How well does education travel?  
Education and occupation with and without migration  

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Research question

• Transferability of educational credentials within and into the EU
• Measured in terms of occupational outcome relative to non-migrants
• Example of migration to Germany and Austria
• Specifically from Serbia and Turkey, and from Austria and Germany
Expectations

- The higher the education the better the occupational position regardless of where the occupation was obtained.
- Transferability between Austria and Germany greater than between Serbia and Turkey on the one hand and Austria and Germany on the other.
- Higher education less transferable.
Data

- National LFS data from Austria, Germany, Serbia, and Turkey
- Civilian employment (including self-employed)
- Age 15+
- Germany: annual average 2005
- Austria, Turkey: annual average 2007
Occupations: ISCO88 1-digit

- Major group 1: political and economic leadership positions
- Major groups 2 to 9: decreasing levels of expected education
  - 2: scientific occupations
  - ...
  - 9: basic occupations: cleaning etc.
Educational levels

We show three levels:

• **Low**: Up to appx 9 years of schooling
• **Intermediate occupational**: vocational training and education at secondary level in schools and firms
• **Higher**: Tertiary education of some form
• **Due to sample size we do not show intermediate general education**
Low education

Chart showing education levels across different regions:
- DE-DE
- AT-DE
- DE-AT
- AT-AT

Legend:
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 7
- 8
- 6,9
Low education
Intermediate vocational education

DE-DE

AT-DE

DE-AT

AT-AT

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%
Intermediate vocational education
Higher education
Higher education
Low education

Intermediate vocational education

Higher education
Thank you for your attention

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