

In Foreign Lands: the Migration of Scientists for Political or Economic

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Many mathematicians, and scientists in general, have worked extensively in countries other than those of their origin. The reasons may have been, in different periods, political or economic. The lack of suitable employment opportunities in their countries, the adverse political systems and wars have often led to the migration of scientists who played an important role in spreading scientific knowledge. This phenomenon is recurrent in past centuries. The symposium aims to analyse, starting from particular cases, the situations that, in many cases, have changed the scientific landscape, the tradition and very future of studies and research.

Symposium contributions will concern, in particular: Euler, Lagrange and Boscovich's scientific biographies, migrations of scientists from France, Spain and Greece to Russia in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, and from Russia to France in the twentieth century, exiles from Italy before the Italian Risorgimento, migrations inside Europe and the escape of mathematicians from Nazi Europe, between the two World Wars, and the mobility of experts around the world.

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