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Notes

¹ As of January 2014, there are 38 countries (30 in Europe) eligible for the VWP. See the United States Travel Authorization Application website (www.esta.us) for the current list of eligible countries.

² Jena and Reilly ([2013](#)) and Shih ([2016](#)) study the determinants of demand for UK student visas and the role of H1-B visa on inbound student mobility to the US, respectively.

³ The regression for checking the parallel trends assumption is specified as

where the parameters and variables are defined as in [Equation 1](#). The null hypothesis of similar trend is .

⁴ The results are available upon request. We acknowledge the potential threat to external validity associated with the statistical difference between the treatment and control groups with respect to GDP and population. However, in the context of

Differences in trends between the treatment and control groups addressed is the existence of a common trend in the data. This is not necessarily certain in our case.

⁵ The test results suggest that there is a significant difference between the treatment and control groups upon

⁶ The effect size is small to medium (Cohen's $d = 0.2$ and 0.3) and is in line with previous research (e.g., Meyer ([2010](#))). The real-world implications of these findings from the study of the impact of the VWP on international student mobility (see also Menz ([1998](#))) are

⁷ The results are available upon request. The results are reported,



⁸ However, in contrast to the US case, the UK data are characterized by a large number of missing datapoints.

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