

**Segmentation by skills and wage discrimination
in a trans-border labor market**

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The restrictive regulation imposed on immigrant workers on the Swiss labor market has been the subject of various recent studies [5] [18] [7]. This interest is among else due to the change in regulation implied in the bilateral treaties. These treaties significantly liberalize the access of immigrant workers to the Swiss labor market. The present paper models wages in a labor market segmented by skill levels and estimates discrimination against foreign labor force in view of the possible impacts of this regulatory change on a micro level in a typical trans-border labor market, i.e. the Canton Ticino.