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Managing Migration with Trade Agreements:

The Role of Visa Provisions

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- ④ Liquidity constraints (Meguir et al., 2022)
- ⑤ Individual preferences (risk aversion, patience, information)
- ⑥ **Migration costs** (Bertoli and Fernandez-Huertas 2015, Orefice 2015, and Figuerido et al., 2016)

Less evidence or newer work: ample space for contributions

Avenues to Enhance Contribution

- Construct a panel country measure of RTAs-visa cost reductions
- Test impacts in other outcome variables
- Testing effects of, for example:

cost reduction—> migration—>growth

- **Potential outcomes:**
 - ① Economic growth
 - ② Trade
 - ③ Innovation, Firm Creation
 - ④ Migration (regular and irregular)

On Causality: Possible Confounders

- ① Uncovering a reduction in bilateral costs for human migration alone or coupled with changes in other trade provisions.
- ② Controlling for RTAs **great first step**, but...
- ③ Is having a visa provision correlated with other provisions in the RTAs?
- ④ Related explain clearly what the different types of visa provisions imply

Explore Additional Heterogeneity

For what country pairs are the effects stronger?

- ① North-South is included
- ② Additional possibilities:
 - Demographic gap: younger to older country pairs
 - Time of approval of the RTAs: bonanzas vs. crisis
 - How restrictive were previous migration rules

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