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Enhancing the potential benefits of international migration in sending and receiving countries

Lessons from the North African and Turkish experiences

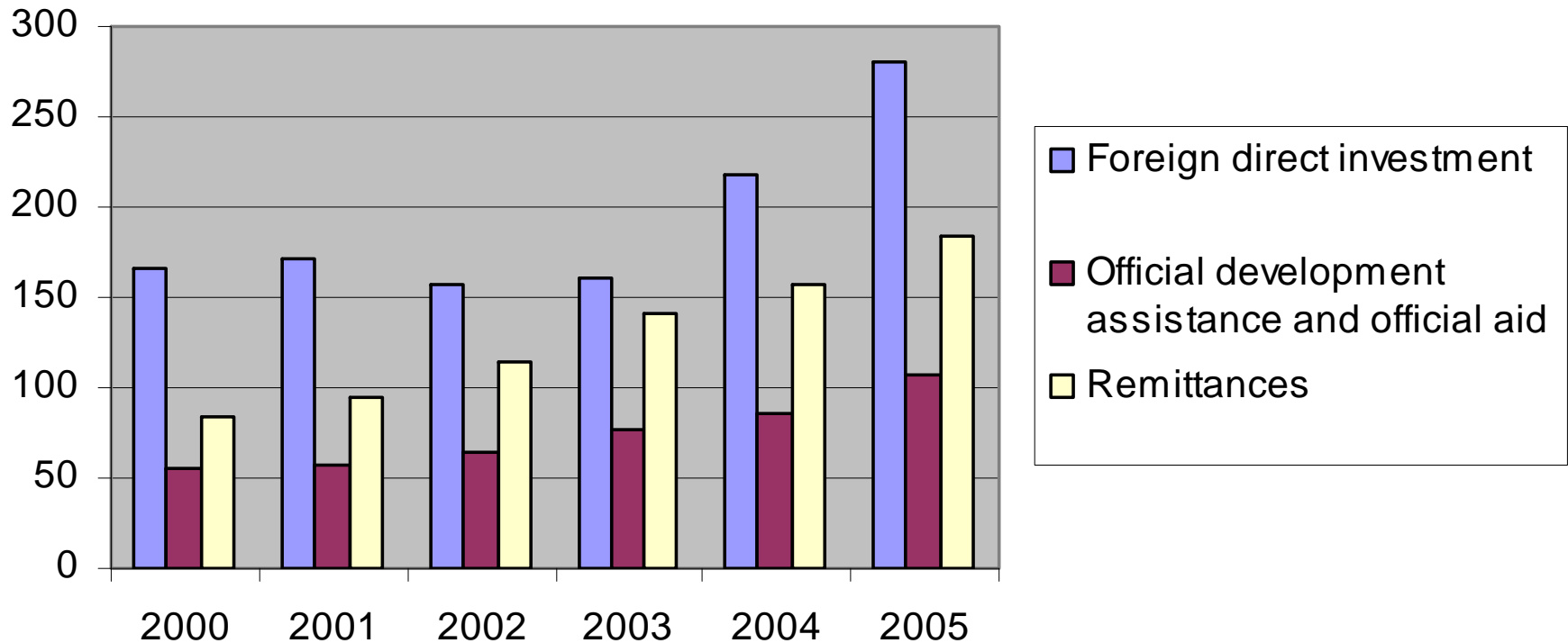
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Migration optimists vs. pessimists

| Migration optimists | | Migration pessimists |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Functionalist | ↔ | Structuralist |
| Neo-classical | ↔ | Neo-Marxist |
| Modernisation | ↔ | Disintegration |
| Net North-South transfer | ↔ | Net South-North transfer |
| Brain gain | ↔ | Brain drain |
| More equality | ↔ | More inequality |
| Remittance investment | ↔ | Consumption |
| Development | ↔ | Dependency |
| Less migration | ↔ | More migration |

Remittances (billion USD)



Social and economic impacts of migration on sending countries

1. The protective dimension: co-insurance and risk spreading
2. Migration, remittances and poverty
3. Migration and inequality
4. Investment vs. consumption debate
5. Migration and regional development
6. Migration, community structures and care arrangements
7. Remittances and human capital formation: brain vs. brain gain
8. Migration and political change
9. Remittances and national growth and development

Migration and development

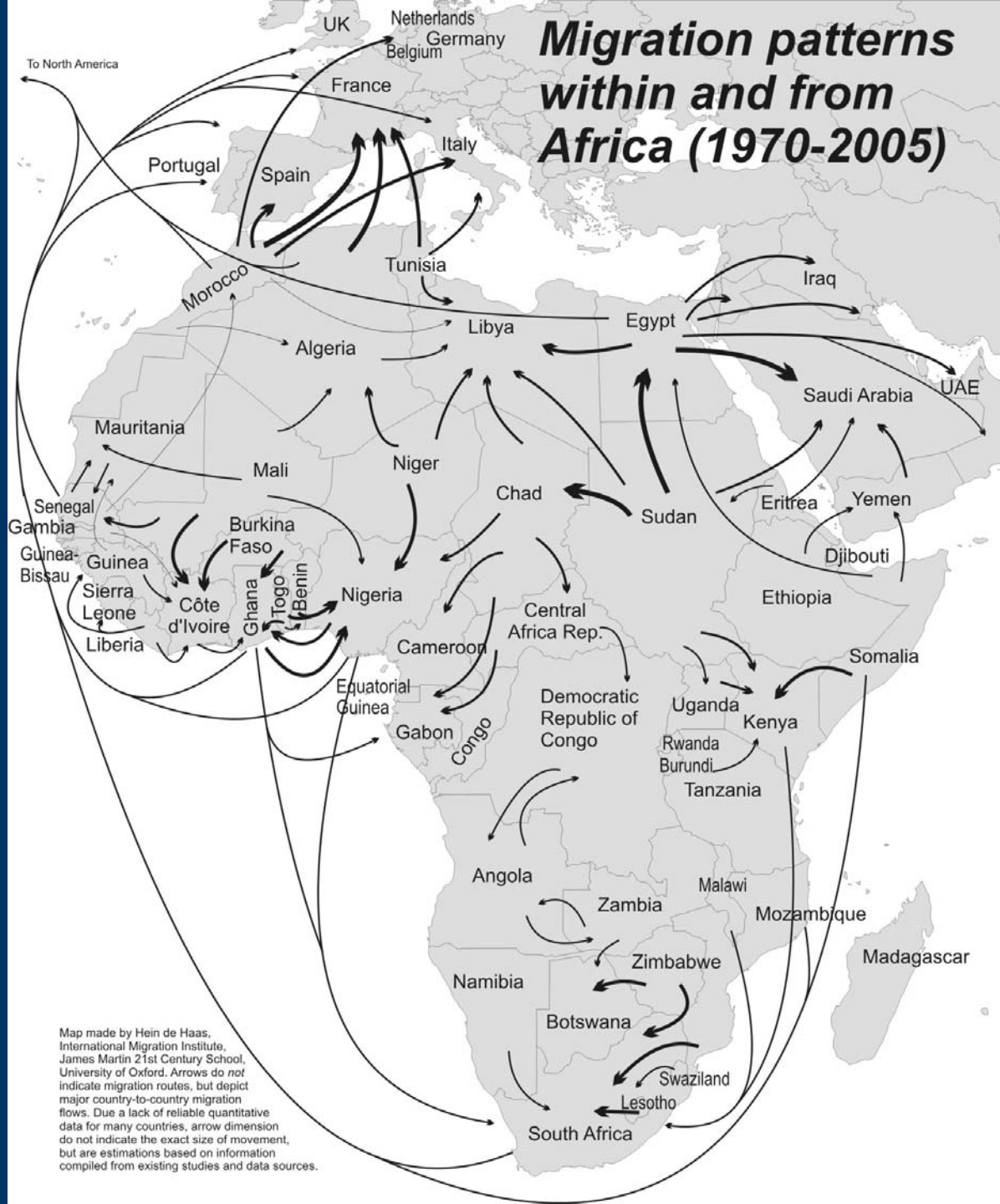
- Understanding *heterogeneity* through bringing in the wider development context and institutional environment.
- *Revisiting causality*. Migrants and remittances can neither be blamed for a lack of development nor be expected to trigger take-off development in generally unattractive investment environments.
- *Paradox*: Rather than a consequence of migration, social, economic and political development in origin countries is a prerequisite for investment and return by migrants
- Less selectivity and access to rights and upward socio-economic mobility of migrants seems to benefit sending countries

A brief Euro-Med migration history

| | |
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| (Post) colonial and post-imperial migration | Immigration to Turkey, migration from Maghreb countries to 'French' Algeria and France |
| The guest-worker boom (1963-1972) | Large-scale labour migration to France, the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany |
| The 1973 Oil Crisis turning point | Interruption circular migration, settlement and family migration to NW Europe; onset of Egyptian migration to the Gulf. |
| The 1991-1992 turning point | Spatial diversification (S Europe and US/Canada) and "irregularization" of migration from N-Africa; persistence of family migration. |
| Since 2000 | Increasing migration from sub-Saharan Africa, Turkey's transition into an immigration country. |

Transformations of African migration to Europe

- 1990s: Increasing trans-Saharan migration to 'pan-African' Libya
- > 2000: Sub-Saharan migrants start to join irregular movement of Maghrebis to Europe.
- > 2005: Increasing migration from West-African coast

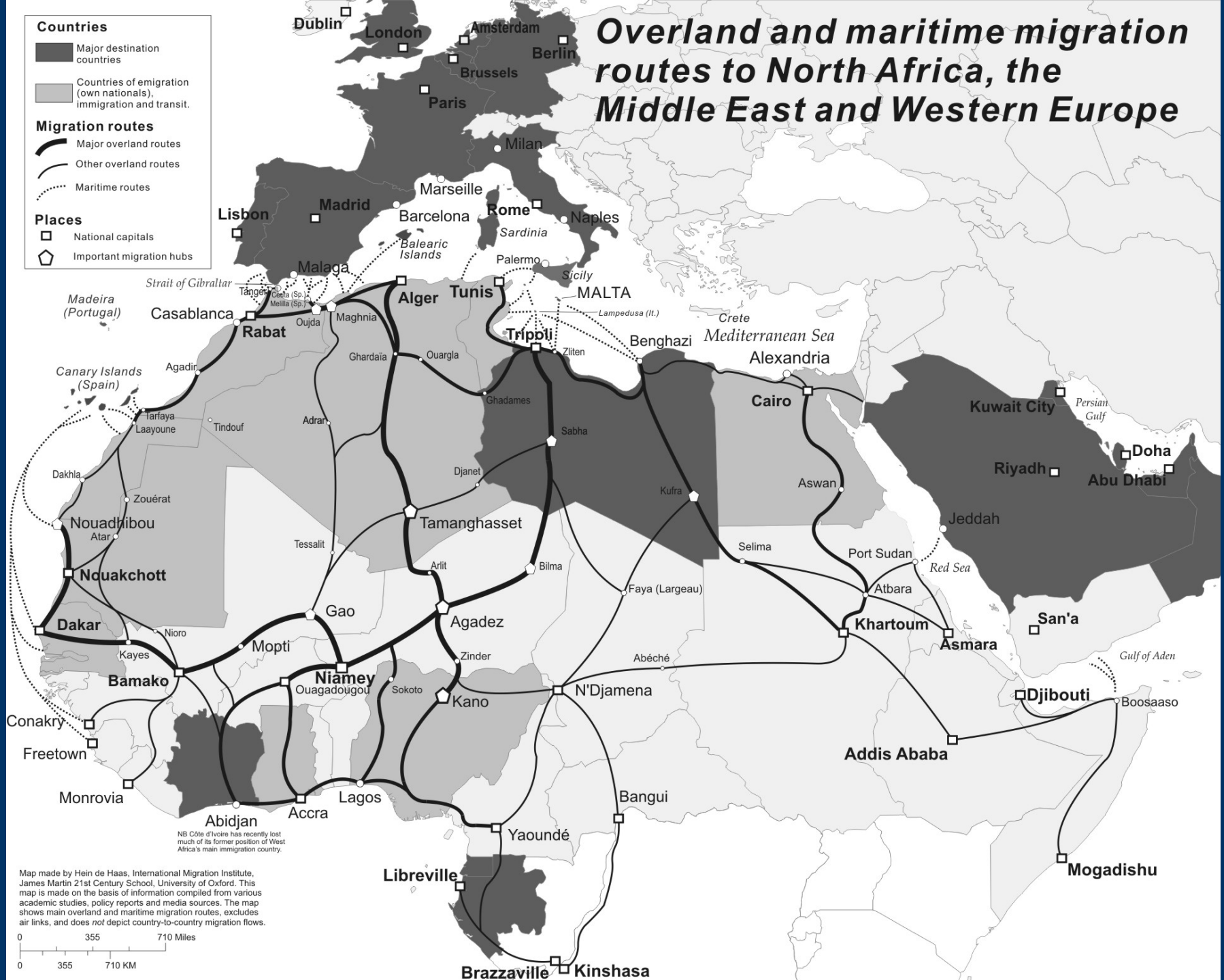






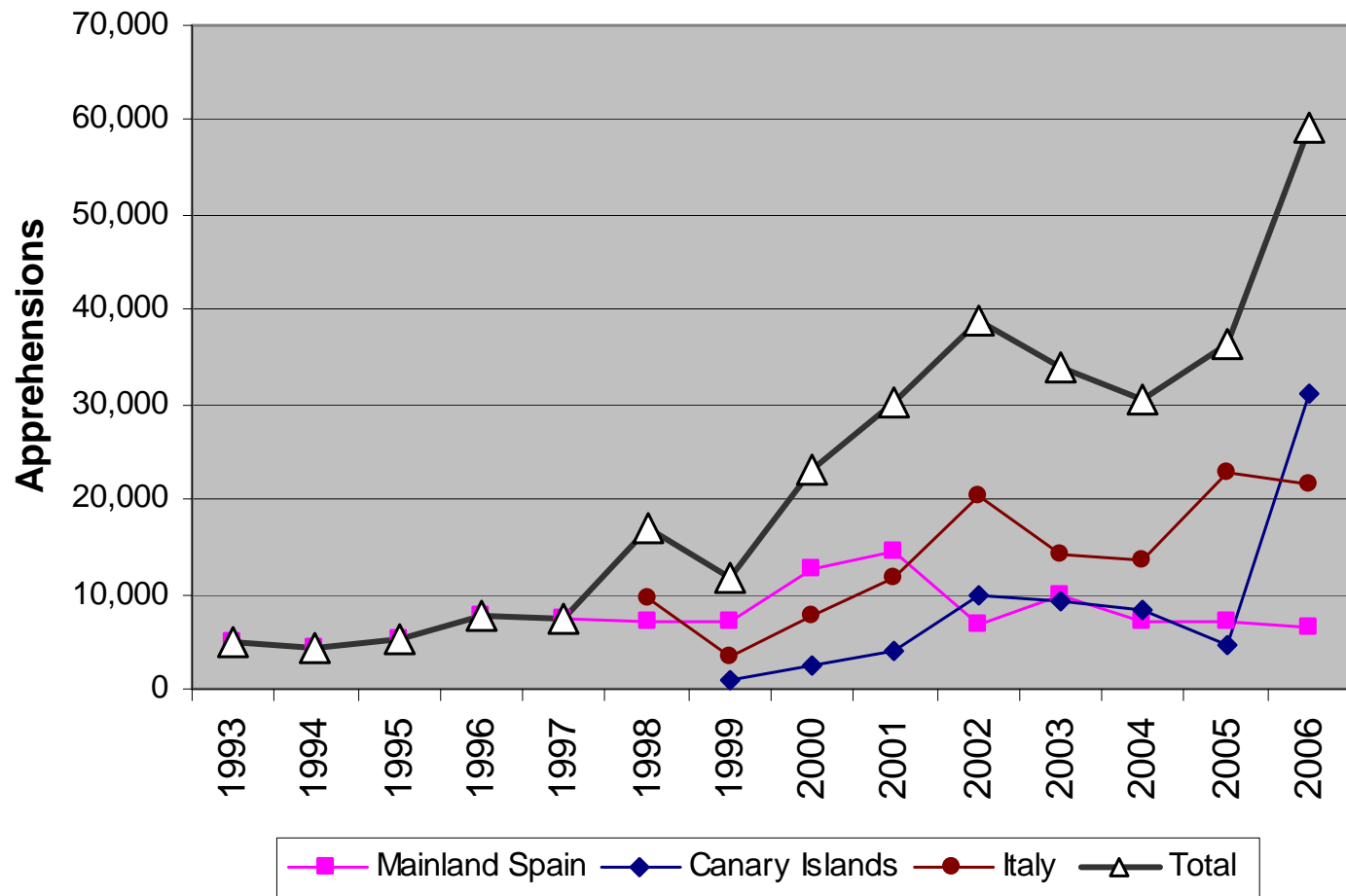


Overland and maritime migration routes to North Africa, the Middle East and Western Europe

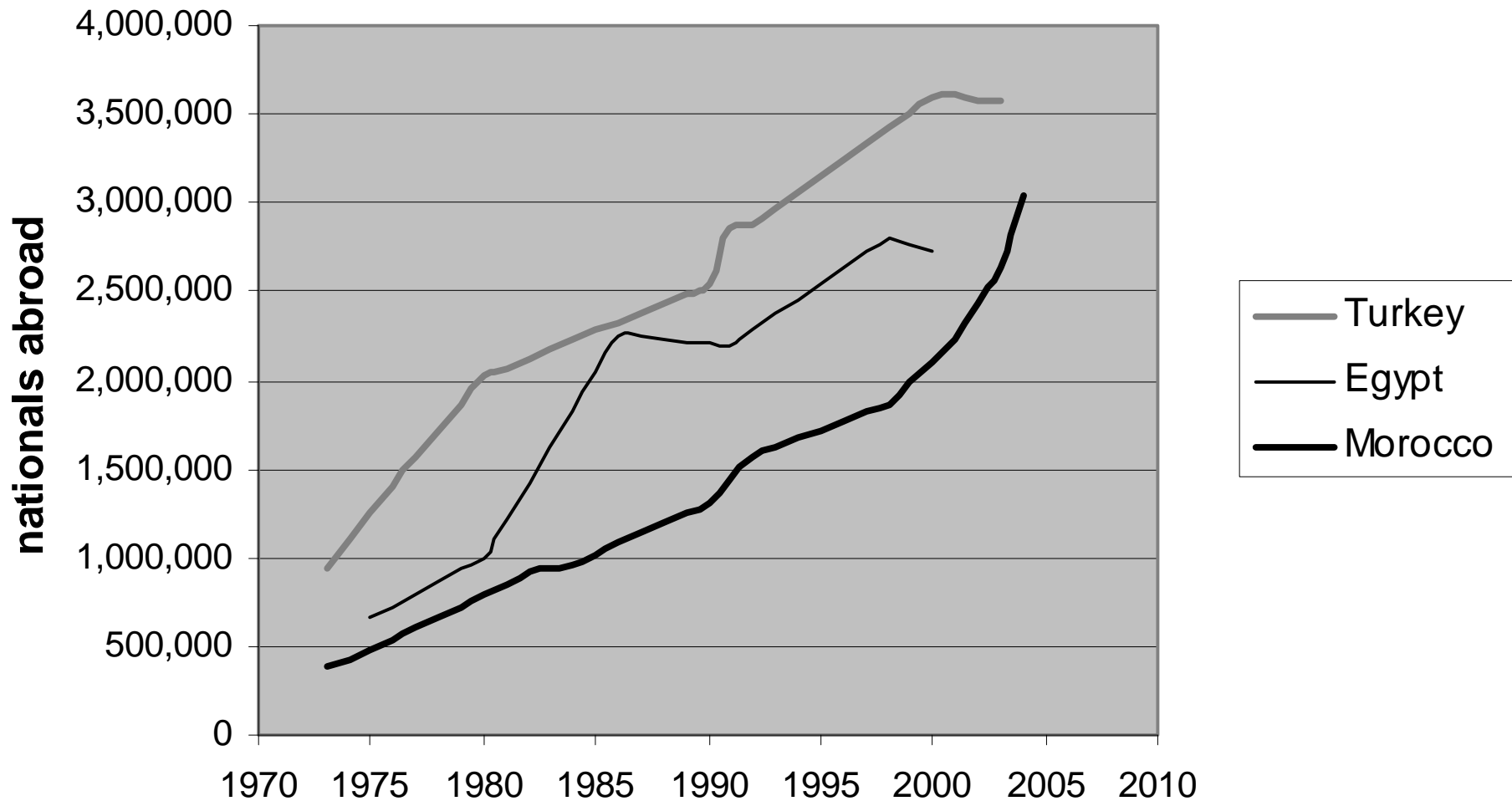




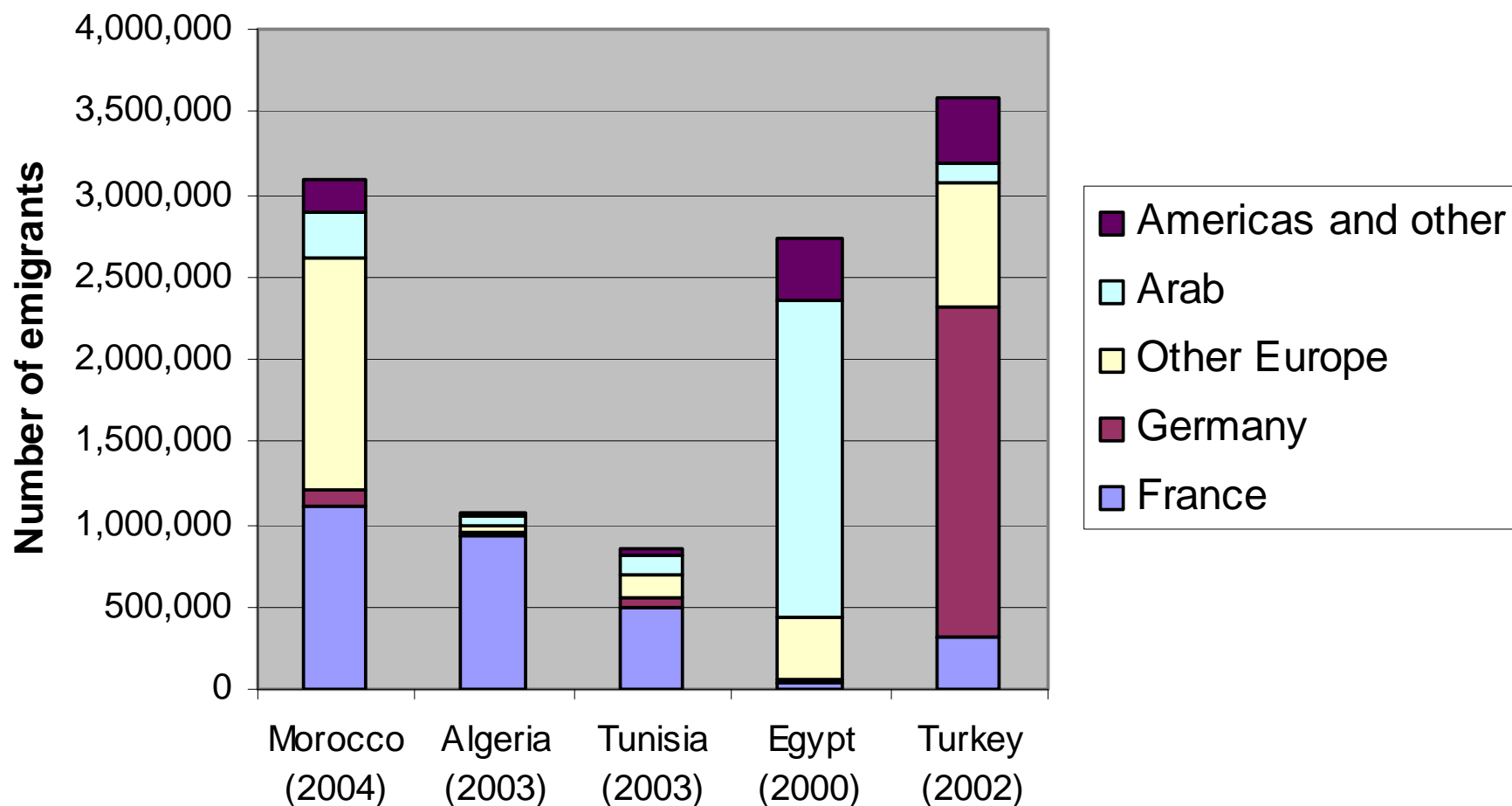
Borders apprehensions in Spain and Italy



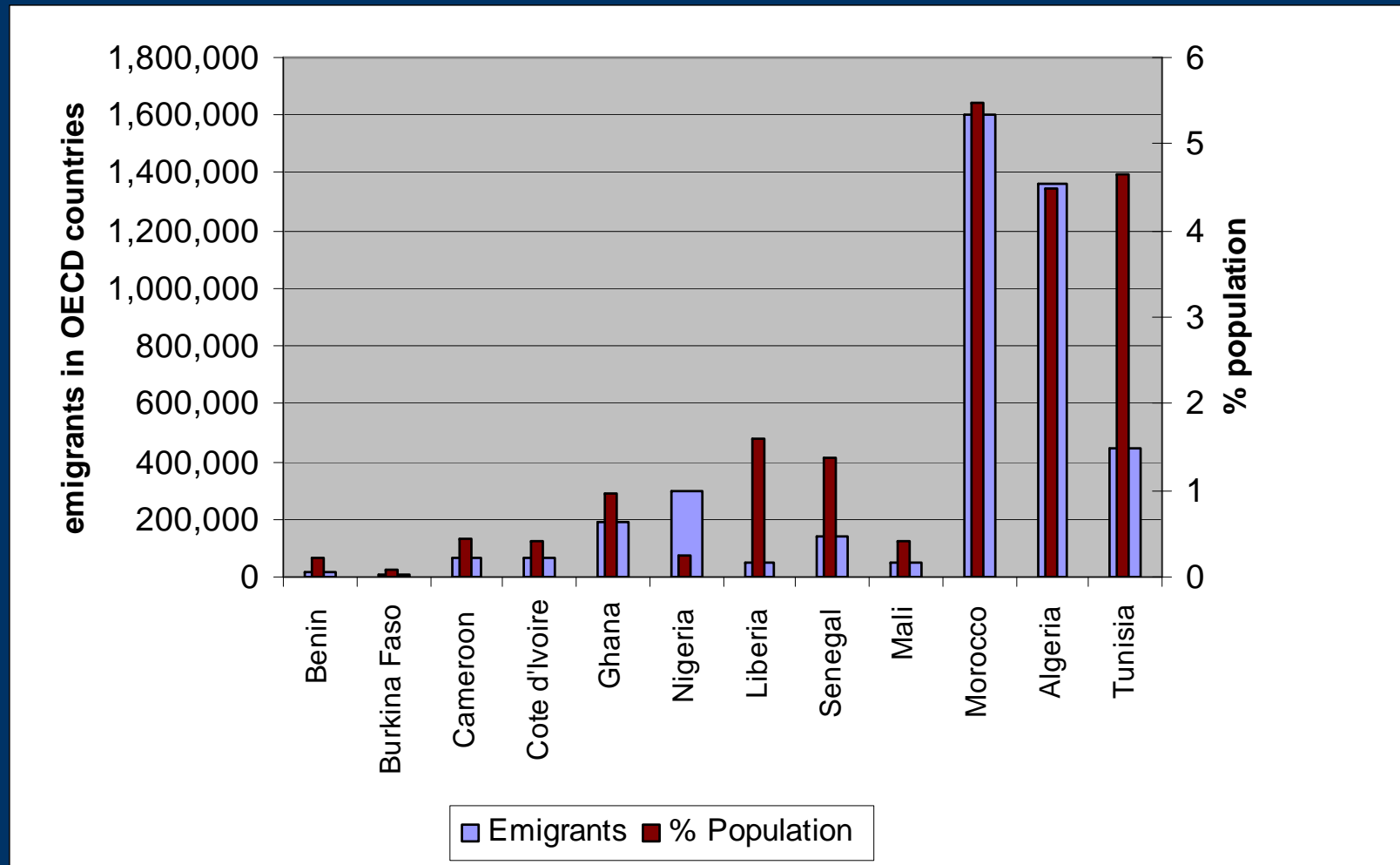
Fortress Europe?



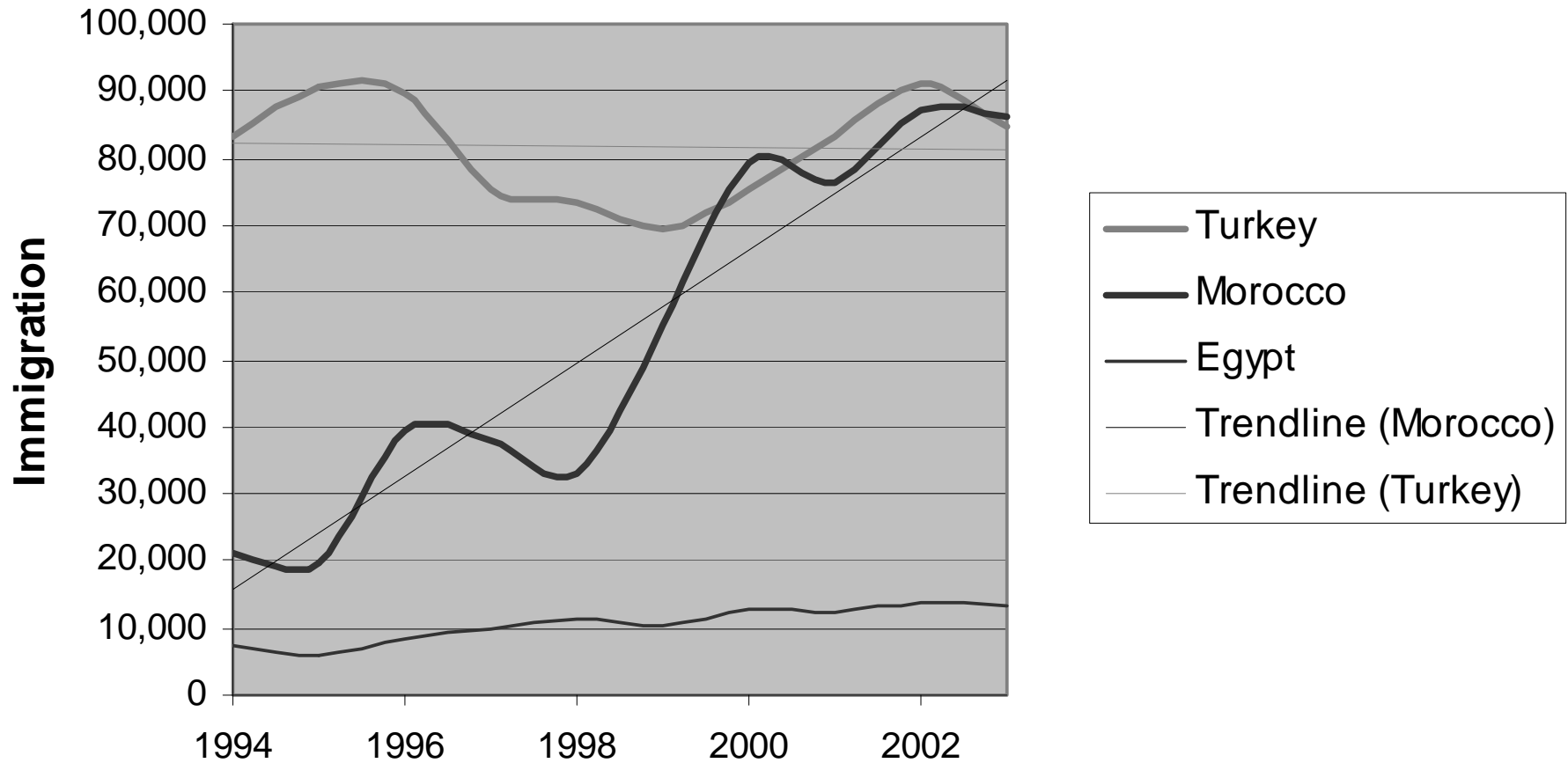
“Emigrants” (nationals) by destination



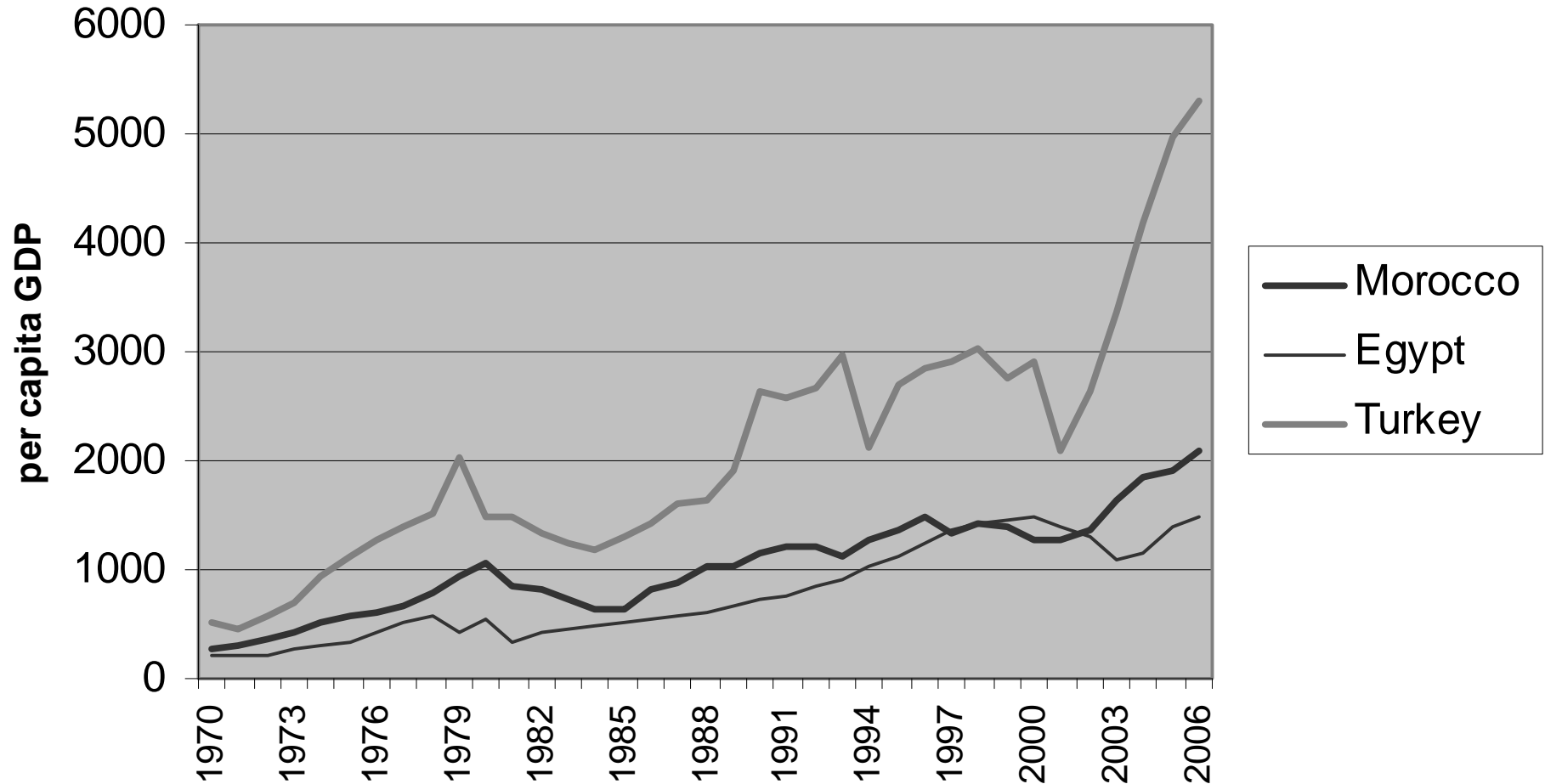
Origins of African migrants in OECD countries



Immigration by Turkish, Moroccan and Egyptian nationals to Germany, France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden, Spain, and Italy



GDP per capita



Policies: Migration as a national development strategy – part I

- Temporary (“guest”) workers were expected to acquire useful skills, money and knowledge abroad, to be deployed after their return
- Shared return expectations among sending and receiving states (tradition of circular migration); integration was often discouraged
- States encouraged migration from particular regions through directing recruiters and selective passport issuance.



Policies: Migration as a national development strategy >1973

- Policies to encourage return migration (France, Netherlands, Germany) and migrant investments (Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey) largely failed
- Unfavourable conditions in sending countries and restrictive immigration policies interrupted circular migration to a certain extent → settlement and family migration.
- *Receiving states*: Immigration restrictions; growing concern on integration.
- *Sending states*: Return migration and development deception → increasing emphasis on remittances as a source of foreign currency and migration as a tool for reducing unemployment (and discontent) and poverty.

Policies: Migration as a national development strategy >1990

- Until 1980s : Focus on control of emigration populations, integration-prevention and remittances facilitation.
- Since 1990s: Rethinking of repressive policies, which alienated the emigrant populations, coinciding with domestic political reform (Morocco and Turkey) → “courting the Diaspora”
- European governments saw integration-discouraging policies as running counter to their own integration policies.
- Sending countries: Changing attitude towards double citizenship and integration; but continuous opposition against assimilation

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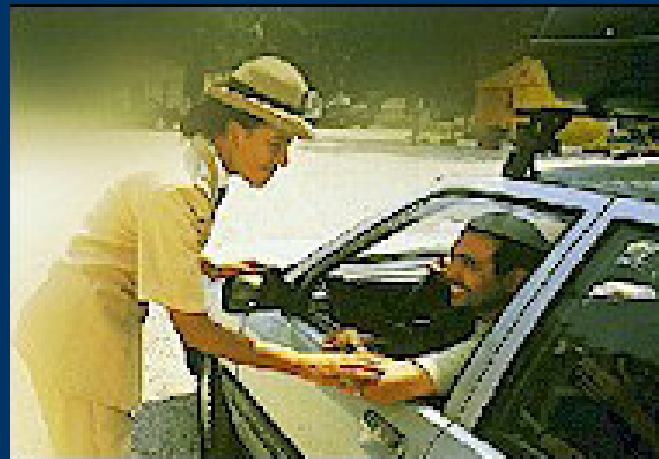
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Opération transit



The King welcoming migrants



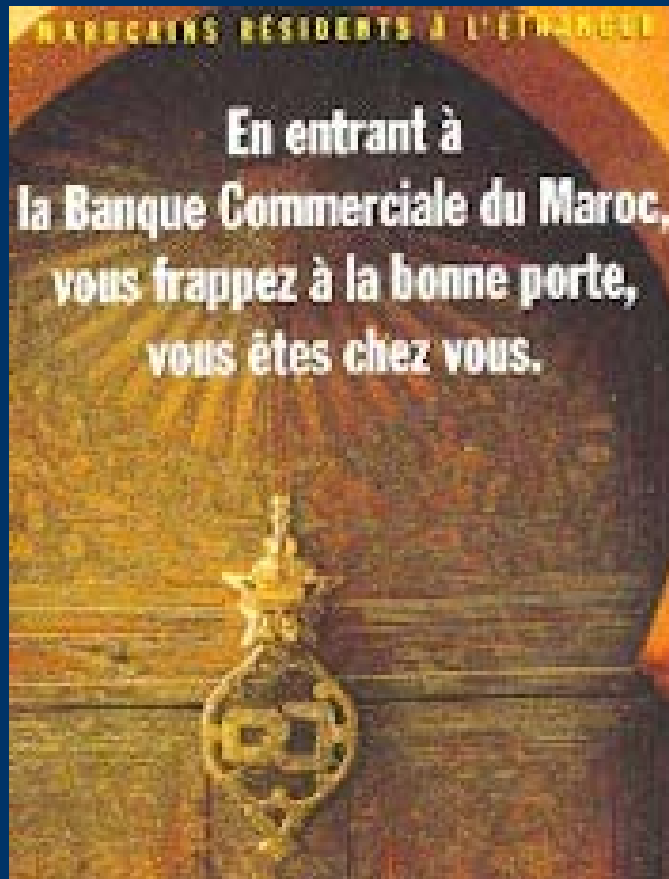
Citoyens Marocains du Monde



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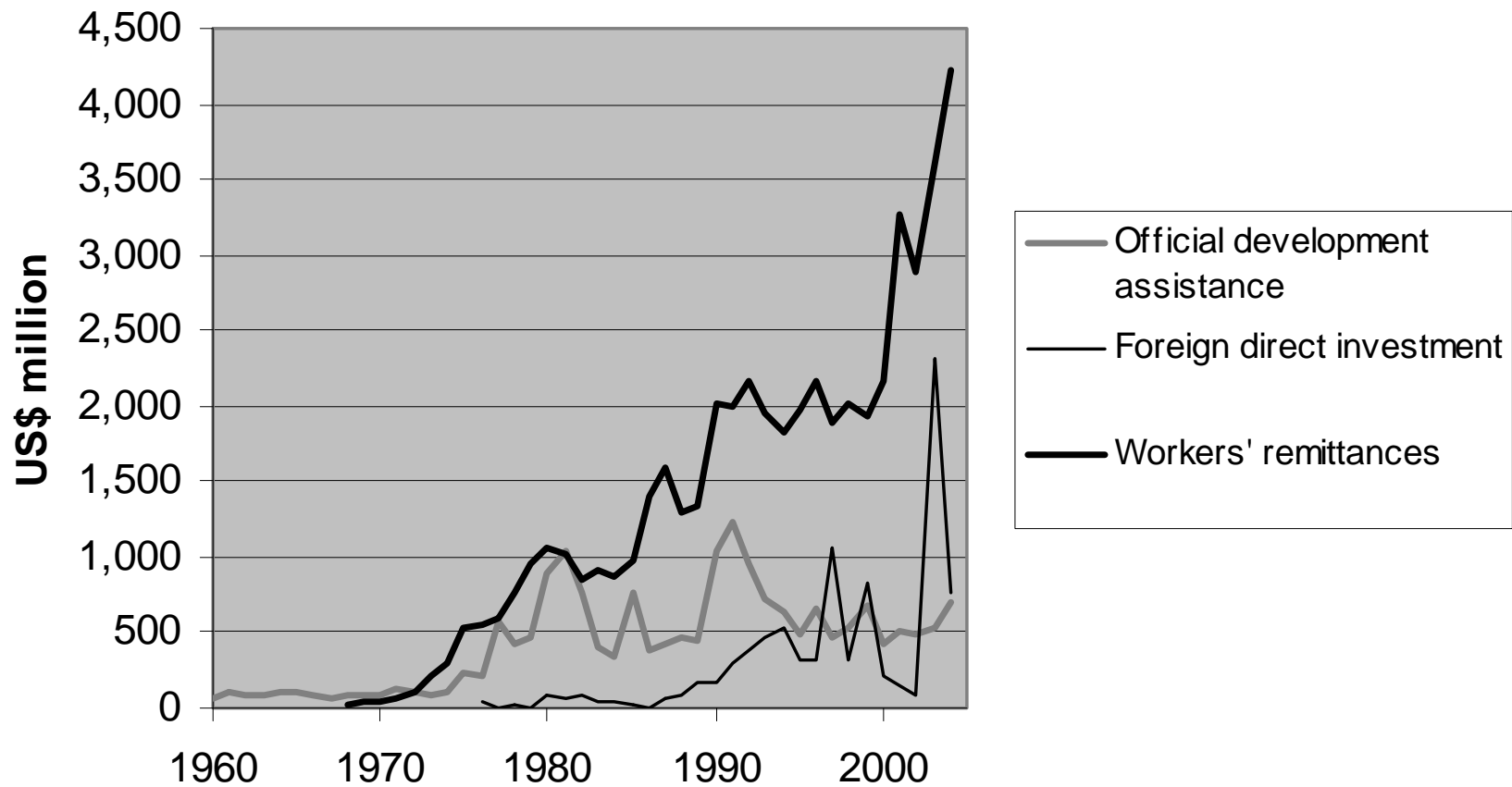


Financial products for migrants and investment centres



مجموعة البنوك الشعبية
groupe banques populaires

Morocco's remittance boom



Migration and development trends >1990

| | Morocco | Turkey |
|------------------------------|--|---|
| General | Partial political liberalisation, investment obstacles persist | <i>Acquis communautaire</i> , economic boom, increasing political trust |
| Migration | Persistence and diversification | Migration transition? Decreasing emigration, increasing immigration |
| Remittances | Surge | Steep decline |
| Migrants' investments | Certain increase, but limited | Increasing transnational economic and political entrepreneurship |



Enhancing the benefits and minimising the costs of migration: policy options

- The narrow margins of remittance and “Diaspora” policies
- *Lessons for sending countries:* creating attractive development / investment environments instead of preventing migrants from leaving
- *Lessons for receiving countries:* recognising and accommodating to the need for skilled *and* unskilled migrant labour instead of “combating” irregular immigration.



Temporary/circular migration: old wine in new bottles?

- Re-invention of circular migration as a win-win-win strategy
- Danger of renewed guest-worker illusions
 - Enforcement of “revolving door” policies is extremely difficult
 - Deny demand for informal labour.
 - Migrants with less rights are less likely to contribute positively to development in sending and receiving countries
 - Are temporary migrants better “development actors”? (remit more?)

Logistic regression predicting odds of remitting money (all respondents)

Estimated odds ratio

(Constant) **0.019**

Background

Age **1.257**

SQ Age **0.997**

Sex **0.513**

Born in the Netherlands 1.077

Years in the Netherlands -

SQ years in the Netherlands -

Household size 0.871

Children at home 1.664

Family in Morocco **3.382**

Education

No or primary education Reference

Lower vocational **3.200**

Middle vocational **3.731**

Generally secondary 2.148

Higher vocational **4.197**

University **5.077**

Occupation

Housewife/man or other Reference

Student or enrolled at school 0.426

Retirement or pre-retirement 2.616

Unemployed 0.663

Unable to work 1.336

Working 1.285

Income

< € 460 Reference

€ 460-850 0.891

€ 850-1300 0.697

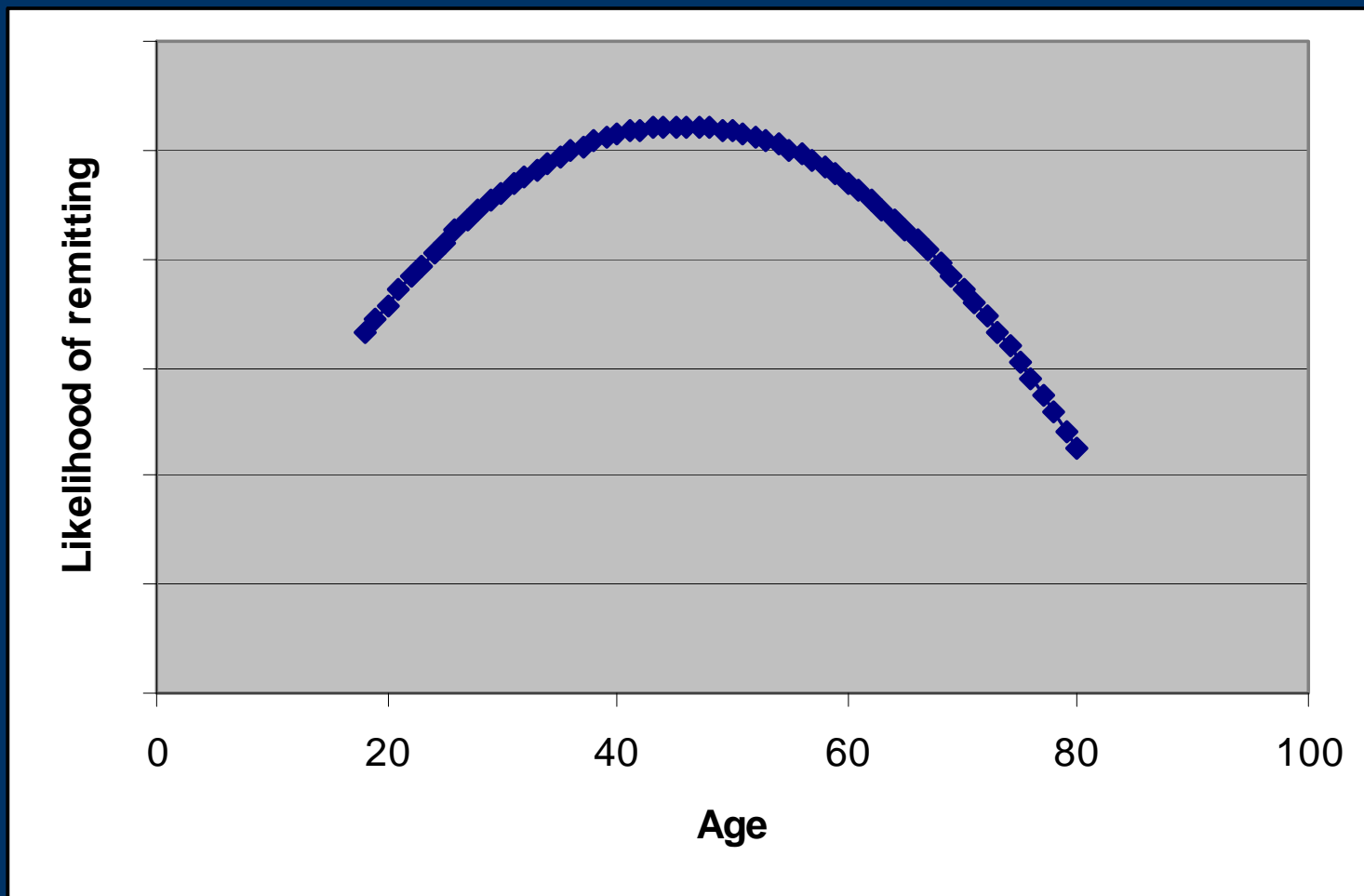
€ 1300-1750 0.651

€ 1750-2500 0.732

€ 2500-3500 0.542

> € 3500 0.949

Odds of remitting money with age (all other variables held constant) among Dutch Moroccans



Policy options

- Managing migration: Create more legal channels for (unskilled) immigration to decrease illegality and “brain waste”?
- Avoid re-creating “guest-worker” illusions by accepting that a substantial number of migrants will settle –
- De-link development from return (transnational perspective)
- Looking beyond migration policies
- Rights: Increasing liberty of movement for migrant workers and optimising (phased) access to rights.





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