

## **Klaus F. Zimmermann - short bio. June 10, 2026**

President of the Global Labor Organization (GLO)

**Other current positions:** Emeritus Professor at UNU-MERIT; Full Professor Emeritus of Economics at Bonn University; Professor Emeritus, Maastricht University; Honorary Professor: Free University of Berlin, University of Edinburgh, Jinan University (Institute for Economic and Social Research, IESR), Lixin University (Shanghai), and Renmin University of China (Beijing); Member, German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, Regional Science Academy, Academia Europaea (European Academy of Sciences), and Elected Fellow: CORE Academy (Hongkong). Research Fellow of the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) and Fellow of the European Economic Association (EEA). Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Population Economics and of the Springer Nature Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics.

**Education:** Study of Economics and Statistics; Diplom-Volkswirt, Doctor Degree and Habilitation, University of Mannheim.

**Previous positions:** Founding Director, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA); Past-President, German Institute for Economic Research (DIW). Chairman of the Society of the German Economic Research Institutes (ARGE). Co-Director of POP at UNU-MERIT. *University affiliations:* University of Malaya, Macquarie University, University of Melbourne, Princeton University, Harvard University, Munich University, Dartmouth College, Kyoto University, University of Pennsylvania and CORE/Louvain-la-Neuve. Managing Editor "Economic Policy" and Editorial Board of Journal of Applied Econometrics, Labour Economics and European Economic Review, among others. Chair of the Academia Europaea Section for Economics, Business and Management Sciences.

**Honors:** Distinguished John G. Diefenbaker Award 1998 of the Canada Council for the Arts; Outstanding Contribution Award 2013 of the European Investment Bank. Rockefeller Foundation Policy Fellow 2017; Eminent Research Scholar Award 2017, Australia; EBES Fellow Award 2018 of the Eurasia Business and Economics Society. George Soros Chair at Central European University (CEU), Budapest, Spring 2019. IEA Fellow Award 2022 of the International Economic Association. Springer Nature Editor of Distinction Awards 2025 & 2026.

**Fields:** Population, migration, labor, development.

**Academic Journals:** Journal of Economic Perspectives, American Economic Review, Econometrica, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Public Choice, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Scientometrics, International Migration Review, European Economic Review, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, China Economic Review, among many others.

**Publication and communication:** Zimmermann has published 53 books, 192 papers in refereed research journals, 158 chapters in collected volumes, 11 contributions to handbooks and encyclopaedias, 113 contributions to policy journals and reports and over 542 media pieces. He is committed to the diffusion of research to policy and society, writes regularly in leading international media and advises governments, the European Commission and the World Bank on labor market and migration issues.