



Circular Migration

## La magie de la migration circulaire Une rare étincelle brillante de l'économie mondiale

Les journalistes de *The Economist* du 19 novembre 2011 étaient 'fatigués' à devoir annoncer et expliquer, semaine après-semaine, la crise financière et économique mondiale. *The Economist* consacre sa une du 19/11 à « **La magie de la migration circulaire massive entre des travailleurs du savoir - Une rare étincelle brillante de l'économie mondiale** »



- **The magic of diasporas.** Immigrant networks are **a rare bright spark in the world economy**. Rich countries should welcome them - <http://www.economist.com/node/21538742>
- **Weaving the world together.** **Mass migration** in the internet age is changing the way that people do business - <http://www.economist.com/node/21538700>

En lisant les articles on pourrait croire que la migration circulaire massive des hauts-diplômes du monde entier serait la solution 'passe-partout' pour tous les maux du monde :

- ✓ le manque de croissance économique mondiale;
- ✓ le développement lent du tiers monde;
- ✓ pas assez d'innovation;
- ✓ trop peu de renouvellement en enseignement;
- ✓ la corruption et le manque de démocratie;
- ✓ le vieillissement de l'Occident;
- ✓ ...

Les messages forts de l'article "**The magic of diasporas**"

- Migration networks have always been a potent economic force.
- Two changes are making them matter much more: (1) they are far bigger than they were; (2) thanks to cheap flights and communications, people can now stay in touch with the places they came from.
- Mass migration has three lucrative virtues: (1) they speed the flow of information across borders; (2) they foster trust (networks of kinship and language make it easier to do business across borders); (3) most important, they create connections that help people with good ideas collaborate with each other (both knowledge and contacts).
- Because migrants see the world through more than one cultural lens, they often spot opportunities invisible to their monocultural neighbours.
- The creativity of migrants is enhanced by their ability to enroll collaborators both far-off and nearby.
- Diaspora ties help businesses as well as scientists to collaborate.
- Modern communications make migration networks an even more powerful tool of business.
- While immigrants make up an eighth of America's population, they founded a quarter of the country's technology and engineering firms.
- Fears that poor countries will suffer as a result of a "brain drain" are overblown. Unless they lose more than 20% of their university graduates, the brain drain makes poor countries richer.
- Government as well as business gains from the spread of ideas through migration networks.
- Few 'circular migrants' call openly for democracy. But they have seen how it works in practice, and they know that many countries that practise it are richer, cleaner and more stable.
- Migration brings youth to ageing countries, and allows ideas to circulate in millions of mobile minds.