
| MAR | -2.0772784 | -3.3753577 ; -. 97988529 | 6.4310552 | 2.995593 ; 10.579881 |
| MDA | -1.1096709 | -2.0162261; -. 42264827 | 6.819098 | 3.2179052 ; 11.109704 |
| MLI | -. 2910996 | -. 50585589 ; -. 12530998 | 4.3628828 | $2.021726 ; 7.2075155$ |
| MLT | -23.728308 | -33.578204; -13.537467 | 28.003549 | 14.397486 ; 42.31688 |
| MNG | -. 24159191 | -. 38863252 ; -. 11677151 | 1.4104845 | . 66559061 ; 2.3040271 |
| MUS | . 83861699 | . 49409568 ; 1.1165572 | $-1.7234158$ | -2.5371812; -. 92347668 |
| MYS | 3.4713029 | 1.6782647 ; 5.5611768 | -4.1915913 | -6.6042816; -2.072942 |
| NAM | . 38394354 | . 18303132 ; . 61774946 | -. 45021188 | -. 7043178 ; -. 22398551 |
| NOR | -8.6807445 | -12.173876;-4.9408222 | 12.497389 | 6.3107676 ; 19.309388 |
| NZL | . 13047426 | . 06632807 ; . 20085349 | -. 25748435 | -. 4544168 ; -. 10816437 |
| OMN | 2.2728078 | 1.1095644 ; 3.6117833 | -3.0981065 | -4.8839459; -1.5306581 |
| POL | -3.0212547 | -4.7591651;-1.4881086 | 7.9552 | 3.6833158 ; 13.139016 |
| PRT | -5.3708401 | -8.0138492; -2.8383167 | 9.6615998 | $4.6956625 ; 15.413736$ |
| QAT | 2.1957103 | $1.0734395 ; 3.4879623$ | -3.9874829 | -6.2894698; -1.9684509 |
| RWA | -1.1515121 | -1.9306426; -. 52168716 | 2.1935067 | 1.0110707 ; 3.6297576 |
| SAU | 1.0483253 | . $52332265 ; 1.6323862$ | -1.6275287 | -2.5768278 ; -. 79911103 |
| SLV | . 93515307 | . $48048442 ; 1.4314007$ | 1.2861808 | . 62112163 ; 2.0631604 |
| SVK | -1.480354 | -1.7858927 ; -. 98653933 | 8.836044 | 4.288797 ; 14.140778 |
| SVN | $-2.2640966$ | -3.1114152 ; -1.325001 | 9.9084148 | $4.8136098 ; 15.800328$ |
| SWE | -4.6601227 | -6.757722; -2.5559379 | 9.3247309 | 4.4750731 ; 15.007071 |
| TUR | . 18670881 | . 11552912 ; . 20906915 | 3.504771 | 1.6656817 ; 5.6969096 |


| UKR | -2.2489382 | $-3.718051 ;-1.0332013$ | 5.487521 | $2.5731962 ; 8.9812074$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| USA | .28783131 | $.14733307 ; .4410084$ | -.07161728 | $-.16764195 ;-.0128817$ |
| VNM | .48481337 | $.23177695 ; .785548$ | 1.0697114 | $.47776186 ; 1.813459$ |
| ZAF | .59570095 | $.30299215 ; .91840033$ | -.60762055 | $-.97398865 ;-.29271764$ |

Table 3: UK as destination country with CTA

| Country | $\% \Delta$ Students | 95\% CI |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ABW | 16.714272 | $8.034436 ; 28.36236$ |
| ARE | 11.524729 | $5.571836 ; 19.472462$ |
| ARM | 19.212136 | $9.140033 ; 32.845791$ |
| AUT | -35.633936 | -50.362554; -21.623421 |
| AZE | 18.798103 | $8.9582904 ; 32.113916$ |
| BEL | -36.001185 | -50.604332; -22.013793 |
| BEN | 19.957704 | 9.4652763 ; 34.204744 |
| BGR | -33.786067 | -48.563082; -20.078077 |
| BHR | 10.026958 | 4.8426669 ; 16.958594 |
| BIH | 22.766028 | 10.808698 ; 38.929471 |
| BMU | 11.626211 | 5.6107028 ; 19.677214 |
| BRA | 18.450327 | 8.8084486 ; 31.469983 |
| BRN | 4.6033404 | 2.227595 ; 7.780609 |
| BWA | 12.823391 | 6.1808898 ; 21.721992 |
| CAN | 15.197266 | 7.3379681 ; 25.695254 |
| CHE | -35.777929 | -50.430919;-21.791161 |
| CHL | 17.089823 | 8.1771932 ; 29.098527 |
| CIV | 19.982327 | $9.4626506 ; 34.288171$ |
| COL | 17.786537 | 8.4922316 ; 30.333186 |
| CPV | 22.260096 | 10.603421 ; 38.029549 |
| CZE | -35.470003 | -50.302468; -21.420632 |
| DEU | -35.59249 | -50.379695; -21.546519 |
| DNK | -35.956041 | -50.668463;-21.888832 |
| DOM | 16.165003 | 7.8209973 ; 27.297668 |
| EST | -32.293643 | -47.146024;-18.792074 |
| FIN | -34.300391 | -49.086188; -20.491709 |
| FRA | -35.686958 | -50.505463; -21.605233 |
| GHA | 12.886446 | 6.1711167 ; 21.936319 |
| HND | 15.873846 | 7.652329 ; 26.877563 |
| HRV | -35.669105 | -50.49709; -21.602164 |
| HUN | -35.679879 | -50.482498; -21.615211 |
| IND | 12.849613 | 6.1941703 ; 21.759599 |
| IRL | 7.6754675 | 3.9983877 ; 12.197675 |


| ITA | -34.098392 | -48.921216; -20.300711 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| JPN | 14.64554 | 7.0631328 ; 24.790189 |
| KAZ | 15.96267 | 7.6297616 ; 27.212611 |
| KGZ | 16.903581 | 8.0842249 ; 28.798203 |
| KOR | 14.808259 | $7.1403315 ; 25.06791$ |
| LAO | 16.816314 | 8.0087737 ; 28.746227 |
| LCA | 13.773256 | 6.6583771 ; 23.269706 |
| LKA | 10.550655 | 5.0581773 ; 17.949349 |
| LSO | 14.434626 | 6.9587019 ; 24.445713 |
| LVA | -32.775963 | -47.596755; -19.20475 |
| MAR | 22.828504 | 10.764598; 39.287492 |
| MDA | 23.292751 | 11.026222; 39.962018 |
| MLI | 20.248446 | $9.5852716 ; 34.755091$ |
| MLT | -23.010335 | -36.183148 ; -12.262697 |
| MNG | 16.565515 | 7.9445203 ; 28.162508 |
| MUS | 12.689702 | 6.0308973 ; 21.72511 |
| MYS | 9.5979728 | $4.6356604 ; 16.23039$ |
| NAM | 14.250695 | 6.8704676 ; 24.129517 |
| NOR | -32.84682 | -47.534363; -19.364015 |
| NZL | 14.465623 | 6.9994287 ; 24.42018 |
| OMN | 10.950957 | 5.2877381 ; 18.522225 |
| POL | -35.666526 | -50.459523; -21.608561 |
| PRT | -34.575405 | -49.346047 ; -20.723241 |
| QAT | 9.6306422 | 4.6520651 ; 16.286811 |
| RWA | 17.545569 | 8.3647624 ; 29.948616 |
| SAU | 12.793731 | 6.1789874 ; 21.634079 |
| SLV | 16.402049 | 7.8875815 ; 27.822333 |
| SVK | -35.144632 | -50.030771 ; -21.116072 |
| SVN | -34.509176 | -49.283886 ; -20.672797 |
| SWE | -34.791267 | -49.537229 ; -20.917148 |
| TUR | 19.164852 | 9.1482407 ; 32.702873 |
| UKR | 21.650355 | 10.2538 ; 37.13443 |
| USA | 14.706639 | 7.1193634 ; 24.820878 |
| VNM | 16.150017 | 7.7208702 ; 27.520861 |
| ZAF | 14.048811 | 6.7845063 ; 23.758028 |

Table 4: Destination country without CTA

| Country | $\% \Delta$ Students | 95\% CI | $\% \Delta \mathrm{IMR}$ | 95\% CI |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ABW | . 81137602 | . 42344127 ; 1.2992915 | 1.6937744 | . 88699262 ; 2.7082405 |
| ARE | . 79613483 | . 42569834 ; 1.2512291 | -2.5222505 | -3.9861578 ; -1.3395624 |
| ARM | -2.2783318 | -3.7210761; -1.1560052 | 3.5456467 | 1.7990054 ; 5.8027189 |
| AUT | -. 80161439 | -1.307686; -. 3993146 | 8.0848305 | 4.023703 ; 13.414819 |
| AZE | . 44675042 | . 24896562 ; .67680016 | 3.1542867 | 1.6059089 ; 5.1592547 |
| BEL | -2.5279003 | -4.1659315 ; -1.2466928 | 7.4822438 | 3.5239897 ; 12.852315 |
| BEN | -. 18360699 | -. 28429625 ; -. 09905473 | 4.2000741 | 2.1214539 ; 6.9010554 |
| BGR | -6.1842175 | -8.8099879 ; -3.6795484 | 11.053462 | $5.9606659 ; 17.22404$ |
| BHR | 2.7529726 | 1.4521873 ; 4.3748134 | -3.9419697 | -6.188061 ; -2.1102062 |
| BIH | -. 28998124 | -. 6222615 ; -. 09529136 | 6.5014415 | 3.3472701 ; 10.49017 |
| BMU | 2.3870734 | 1.2790761 ; 3.7398009 | -2.6937915 | -4.2270736; -1.4412641 |
| BRA | 1.4987449 | . 89185345 ; 2.1367253 | 2.9750406 | 1.5246361; 4.837241 |
| BRN | 6.9994558 | 3.6018342 ; 11.361334 | -8.9399752 | -13.965445 ; -4.8126971 |
| BWA | 1.4026009 | . 75246744 ; 2.1939977 | -1.5439264 | -2.4156154; -. 82900308 |
| CAN | . 67311796 | . 37182841 ; 1.0274469 | . 43619912 | . 24289749 ; .65964491 |
| CHE | -1.4988867 | -2.4202308; -. 75825574 | 7.6914037 | 3.7425318 ; 12.944093 |
| CHL | 1.1206907 | . 61831857 ; 1.7168336 | 1.8273366 | . $92786053 ; 2.990614$ |
| CIV | -. 31812682 | -. 5522101 ; -. 14889002 | 4.2248465 | $2.122395 ; 6.9724825$ |
| COL | . 94920705 | . $55782543 ; 1.3751772$ | 2.4182549 | 1.2275143 ; 3.9588965 |
| CPV | -2.2069036 | -3.543546; -1.147094 | 6.3361588 | 3.2984393 ; 10.174999 |
| CZE | -1.0357507 | -1.6587734; -. 53051115 | 8.4295479 | 4.3148123 ; 13.723836 |
| DEU | -3.8127196 | -5.6508544;-2.1705412 | 8.149991 | 4.1178021 ; 13.400004 |
| DNK | -1.7354937 | -3.1576978 ; -. 75934475 | 7.5254357 | 3.6759169 ; 12.671115 |
| DOM | . 87739786 | . $4837396 ; 1.3464211$ | 1.1719349 | . 65034228 ; 1.7882182 |
| EST | -6.397929 | -8.4069705; -4.1818803 | 13.597025 | 7.6403524 ; 20.490065 |
| FIN | -5.4841387 | -7.7861361; -3.2843474 | 10.300371 | 5.4726712 ; 16.261341 |
| FRA | -3.6809766 | -5.7107045 ; -1.9894984 | 7.9748862 | 4.0360314 ; 13.096872 |
| GBR | -4.9095729 | -8.8461386; -2.2341014 | -13.232254 | -20.586212; -7.1599811 |
| GHA | 5.5110087 | $2.872593 ; 8.8339891$ | -1.8514943 | -2.8087514; -1.0305354 |
| HND | 1.257708 | . 67105299 ; 1.9820479 | . 93247226 | . 49920897 ; 1.4653913 |
| HRV | -1.5839285 | -2.4944643; -. 82948508 | 8.1232935 | 4.0962629 ; 13.332213 |
| HUN | -1.7834102 | -2.722247; -. 97620274 | 8.1912942 | 4.1144976 ; 13.513987 |
| IND | 1.6504495 | . 88006863 ; 2.5952968 | -1.6968212 | -2.6540613; -. 91239028 |


| IRL | -23.078271 | -33.881382; -13.385303 | 12.376046 | 7.0905367 ; 18.192694 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ITA | $-5.3876065$ | -7.4935273; -3.297052 | 10.743182 | 5.7690877 ; 16.825401 |
| JPN | . 54236621 | . 29788865 ; .83265396 | -. 17323438 | -. 27218121 ; -. 09245238 |
| KAZ | .68461618 | . 39076428 ; 1.0101386 | . 81036787 | . 37972557 ; 1.4091965 |
| KGZ | -. 47733774 | -. 7650195 ; -. 24880835 | 1.6030579 | . 80560485 ; 2.6474467 |
| KOR | . 62716665 | . 3208827 ; 1.0208711 | 0 | 0; 0 |
| LAO | -. 49307546 | -. 84011629 ; -. 23893449 | 1.5772841 | . 76528963 ; 2.6770283 |
| LCA | 1.298512 | . 69970158 ; 2.0246591 | -. 64139725 | -1.0451352; -. 32804201 |
| LKA | 2.8590681 | 1.5528909 ; 4.4279339 | -3.8184231 | -5.9094739;-2.0774562 |
| LSO | . 47821111 | . 25704125 ; . 74506669 | -. 27459284 | -. 42561016 ; -. 14796393 |
| LVA | $-7.9042707$ | -10.854782; -4.9290412 | 12.747644 | $7.0855682 ; 19.40508$ |
| MAR | -2.1417895 | -3.4724828; -1.096526 | 6.5750382 | 3.3224699 ; 10.802663 |
| MDA | -1.1722696 | -2.1056231; -. 50251417 | 6.9445655 | 3.5552464 ; 11.289326 |
| MLI | -. 31354187 | -. 53952333 ; -. 14907461 | 4.4524638 | $2.2401646 ; 7.340882$ |
| MLT | $-23.623426$ | -33.116577 ; -14.49889 | 27.935872 | 15.570398 ; 41.950841 |
| MNG | -. 28788505 | -. 45925565 ; -. 15162471 | 1.4132537 | . 72270325 ; 2.3038406 |
| MUS | 1.0483874 | . 64290705 ; 1.4388997 | -1.9772944 | -2.9190689; -1.1341663 |
| MYS | 3.3838802 | 1.7726929 ; 5.4103382 | $-4.1593275$ | -6.5396094; -2.2239729 |
| NAM | . 38662083 | . 19934266 ; . 62241781 | -. 44350541 | -. 69247057 ; -. 23873221 |
| NOR | -8.6757247 | -12.053898; -5.3170185 | 12.621515 | 6.8854589 ; 19.454324 |
| NZL | . 14417891 | . 07898914 ; . 22192889 | $-.27656038$ | -. 48087087 ; -. 12925979 |
| OMN | 2.360026 | $1.2471555 ; 3.7423522$ | -3.2348184 | -5.0811408; -1.7307213 |
| POL | -3.0462944 | -4.7586841; -1.6323517 | 8.1168534 | 4.0785646 ; 13.390956 |
| PRT | -5.3389818 | -7.9015513; -3.0523168 | 9.7627477 | $5.1461526 ; 15.517825$ |
| QAT | 2.432066 | 1.288617 ; 3.8499839 | -4.2957369 | -6.7416741; -2.3001297 |
| RWA | -1.2109249 | -2.0130826; -. 59867378 | 2.2239473 | $1.113926 ; 3.6712845$ |
| SAU | 1.0389554 | . $55955883 ; 1.6166724$ | -1.667332 | -2.6328961; -. 88602914 |
| SLV | . 91210247 | . $50470312 ; 1.3942137$ | 1.3581023 | . 71120111 ; 2.1712324 |
| SVK | -1.4991563 | -1.8029554; -1.0580447 | 9.0328282 | 4.7368395 ; 14.448403 |
| SVN | -2.2714809 | -3.1012519; -1.4244581 | 10.055725 | 5.2888232 ; 16.001449 |
| SWE | -4.6655989 | -6.7007963; -2.763594 | 9.4599694 | 4.9196866 ; 15.194227 |
| TUR | . 18006096 | . 11492053 ; . 20061463 | 3.4833798 | 1.7938071 ; 5.6501924 |
| UKR | $-2.3248359$ | -3.8307988; -1.1629413 | 5.5706926 | 2.8325255 ; 9.1041123 |
| USA | . 28560601 | . 15804764 ; . 43639023 | . 0103694 | -. 04191891 ; . 03002586 |
| VNM | . 51089781 | . 26525051 ; . 8248447 | 1.0288002 | . 49710915 ; 1.7475801 |

Table 5: UK as destination country without CTA

| Country | $\% \Delta$ Students | 95\% CI |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ABW | 18.178867 | 9.0153106; 30.418591 |
| ARE | 12.808265 | 6.4048958 ; 21.293416 |
| ARM | 20.585725 | 10.10197 ; 34.714133 |
| AUT | -34.386576 | -47.88452 ; -21.477064 |
| AZE | 20.076429 | 9.8710847 ; 33.818837 |
| BEL | -34.750836 | -48.133118; -21.863053 |
| BEN | 21.373214 | 10.456379 ; 36.128831 |
| BGR | -32.58416 | -46.114186; -19.95433 |
| BHR | 11.16109 | $5.581575 ; 18.554572$ |
| BIH | 24.209927 | 11.844269 ; 40.879911 |
| BMU | 12.70669 | $6.3422564 ; 21.16046$ |
| BRA | 19.854946 | $9.7802524 ; 33.393563$ |
| BRN | 5.0897912 | 2.5594689 ; 8.429259 |
| BWA | 14.29124 | 7.1215227 ; 23.826474 |
| CAN | 16.688444 | $8.3153401 ; 27.819772$ |
| CHE | -34.549575 | -47.986712; -21.654044 |
| CHL | 18.442279 | 9.106771 ; 30.958124 |
| CIV | 21.407685 | 10.458084 ; 36.228864 |
| COL | 19.172604 | $9.4458559 ; 32.239268$ |
| CPV | 24.0004 | 11.788485 ; 40.451347 |
| CZE | -34.203273 | -47.791833; -21.264364 |
| DEU | -34.333349 | -47.884567; -21.393656 |
| DNK | -34.720198 | -48.215316; -21.750415 |
| DOM | 17.616451 | 8.7886867 ; 29.347134 |
| EST | -31.0499 | -44.598053; -18.646443 |
| FIN | -33.044135 | -46.568475 ; -20.337877 |
| FRA | -34.42055 | -48.004406; -21.447237 |
| GHA | 13.918501 | 6.8935201 ; 23.31404 |
| HND | 17.331453 | 8.6208009 ; 28.934732 |
| HRV | -34.431331 | -48.037565 ; -21.458848 |
| HUN | -34.357953 | -47.898856 ; -21.42508 |
| IND | 14.114248 | 7.0328599 ; 23.530036 |
| IRL | -30.830757 | -44.273895; -18.539371 |


| ITA | -32.829266 | -46.381013; -20.139208 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| JPN | 15.973545 | 7.9528539; 26.64709 |
| KAZ | 17.198555 | 8.489584 ; 28.884881 |
| KGZ | 18.187469 | 8.9779822 ; 30.541799 |
| KOR | 16.190459 | 8.0594591 ; 27.012003 |
| LAO | 18.150739 | 8.9258114 ; 30.569992 |
| LCA | 15.054466 | 7.5149278 ; 25.062142 |
| LKA | 11.522084 | 5.7214657 ; 19.263706 |
| LSO | 15.855962 | 7.8934298 ; 26.456586 |
| LVA | -31.53749 | -45.068388 ; -19.061785 |
| MAR | 24.310862 | 11.816095 ; 41.295527 |
| MDA | 24.749733 | 12.074825 ; 41.914534 |
| MLI | 21.686969 | 10.590554; 36.71297 |
| MLT | -21.832444 | -33.582178 ; -12.096716 |
| MNG | 17.934404 | $8.8764197 ; 30.05675$ |
| MUS | 13.768805 | 6.7742963 ; 23.177512 |
| MYS | 11.06227 | 5.5390229 ; 18.368523 |
| NAM | 15.645275 | 7.7895596 ; 26.099272 |
| NOR | -31.59842 | -44.997512;-19.210885 |
| NZL | 15.826867 | 7.9029461 ; 26.341002 |
| OMN | 12.196228 | 6.094659 ; 20.286463 |
| POL | -34.417499 | -47.980022; -21.461675 |
| PRT | -33.354197 | -46.897664; -20.583958 |
| QAT | 10.652651 | 5.3292226 ; 17.705801 |
| RWA | 18.937496 | 9.3189461; 31.864968 |
| SAU | 14.143811 | 7.0600935 ; 23.547905 |
| SLV | 17.858338 | 8.8609206 ; 29.869684 |
| SVK | -33.867415 | -47.498497; -20.953654 |
| SVN | -33.259098 | -46.781779; -20.521196 |
| SWE | -33.551567 | -47.057078 ; -20.771809 |
| TUR | 20.480053 | 10.083318 ; 34.466428 |
| UKR | 23.070371 | 11.263782 ; 39.051643 |
| USA | 16.191515 | 8.0891212 ; 26.940033 |
| VNM | 17.467319 | 8.6225773 ; 29.330824 |
| ZAF | 15.465813 | 7.7126743 ; 25.768753 |

### 5.2 Impact on student emigration by origin country

Table 6: Origin country with CTA

| Country | $\% \Delta$ Students | 95\% CI | $\% \Delta \mathrm{OMR}$ | 95\% CI |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ABW | . 62859842 | . $33274656 ; .99352129$ | $-1.5215367$ | -2.3954152; -. 81068339 |
| ARE | 2.2156586 | $1.1831512 ; 3.4797523$ | 2.75912 | 1.4579169 ; 4.3736829 |
| ARM | -. 68406937 | -1.1126904; -. 34874128 | -3.4284442 | -5.4587827; -1.7952343 |
| AUT | -2.733632 | -3.4797254; -1.8420497 | $-7.4485052$ | -11.789259; -3.915255 |
| AZE | . 02482004 | . 01405453 ; . 03700459 | -3.1169902 | -4.9678866; -1.6348353 |
| BEL | -8.5983566 | -11.045184 ; -5.7495314 | -6.9111533 | -11.325182; -3.4395968 |
| BEN | -. 01783242 | -. 02752861 ; -. 00965079 | $-3.9800336$ | -6.3455599 ; -2.0807564 |
| BGR | -1.8332305 | -2.9832303; -. 93458681 | -10.028327 | -14.844487; -5.7454561 |
| BHR | 1.283189 | . 68765051 ; 2.0089866 | 4.0764803 | 2.1499155 ; 6.4713736 |
| BIH | -. 28115613 | -. 60531895 ; -. 0914451 | -6.0302346 | -9.3627085 ; -3.245916 |
| BMU | . 06946326 | . 03820557 ; . 10630748 | 2.6741774 | 1.4214181 ; 4.213675 |
| BRA | . 22662563 | . 13823469 ; . 31550502 | $-2.8563145$ | -4.5394921; -1.5021325 |
| BRN | . 46898013 | . 2520686 ; . 73256769 | 9.168406 | 4.7111745 ; 14.884679 |
| BWA | . 19002149 | . $10374896 ; .29236055$ | 1.6520941 | . 88730262 ; 2.5787367 |
| CAN | 1.1324386 | . 62818439 ; 1.7172456 | -. 31709348 | -. 47045447 ; -. 17973281 |
| CHE | $-4.5641727$ | -5.9206236; -3.0144357 | $-7.2369493$ | -11.643366 ; -3.711243 |
| CHL | . 33957937 | . $19093164 ; .51116342$ | -1.8082033 | -2.9030906; -. 93850721 |
| CIV | -. 02325712 | -. 04025177 ; -. 01090096 | -3.9948098 | -6.3941921; -2.0783295 |
| COL | . 07390907 | . 04442184 ; . 1048585 | -2.3462919 | -3.7593828; -1.2204655 |
| CPV | -. 05486026 | -. 09006264 ; -. 02776583 | $-5.6720826$ | -8.8029289; -3.0706839 |
| CZE | -3.7576271 | -4.732695 ; -2.5353749 | -7.6890927 | -11.929524; -4.1609389 |
| DEU | -4.3556064 | -6.295796 ; -2.5529564 | $-7.5111688$ | -11.777303; -4.0090504 |
| DNK | -9.6558798 | -13.187912; -6.0260756 | -6.9824198 | -11.239752; -3.5939833 |
| DOM | . 85000144 | . $47348263 ; 1.291151$ | -1.097736 | -1.6502798; -. 61880592 |
| EST | -2.9071485 | -4.4748143; -1.5717054 | -12.008197 | -17.110348; -7.2171901 |
| FIN | -5.1827284 | -7.4064987; -3.0791144 | -9.3265176 | -13.984595; -5.2628342 |
| FRA | -4.7884638 | -7.1695659; -2.6954166 | $-7.3772191$ | -11.567847; -3.9386119 |
| GBR | -29.527299 | -43.182506; -17.142194 | 13.486066 | $6.8096984 ; 22.219317$ |
| GHA | . 49411041 | . 26853529 ; .76316906 | 1.6081266 | . $89717976 ; 2.4285082$ |
| HND | . 23584048 | . 12840423 ; .36503288 | -. 85889761 | -1.3337637; -. 46560949 |
| HRV | -. 32265812 | -. 57695527 ; -. 14520241 | $-7.4038792$ | -11.59492; -3.9416534 |


| HUN | -2.9561268 | -4.0764866; -1.8246612 | $-7.3867011$ | -11.605778; -3.9261532 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| IND | . 06588592 | . 03581112 ; . 10175434 | 1.6293118 | . $87497625 ; 2.5471065$ |
| IRL | 2.9670862 | 1.4658149 ; 4.8928992 | 6.1525611 | 2.9583292 ; 10.517468 |
| ITA | -2.392224 | -3.7693545; -1.2646137 | $-9.6058222$ | -14.270087; -5.4870126 |
| JPN | . 62862557 | . 34866106 ; . 95518603 | . 13473265 | . 0717288 ; . 21149021 |
| KAZ | . 06004387 | . 03497865 ; . 08672595 | -. 91387562 | -1.5468416; -. 44418033 |
| KGZ | -. 89993578 | -1.4288893; -. 47359184 | -1.6606202 | -2.6870817; -. 85491189 |
| KOR | . 06512203 | . 03390953 ; . 10438848 | . 00195279 | . 00102238 ; . 00312932 |
| LAO | -. 11567833 | -. 19742533 ; -. 05593262 | $-1.5836704$ | -2.6350203; -. 78670481 |
| LCA | . 92885935 | . 5065609 ; 1.4314537 | . 85041234 | . 44396612 ; 1.3613269 |
| LKA | . 02953771 | . 01646566 ; . 04468 | 3.621351 | 1.9450373 ; 5.6562875 |
| LSO | . 00700659 | . 00384277 ; . 01072669 | . 30879332 | . 16758407 ; . 47436818 |
| LVA | -4.8686719 | -7.2644575 ; -2.7535408 | -11.37769 | -16.397872 ; -6.7500958 |
| MAR | -. 16171832 | -. 26164224 ; -. 08288769 | -6.0531146 | -9.5425106; -3.2074585 |
| MDA | -. 0711452 | -. 12895687 ; -. 03010672 | -6.3917929 | -9.9698674;-3.4318378 |
| MLI | -. 00583037 | -. 01005796 ; -. 00275695 | -4.1914907 | -6.6972932;-2.1858566 |
| MLT | -10.253846 | -16.417579 ; -5.3591238 | $-22.423422$ | -30.818979 ; -14.007082 |
| MNG | -. 01019041 | -. 01618135 ; -. 00539262 | -1.399463 | -2.2438577; -. 72933879 |
| MUS | . 10432738 | . 06636928 ; . 13716842 | 1.7851778 | 1.0286369 ; 2.6155403 |
| MYS | 1.0105369 | $.54134183 ; 1.5816761$ | 4.4599233 | 2.3481811 ; 7.0928025 |
| NAM | . 04244645 | . 02226653 ; . 06730573 | .45969277 | . 24871004 ; . 7126953 |
| NOR | -2.8354915 | -4.7245353; -1.3983785 | -11.276744 | -16.460615;-6.5664426 |
| NZL | 1.3711265 | . $74808584 ; 2.1115912$ | . 27651591 | . 12971655 ; . 47921314 |
| OMN | . 25700789 | . 13869549 ; . 39974505 | 3.2605483 | 1.7264985 ; 5.1591583 |
| POL | -6.0146414 | -8.4771917 ; -3.6299589 | $-7.4053006$ | -11.641626; -3.9341116 |
| PRT | -5.8230224 | -8.5099975 ; -3.3762404 | -8.9453768 | -13.543376; -4.9903398 |
| QAT | . 849167 | . 45723238 ; 1.323977 | 4.4307123 | 2.332418 ; 7.0450668 |
| RWA | -. 00805349 | -. 01334822 ; -. 00402465 | -2.1572016 | -3.489103 ; -1.1062747 |
| SAU | . 07536755 | . 04130913 ; . 11533524 | 1.673903 | . $88894408 ; 2.6409016$ |
| SLV | . 14804297 | . 08338583 ; . 22259044 | -1.2755244 | -2.0105018; -. 67826055 |
| SVK | -. 27420139 | -. 46213724 ; -. 129423 | -8.1544282 | -12.417547; -4.5261198 |
| SVN | -1.2973498 | -1.9508719 ; -. 72335819 | -9.0376846 | -13.653436;-5.0496499 |
| SWE | -3.4304125 | -5.1996156;-1.9054845 | -8.6432808 | -13.213583; -4.7606068 |
| TUR | . 10560424 | . 06924954 ; . 11699898 | -3.3980328 | -5.3688726;-1.8030534 |
| UKR | -. 56968091 | -. 93059247 ; -. 28797578 | -5.2201629 | -8.2251079 ; -2.7680862 |
| USA | 2.3397466 | $1.2786058 ; 3.6002275$ | . 07846677 | . 01979071 ; . 17637246 |


| VNM | .0145898 | $.00769925 ; .02315914$ | -1.0642501 | $-1.7728489 ;-.52678682$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ZAF | 1.2758572 | $.70184817 ; 1.9551949$ | .62381413 | $.32772032 ; .9910405$ |

Table 7: UK as origin country with CTA

| Country | $\% \Delta$ Students | 95\% CI |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ABW | $-13.35902$ | -20.627481; -6.6022321 |
| ARE | -9.7194173 | -15.212364; -4.717073 |
| ARM | -14.96161 | -23.052678; -7.4067443 |
| AUT | -55.760908 | -73.847349;-34.017253 |
| AZE | -14.703652 | -22.67101; -7.2778033 |
| BEL | -55.510054 | -73.711761; -33.706786 |
| BEN | -15.463984 | -23.812743;-7.6605613 |
| BGR | -56.928238 | -74.750494; -35.183485 |
| BHR | -8.4898846 | -13.373427; -4.0847846 |
| BIH | -17.259818 | -26.285857; -8.6677632 |
| BMU | -9.7097601 | -15.21824; -4.704847 |
| BRA | -14.471217 | -22.311362; -7.1625183 |
| BRN | -3.9514738 | -6.3177216; -1.8632823 |
| BWA | -10.493003 | -16.40328; -5.1016509 |
| CAN | -12.249524 | -18.958948; -6.0348307 |
| CHE | -55.614236 | -73.748196; -33.852963 |
| CHL | -13.545982 | -20.953025; -6.6753861 |
| CIV | -15.477307 | -23.853898 ; -7.657616 |
| COL | -14.020581 | -21.663521; -6.9180724 |
| CPV | -16.944981 | -25.829845; -8.5172991 |
| CZE | -55.890769 | -73.907726;-34.187506 |
| DEU | -55.78398 | -73.836797; -34.071266 |
| DNK | -55.546863 | -73.677715;-33.812977 |
| DOM | -12.918029 | -19.908798; -6.4050429 |
| EST | -57.8333 | -75.421026; -36.134126 |
| FIN | -56.613097 | -74.499486; -34.876184 |
| FRA | -55.713488 | -73.76136; -34.019075 |
| GHA | -10.53688 | -16.53741; -5.092604 |
| HND | -12.706311 | -19.64602; -6.2695016 |
| HRV | -55.786874 | -73.83847; -34.06378 |
| HUN | -55.75866 | -73.820128; -34.040099 |
| IND | -10.505027 | -16.417505 ; -5.107971 |
| IRL | -6.7299038 | -10.19755; -3.4169696 |


| ITA | -56.772567 | -74.617332;-35.044524 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| JPN | -11.830092 | -18.364557 ; -5.8053138 |
| KAZ | -12.756232 | -19.82802; -6.246814 |
| KGZ | -13.403284 | -20.755905 ; -6.5962537 |
| KOR | -11.944513 | -18.533694; -5.8647515 |
| LAO | -13.345422 | -20.727741; -6.5397752 |
| LCA | -11.435229 | -17.751294; -5.6119191 |
| LKA | -8.7453588 | -13.835051; -4.1826423 |
| LSO | -11.672628 | -18.141368 ; -5.7202159 |
| LVA | -57.530944 | -75.196545 ; -35.821348 |
| MAR | -17.28956 | -26.458356; -8.632705 |
| MDA | -17.588936 | -26.810942; -8.8313218 |
| MLI | -15.651526 | -24.106364; -7.7509624 |
| MLT | -62.285397 | -79.240984; -40.280788 |
| MNG | -13.182174 | -20.401242 ; -6.4940833 |
| MUS | -10.383973 | -16.386238 ; -4.9784237 |
| MYS | -8.0275375 | -12.672787; -3.8501662 |
| NAM | -11.541693 | -17.946713; -5.651156 |
| NOR | -57.46957 | -75.200797 ; -35.694734 |
| NZL | -11.713605 | -18.153465 ; -5.761562 |
| OMN | -9.0863063 | -14.27906 ; -4.3854278 |
| POL | -55.775434 | -73.841781; -34.050719 |
| PRT | -56.429979 | -74.359441 ; -34.693851 |
| QAT | -8.2270302 | -12.971007 ; -3.9537424 |
| RWA | -13.853214 | -21.438755 ; -6.8176637 |
| SAU | -10.468045 | -16.342513; -5.0981643 |
| SLV | -13.0741 | -20.208271; -6.4521834 |
| SVK | -56.121694 | -74.070183; -34.436413 |
| SVN | -56.521038 | -74.445978 ; -34.768129 |
| SWE | -56.300968 | -74.268853; -34.554896 |
| TUR | -14.949432 | -22.999458 ; -7.4238957 |
| UKR | -16.550884 | -25.359458; -8.2521847 |
| USA | -11.879615 | -18.392229 ; -5.8522898 |
| VNM | -12.887784 | -20.013442; -6.3175683 |
| ZAF | -11.399393 | -17.718673; -5.5853431 |

Table 8: Origin country without CTA

| Country | $\% \Delta$ Students | 95\% CI | \% $\triangle$ OMR | 95\% CI |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ABW | . 59239721 | . 27736332 ; . 96396 | -1.5833678 | -2.5560737; -. 75065868 |
| ARE | 2.2958681 | 1.0913317 ; 3.7003635 | 2.8386187 | 1.3322063 ; 4.6197797 |
| ARM | -. 69985869 | -1.1682548; -. 31526721 | -3.4188789 | -5.5947882 ; -1.5835811 |
| AUT | -2.6939635 | -3.4839 ; -1.6755001 | -7.5080679 | -12.204407; -3.4949768 |
| AZE | . 0273838 | . 01383147 ; . 04206371 | -3.0361721 | -4.9758658 ; -1.4083477 |
| BEL | -8.4260395 | -10.98953 ; -5.2007034 | -6.9984843 | -11.774084; -3.0594884 |
| BEN | -. 01799232 | -. 02832942 ; -. 00873269 | -4.0021091 | -6.5535483; -1.8526057 |
| BGR | -1.8224742 | -3.0311275 ; -. 82503721 | -9.9502006 | -15.083167; -5.1253042 |
| BHR | 1.3582146 | . $64799185 ; 2.1815052$ | 4.2889574 | 2.0097308 ; 6.9881829 |
| BIH | -. 30155954 | -.65999485; -. 08300767 | -6.0587481 | -9.6531555; -2.9000793 |
| BMU | . 07634981 | . 03744334 ; . 12000732 | 2.9285503 | 1.3844632 ; 4.734678 |
| BRA | . 22869653 | . 12604192 ; . 32695048 | -2.8707604 | -4.6813767 ; -1.3396951 |
| BRN | . 53193588 | . 25496797 ; . 85145698 | 10.055579 | 4.5756374 ; 16.757098 |
| BWA | . 18188664 | . 08842106 ; . 28748276 | 1.5742025 | . 75206844 ; 2.5248453 |
| CAN | 1.148463 | . 56953741 ; 1.7888564 | -. 40293765 | -. 61827394 ; -. 2030575 |
| CHE | -4.4623726 | -5.8724229; -2.718322 | -7.2807234 | -12.026189 ; -3.2954289 |
| CHL | . 35074111 | . 17624147 ; .54278014 | -1.7843028 | -2.9453557; -. 81801253 |
| CIV | -. 02494081 | -. 04418984 ; -. 01027662 | -4.0252661 | -6.6189246; -1.8525358 |
| COL | . 07459893 | . 04044102 ; . 10872431 | -2.3481477 | -3.8654111 ; -1.0803518 |
| CPV | -. 06154307 | -. 10245634 ; -. 02793803 | -5.9146912 | -9.3829954; -2.8657732 |
| CZE | -3.7464647 | -4.8046438; -2.3253485 | -7.7621852 | -12.369141; -3.7353401 |
| DEU | -4.3292922 | -6.3795161;-2.2960652 | -7.5818649 | -12.209264; -3.5925419 |
| DNK | -9.4670586 | -13.133307 ; -5.4069991 | -7.0406888 | -11.643597 ; -3.1983937 |
| DOM | . 83153134 | . 4137027 ; 1.297743 | -1.1466052 | -1.7705943; -. 57834055 |
| EST | -2.8629497 | -4.4876028; -1.3879531 | -11.925868 | -17.398797; -6.4867427 |
| FIN | -5.157504 | -7.5129718 ; -2.7775501 | -9.3397747 | -14.362109 ; -4.7211531 |
| FRA | -4.7787893 | -7.3008115; -2.4200707 | -7.4600784 | -12.011235 ; -3.5369971 |
| GBR | -37.549339 | -55.738614;-19.763874 | 14.879849 | 6.6454775; 25.145082 |
| GHA | . 52439805 | . 25377437 ; .83208595 | 1.8950503 | . 94118654 ; 2.9486812 |
| HND | . 22868809 | . 11071384 ; . 36396106 | -. 91645652 | -1.4591521; -. 4433262 |
| HRV | -. 32814584 | -. 60160734 ; -. 12848536 | -7.4449013 | -11.961117 ; -3.5207974 |
| HUN | -2.9905458 | -4.2117502; -1.6762533 | -7.5476722 | -12.184849; -3.5559831 |
| IND | . 06753932 | . 03265001 ; . 1072224 | 1.7235572 | . 82396424 ; 2.7658357 |


| IRL | -18.086193 | -28.120685; -9.0089333 | -12.199523 | -17.868195; -6.5831188 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ITA | $-2.3805185$ | -3.8282208; -1.1232304 | -9.6260354 | -14.663239; -4.9347051 |
| JPN | . 6772479 | . $33479416 ; 1.0586689$ | . 17864664 | . 08560169 ; . 28560376 |
| KAZ | . 06650738 | . 03459444 ; . 09920136 | -. 80097677 | -1.4126758; -. 33313967 |
| KGZ | $-.92966626$ | -1.5146166; -. 43433828 | -1.5841136 | -2.6407415; -. 71723464 |
| KOR | . 06253641 | . 02867769 ; . 10329559 | . 0018754 | . 00085911 ; . 00309434 |
| LAO | -. 11945829 | -. 20850795 ; -. 05077611 | -1.5503499 | -2.6555516; -. 6742973 |
| LCA | . 97428677 | . 4730438 ; 1.5426359 | . 93344437 | $.43394774 ; 1.5291858$ |
| LKA | . 0329599 | . 01638497 ; . 05124257 | 3.9724662 | 1.8982953 ; 6.3714092 |
| LSO | . 00677906 | . 0032972 ; . 01067261 | . 27516944 | . 13295976 ; . 43435183 |
| LVA | $-4.8151378$ | -7.3211076; -2.4552797 | -11.307966 | -16.692336; -6.0596438 |
| MAR | -. 16509626 | -. 2744412 ; -. 0747062 | -6.1155669 | -9.9014133; -2.8740105 |
| MDA | -. 07468871 | -. 13797697 ; -. 02749135 | -6.4314622 | -10.293107; -3.0712103 |
| MLI | -. 00623419 | -. 01097395 ; -. 00260349 | -4.2310758 | -6.9429416;-1.9533782 |
| MLT | -10.099222 | -16.474235; -4.7202291 | -22.077279 | -30.944566; -12.585768 |
| MNG | -. 01201585 | -. 01948309 ; -. 00568611 | -1.3883632 | -2.2875281; -. 63999571 |
| MUS | . 12829644 | . 07210172 ; . 17822214 | 2.0280193 | 1.0428093 ; 3.0667706 |
| MYS | . 9743186 | . $46426753 ; 1.5667118$ | 4.3763685 | $2.0447683 ; 7.1511283$ |
| NAM | . 04228643 | . 01954398 ; . 06900373 | . 44773429 | . 2159483 ; . 71298 |
| NOR | $-2.8063154$ | -4.7653518; -1.2274567 | -11.229455 | -16.788324; -5.8895334 |
| NZL | 1.4976303 | . $72722342 ; 2.3723706$ | . 29543159 | . 12308593 ; . 52051643 |
| OMN | . 26387898 | . 12669396 ; . 42141497 | 3.3727555 | $1.5869515 ; 5.4788462$ |
| POL | -5.9770991 | -8.5842738; -3.2772735 | $-7.4645088$ | -12.0507; -3.5180434 |
| PRT | $-5.7099256$ | -8.5059179; -2.9936877 | -8.9233646 | -13.834909; -4.4616015 |
| QAT | . 93010121 | . $44633089 ; 1.4873788$ | 4.7457743 | 2.2192547 ; 7.7436794 |
| RWA | -. 00839609 | -. 01405995 ; -. 00370255 | $-2.1652627$ | -3.5969744; -. 98001113 |
| SAU | . 07380715 | . $03600696 ; .11612096$ | 1.6969653 | . $80054032 ; 2.7495596$ |
| SLV | . 14261347 | . 07185754 ; . 22024005 | $-1.3316546$ | -2.1526213; -. 63001561 |
| SVK | -. 2751591 | -. 47388534 ; -. 11371402 | -8.2248991 | -12.861086; -4.0755092 |
| SVN | -1.2848718 | -1.9712546; -. 64363143 | -9.0517155 | -14.020902; -4.5256276 |
| SWE | -3.3910845 | -5.2325874; -1.6968626 | -8.6564255 | -13.572291; -4.2577847 |
| TUR | . 09866406 | . 05656591 ; . 11234092 | -3.3432096 | -5.4263392; -1.5736088 |
| UKR | -. 5832856 | -. 97813427 ; -. 26005953 | -5.239664 | -8.4804008; -2.4636185 |
| USA | 2.2946277 | 1.1215207 ; 3.6223077 | -. 00288528 | -. 0261773 ; . 05489948 |
| VNM | . 01521573 | . 00714412 ; . 02477462 | -1.0154556 | -1.7465613; -. 43798589 |

Table 9: UK as origin country without CTA

| Country | $\% \Delta$ Students | 95\% CI |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ABW | -14.099743 | -22.395027; -7.3444565 |
| ARE | -10.473749 | -16.855323; -5.3729836 |
| ARM | -15.588061 | -24.721294; -8.1252073 |
| AUT | -55.365849 | -74.512204; -35.140503 |
| AZE | -15.278364 | -24.250274; -7.9612071 |
| BEL | -55.121699 | -74.388081; -34.837946 |
| BEN | -16.100164 | -25.514632; -8.3985231 |
| BGR | -56.480951 | -75.342612 ; -36.274201 |
| BHR | -9.1738158 | -14.859705 ; -4.6698407 |
| BIH | -17.85264 | -27.9784; -9.424994 |
| BMU | -10.318757 | -16.643447; -5.2804883 |
| BRA | -15.136057 | -24.010293; -7.8921479 |
| BRN | -4.240151 | -6.9713969; -2.1202343 |
| BWA | -11.345263 | -18.225971; -5.8321922 |
| CAN | -13.053578 | -20.7767 ; -6.7835768 |
| CHE | -55.211548 | -74.405887; -34.971545 |
| CHL | -14.208012 | -22.616231; -7.3784388 |
| CIV | -16.118758 | -25.567058 ; -8.3987516 |
| COL | -14.6883 | -23.354361; -7.636694 |
| CPV | -17.731483 | -27.767849; -9.3870125 |
| CZE | -55.504864 | -74.579523; -35.3156 |
| DEU | -55.395868 | -74.507368; -35.198297 |
| DNK | -55.150386 | -74.343347; -34.933253 |
| DOM | -13.670276 | -21.672974; -7.1408419 |
| EST | -57.391555 | -76.013561; -37.2269 |
| FIN | -56.203695 | -75.138205 ; -35.992537 |
| FRA | -55.331821 | -74.437346; -35.150483 |
| GHA | -11.072395 | -17.893377 ; -5.6495497 |
| HND | -13.469913 | -21.421196; -7.0077384 |
| HRV | -55.386318 | -74.490682; -35.184769 |
| HUN | -55.408811 | -74.534053; -35.195308 |
| IND | -11.210228 | -18.021124; -5.7572858 |
| IRL | -56.989026 | -75.530443; -36.922869 |


| ITA | -56.367619 | -75.258674; -36.164513 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| JPN | -12.53543 | -20.021709 ; -6.4877689 |
| KAZ | -13.365741 | -21.384641; -6.900726 |
| KGZ | -14.023755 | -22.352728; -7.2722738 |
| KOR | -12.683309 | -20.244172 ; -6.5693772 |
| LAO | -14.001401 | -22.37957 ; -7.2357316 |
| LCA | -12.133397 | -19.380671 ; -6.2797236 |
| LKA | -9.2882744 | -15.12359 ; -4.6984318 |
| LSO | -12.44861 | -19.896269 ; -6.4387011 |
| LVA | -57.092083 | -75.795107; -36.916038 |
| MAR | -17.902859 | -28.196858 ; -9.4023111 |
| MDA | -18.178676 | -28.512198; -9.5963761 |
| MLI | -16.295407 | -25.828272 ; -8.4982992 |
| MLT | -61.731582 | -79.680886 ; -41.325191 |
| MNG | -13.868 | -22.083832; -7.2010727 |
| MUS | -10.959732 | -17.80314; -5.5543031 |
| MYS | -8.9710652 | -14.530994; -4.5653824 |
| NAM | -12.303535 | -19.675957 ; -6.3582293 |
| NOR | -57.036809 | -75.807665 ; -36.798846 |
| NZL | -12.44752 | -19.847343; -6.45598 |
| OMN | -9.8264497 | -15.875409; -5.0171972 |
| POL | -55.381416 | -74.505889 ; -35.174302 |
| PRT | -56.005923 | -74.976828 ; -35.803281 |
| QAT | -8.8433444 | -14.342559 ; -4.4951923 |
| RWA | -14.530381 | -23.137768; -7.5379719 |
| SAU | -11.236559 | -18.037834; -5.7814823 |
| SLV | -13.823124 | -21.977784; -7.1918524 |
| SVK | -55.737387 | -74.740306; -35.565752 |
| SVN | -56.110357 | -75.083174; -35.885153 |
| SWE | -55.889335 | -74.907438 ; -35.670025 |
| TUR | -15.540197 | -24.608391; -8.1223866 |
| UKR | -17.152304 | -27.050606 ; -8.9961328 |
| USA | -12.692953 | -20.206669 ; -6.5969183 |
| VNM | -13.548176 | -21.651213; -7.0033285 |
| ZAF | -12.182715 | -19.472896; -6.3005666 |

### 5.3 Robustness tests

Table 10: Robustness tests using cross-sectional data

| Country | $\% \Delta$ Incoming students |  |  |  | $\% \Delta$ Outgoing students |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2015 |  |  | 2014 | 2015 |  |  | 2014 |
|  |  | Colony | Language |  |  | Colony | Language |  |
| ABW | . 33524991 | . 32078722 | . 33286634 | . 42279528 | . 24777869 | . 2355911 | . 24575362 | . 29665398 |
| ARE | . 09453982 | . 15534293 | . 09365599 | . 13915711 | 1.9782452 | 3.1301 | 1.9690733 | 2.4768264 |
| ARM | . 17421536 | . 10501346 | . 17211726 | . 32836729 | . 09664633 | . 0628911 | . 09549044 | . 16571724 |
| AUT | -. 92712042 | -1.0962742 | -. 91996605 | -. 91716961 | -4.2213775 | -4.991615 | -4.1883102 | -4.3118861 |
| AZE | . 23318882 | . 03149323 | . 2291318 | . 44030983 | . 00766526 | . 0009827 | . 0075496 | . 02181608 |
| BEL | -3.1057129 | -3.1159517 | -3.068977 | -3.135587 | -5.3862285 | -5.082142 | -5.3022188 | -5.693105 |
| BEN | -. 2699047 | -. 56727595 | -. 26658687 | -. 20523473 | -. 07904819 | -. 1615737 | -. 07800662 | -. 06776681 |
| BGR | -8.0437863 | $-7.8367501$ | $-7.9887029$ | -8.6407139 | $-2.2746263$ | -2.68182 | $-2.2553318$ | -2.3148759 |
| BHR | 1.7726016 | 2.8392464 | 1.7633596 | 2.1964231 | . 29765495 | . 4610744 | . 29514881 | . 43280543 |
| BIH | . 27516314 | . 06771333 | . 27410973 | . 35345285 | . 28765891 | . 0707029 | . 28652796 | . 39061004 |
| BMU | 2.0923832 | 2.7813312 | 2.0733665 | 2.5009814 | . 01599406 | . 0202386 | . 01564395 | . 0202131 |
| BRA | . 46901063 | . 34499718 | . 46470483 | . 60041053 | . 18906359 | . 1353795 | . 18764541 | . 25721203 |
| BRN | 1.392858 | 2.0842427 | 1.3889831 | 1.8089957 | . 0531529 | . 0841736 | . 05267844 | . 05845336 |
| BWA | 1.9829046 | 2.564836 | 1.9705436 | 2.49388 | . 9738198 | 1.22349 | . 96536757 | 1.0679994 |
| CAN | .45098605 | . 53471877 | . 44657008 | . 55081988 | . 6725457 | . 8048056 | . 66669254 | . 84345306 |
| CHE | -1.367306 | -1.4495995 | $-1.3536308$ | -1.3590881 | -4.6261016 | -4.254381 | -4.5487914 | -4.8934657 |
| CHL | . 39725934 | . 34163378 | . 39298818 | . 50090748 | . 22130867 | . 1842622 | . 21899933 | . 28074632 |
| CIV | -. 26228487 | -. 57905479 | -. 25921195 | -. 19411221 | -. 05921431 | -. 1284561 | -. 0584563 | -. 04386071 |
| COL | . 54768351 | . 50184147 | . 54230614 | . 69108331 | . 1888062 | . 1675972 | . 1870755 | . 22010057 |
| CPV | . 72913189 | . 56349284 | . 72548246 | . 94208383 | . 02495314 | . 0187215 | . 02473907 | . 02940984 |
| CZE | -1.8744232 | -2.1818849 | -1.8628345 | -1.8515567 | -6.2791621 | -7.366658 | -6.2693367 | -6.5377742 |
| DEU | -4.4038559 | -4.6726188 | -4.3783816 | -4.8472331 | -5.3000418 | -5.590878 | -5.2689561 | -5.0742163 |
| DNK | -2.107002 | -2.3815809 | -2.0907402 | -2.3224688 | -10.160607 | -10.27453 | -10.125047 | -10.393866 |
| DOM | . 31357135 | . 23007119 | . 31033287 | . 37586231 | . 30439482 | . 2231134 | . 30125059 | . 38265881 |
| EST | -5.7120225 | -6.8202114 | -5.676338 | -6.0858833 | -3.9281583 | -4.636747 | -3.9007801 | -3.7519841 |
| FIN | -3.4935697 | -5.2420495 | -3.4513008 | -3.4586047 | -3.4128441 | -5.085567 | -3.3718805 | -3.3872971 |
| FRA | -5.1198995 | -4.6499873 | -5.0941464 | -5.1718353 | $-7.3775705$ | -6.327498 | -7.3393406 | -7.2956613 |
| GBR | -3.091776 | -3.7733197 | -3.0722546 | $-2.9144673$ | -33.446747 | -36.92989 | -33.233578 | -32.374463 |
| GHA | 3.0794578 | 3.9569007 | 3.058985 | 3.6099147 | 1.0790512 | 1.329326 | 1.0691711 | 1.3116575 |


| HND | .41027341 | .38622897 | .40651421 | .49359556 | .22195116 | .2030066 | .21980869 | .28275241 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| HRV | -6.4862046 | -7.7282337 | -6.4527758 | -6.7082074 | -2.750233 | -3.227364 | -2.7309321 | -2.7224401 |
| HUN | -3.3371893 | -3.9501911 | -3.3191126 | -3.2285002 | -4.635153 | -5.534985 | -4.6146609 | -4.8506727 |
| IND | 4.318696 | 5.519303 | 4.2816443 | 4.9571209 | .67545765 | .7963035 | .6691231 | .87116836 |
| IRL | 7.4634653 | 6.6035135 | 7.4152493 | 8.5750182 | 6.2169906 | 4.957113 | 6.1818197 | 6.396993 |
| ITA | -7.1056003 | -7.0394811 | -7.0693231 | -7.1563914 | -3.4026479 | -3.592978 | -3.3817665 | -3.6891819 |
| JPN | .06716499 | .01824533 | .06576635 | .11527978 | .10268713 | .0271801 | .10045674 | .12643281 |
| KAZ | -.03290063 | -.22098281 | -.03579185 | .09096123 | -.01020331 | -.0635063 | -.01112903 | .02870281 |
| KGZ | -.01309796 | -.07913389 | -.01417499 | .03362288 | -.02186352 | -.1352168 | -.02366218 | .05319174 |
| KOR | .20404808 | .0032402 | .19887543 | .3548816 | .0038301 | .0000706 | .00374447 | .00566045 |
| LAO | -.1589763 | -.34937069 | -.16042378 | -.12430461 | -.08542063 | -.188537 | -.08624956 | -.07424714 |
| LCA | 1.66568 | 2.1887589 | 1.6540647 | 1.9335131 | .96083367 | 1.248828 | .95117107 | 1.1975045 |
| LKA | 1.7856664 | 2.7619777 | 1.7721476 | 2.3381323 | .16360267 | .2505618 | .16265467 | .20181359 |
| LSO | 2.47131 | 3.1968284 | 2.4561749 | 3.0213156 | .41992054 | .5247481 | .41425936 | .47577888 |
| LVA | -6.1685256 | -6.6818267 | -6.1321135 | -6.8183558 | -4.8105957 | -5.266708 | -4.7797732 | -4.4797486 |
| MAR | -.1868878 | -.59418577 | -.17658268 | -.11926857 | -.02195366 | -.0660525 | -.02074558 | -.01342738 |
| MDA | .47310716 | .29211653 | .47043882 | .72468345 | .07911578 | .0463492 | .07885492 | .09339976 |
| SUR | .75156652 | .77624981 | .74667602 | 1.1531073 | .42716402 | .4462075 | .42504915 | .49280725 |


| UKR | .23985304 | -.06997359 | .24210779 | .45201707 | .07193113 | -.0199412 | .07282189 | .19987829 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| USA | .21643009 | .24045281 | .21452005 | .26495225 | 3.0277671 | 3.492994 | 3.010369 | 3.6828123 |
| VNM | -.32560264 | -.78816372 | -.32842622 | -.23888198 | -.0197122 | -.0457736 | -.01994641 | -.01889085 |
| ZAF | 1.2268871 | 1.5329872 | 1.2168123 | 1.4435256 | 1.8960395 | 2.382285 | 1.8830491 | 2.2932032 |

Table 11: Robustness tests using cross-sectional data (cont'd)

| Country | $\% \Delta$ Incoming students | $\% \Delta$ Outgoing students |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Controlling for $E U_{d}$ and $E U_{o}$ |  |  |
| ABW | .38999683 | . 28279494 |
| ARE | . 09091001 | 2.0222228 |
| ARM | . 2440619 | . 13133067 |
| AUT | -. 95951603 | -4.3002011 |
| AZE | . 35362839 | . 01085424 |
| BEL | -3.1686849 | -5.4044769 |
| BEN | -. 16996645 | -. 04802767 |
| BGR | -7.8094442 | -2.2760222 |
| BHR | 1.8277068 | . 28674865 |
| BIH | . 42218049 | .44167465 |
| BMU | 2.1414806 | . 01460472 |
| BRA | . 57620811 | . 22606886 |
| BRN | 1.4251067 | . 04909289 |
| BWA | 2.0750967 | . 99496349 |
| CAN | . 46876731 | .70050178 |
| CHE | -1.4050789 | -4.6302706 |
| CHL | . 46849577 | .25450783 |
| CIV | -. 16309704 | -. 0354445 |
| COL | . 63387798 | .21027613 |
| CPV | . 89123638 | . 02777417 |
| CZE | -1.9312391 | -6.3902793 |
| DEU | -4.5395007 | -5.4441314 |
| DNK | -2.1668335 | -10.171759 |
| DOM | . 37341962 | . 36200831 |
| EST | -5.6655267 | -3.9239528 |
| FIN | -3.5193331 | -3.4392017 |
| FRA | -5.2263031 | -7.4500621 |
| GBR | -3.2703099 | -33.558605 |
| GHA | 3.2395232 | 1.0992637 |
| HND | . 46916035 | . 24749778 |
| HRV | -6.4731051 | -2.7878883 |
| HUN | -3.3722952 | -4.6590841 |


| IND | 4.508147 | . 6823503 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| IRL | 7.4087973 | 6.1771811 |
| ITA | -7.0821213 | -3.4529328 |
| JPN | . 08853547 | . 13805676 |
| KAZ | . 02165758 | . 00655292 |
| KGZ | . 00701025 | . 01185863 |
| KOR | . 29314577 | . 0049582 |
| LAO | -. 12564393 | -. 06602295 |
| LCA | 1.7411593 | . 97504144 |
| LKA | 1.8531849 | . 15673636 |
| LSO | 2.5897667 | . 41182352 |
| LVA | -6.1073991 | -4.791311 |
| MAR | . 00654463 | . 00075596 |
| MDA | . 6413614 | . 10344291 |
| MLI | -. 02788405 | -. 00640759 |
| MLT | -20.426247 | -11.953766 |
| MNG | . 19258262 | . 04229401 |
| MUS | 2.9207184 | . 15053194 |
| MYS | 1.8874228 | . 17486452 |
| NAM | . 65527321 | . 24562751 |
| NOR | -9.4027923 | -3.2396132 |
| NZL | . 06673752 | 2.7425656 |
| OMN | . 08980191 | . 01035818 |
| POL | -3.7812095 | -5.2129856 |
| PRT | -6.5023077 | -6.9845347 |
| QAT | 1.5336367 | . 27187789 |
| RWA | . 60060788 | . 17681425 |
| SAU | . 22175631 | . 01219956 |
| SLV | . 48843656 | . 20742806 |
| SVK | -5.845403 | -1.1024358 |
| SVN | -4.1387468 | -3.5362605 |
| SWE | -4.4176248 | -3.605624 |
| TUR | . 88851124 | . 50135471 |
| UKR | . 41941679 | . 124793 |
| USA | . 21813866 | 3.1207754 |
| VNM | -. 25076776 | -. 01413383 |

### 5.4 Other

Figure 13: Log total number of students in EU from 2003 to 2019



[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Information on this can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/healthcare-immigration-application/how-much-pay.

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ We include Switzerland as an EEA member because Switzerland and EU members signed the so-called "Agreement on the Free Movement of Person" that allows movement. For more details see https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/themen/fza_schweiz-eu-efta.html.

[^2]:    ${ }^{3}$ Logged migration costs are zero when students study in $o, m_{o o}=1$. This is in line with Sirries' (2016) structural migration model.

[^3]:    ${ }^{4}$ That is, while keeping the demand for students exogenous to the model. We feel that, at least in the short run, this is a reasonable assumption.
    ${ }^{5}$ Although $S_{o d}$ should be the gross flow of international students sticking to Anderson's (2011) notation, we use the stock of international students. The reason is that, to our knowledge, data on the gross flow of international students in this capacity is not available. According to Beine et al. (2016), variations of stocks (first differences) as a second-best option can lead to imprecise and negative values. This would give us net in- and outflows rather than the gross value of foreign student immigration and emigration for a certain time period. For example, let five students immigrate to the UK to study. At the same time, six students finish their studies and move back to their origin. The net immigration flow will then be negative rather than the actual gross immigration of five foreign students. For international students' typically short duration of stay, we therefore choose the stock of international students as a proxy for the gross flow (OECD, 2011). Thus, one can think of the stock of foreign students as a flow that completely depreciates once students graduate and inevitably, one which can span multiple time periods.

[^4]:    ${ }^{6}$ The structural gravity framework in this paper is equivalent to Anderson's (2011) migration model when risk aversion is set to be 2 .
    ${ }^{7}$ Neither Anderson's (2011) migration gravity model nor the translated student migration model applied in this paper include the countries' counterfactual international connectivity or political orientation. This only serves as further intuition about the mechanisms behind the results presented in this paper.
    ${ }^{8}$ Although originally introduced by Anderson and van Wincoop (2003), Ortega and Peri (2013) adapted the concept of multilateral resistance into a migration context and emphasise the importance of accounting for this effect to avoid estimation biases. The international trade literature employs a similar fixed effects approach to properly control for multilateral resistance (Fally, 2015; Olivero and Yotov, 2012).

[^5]:    ${ }^{9}$ Migration costs are symmetric for computational ease and efficiency (Baier et al., 2019).
    ${ }^{10}$ Sirries (2016) applies a similar approach to this estimating conditional general equilibrium migration effects for Turkey entering the EU. The effect is also measured as a migration cost change that impacts the multilateral resistances.

[^6]:    ${ }^{11}$ Although this is a restriction to the scope of this analysis, this assumption is not implausible. Appendix Figure 2.13 shows that the total number of students between 2003 and 2019 disperses by at most $12 \%$. In the year after the referendum, the number of total enrollment in the EU changes by less than one percent compared to the previous year (UNESCO Institute for Statistics, UIS). Indeed, total enrollment seems to be rather sticky than quickly evolving. A reason for this could be short-term capacity constraints in universities.
    ${ }^{12}$ Armenia, Aruba, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belgium, Benin, Bermuda, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Czechia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Honduras, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Latvia, Lesotho, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Vietnam

[^7]:    ${ }^{13}$ For example, an origin country that has non-missing student values to a country other than the United Kingdom will be disregarded in favour of obtaining a balanced sample.
    ${ }^{14}$ These cover the academic years from 2015/16 to $2021 / 22$. Whenever a more recent statistic is available, we prefer it over the older one.
    ${ }^{15}$ Note that the analysed 13-year time frame in this paper is well before the COVID-19 pandemic and therefore does not contain any impact it could have had on migration.

[^8]:    ${ }^{16}[\exp (0.603)-1] \cdot 100 \%$
    ${ }^{17}$ Although this seems large, it is comparable with other studies' findings. Abbott and Silles (2016) estimate a $118 \%$ rise using a smaller set of countries and a shorter time frame (from 2005 to 2011). They attribute a large portion of this impact to the European Erasmus programme which makes it considerably easier for students to spend semesters abroad. In actuality, the number of EU students in the UK after Brexit only fell by about $24 \%$ as portrayed in Figure 1a. This is, however, not accounting for any previous drop COVID-19 may have caused and includes all anticipatory migration from the referendum.

[^9]:    ${ }^{18}$ All maps are made with Natural Earth. Free vector and raster map data are at naturalearthdata.com.

[^10]:    ${ }^{19}$ Visit https://www.taith.wales/ or https://www.gov.wales/taith-international-learning-exchange-programme for more details.

[^11]:    ${ }^{20}$ That is, using the same data sources for all characteristics described in Section 2 and applied in the baseline analysis.

[^12]:    ${ }^{21}$ We borrow from Yotov et al.'s (2016) approach to examine the impact of abolishing borders.
    ${ }^{22}$ See Appendix Table 10 for point estimates.

