

Panel III: Transnational Identity and Migration

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Abstract: Brain drain or human capital flight is a term used for the portion of educated individuals with technical skills and knowledge who leave their native country in the hope of finding a better life abroad. Iran has the highest rate of "brain drain" in the world. That's the conclusion of the International Monetary Fund, which recently surveyed some 90 countries. The IMF says every year more than 150,000 educated Iranians leave their home country to find better life opportunity somewhere else.

In this paper I will explore the migration trends, the major causes, as well as the economic costs and benefits associated with this loss of Human capital.