

Back to the future: the long-term effects of skilled migration on tech-intensive trade

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This paper uses hybrid panel data models to assess the link between Italian mass emigration of the late 19th - early 20th centuries on knowledge-based high-technology manufacturing exports of Italian regions in the 2000s. Our results add to the well-known evidence of migration and trade nexus showing that historical skilled migration exerts a pro-trade effect over the long run. Such an evidence confirms the existence of the so-called information effect of diasporas.