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Forced and unforced immigration: Attitude formation and state-level regulations

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INTRODUCTION

In recent years, we observe an increased negative perception of ethnically diverse groups by the population as well as the state. This attitudinal development continuously challenges social cohesion in Western democracies. With respect to this, the issue of immigration as well as anti-immigrant attitudes received a lot of attention in both the academic and societal sphere. Discrimination thereby takes place on different levels and between different actors. For example, between individuals or the state and immigrant groups. The seminar aims at addressing this complex nature and different dimensions of immigration issues in a comparative perspective. The main question thereby is: Where do negative sentiments towards ethnically diverse groups come from and how can they be overcome? At first, the seminar provides an overview over the different concepts in immigration research. In a second step, we will look at different forms and dimensions of discrimination. For example, discrimination in welfare policy delivery. The seminar will further focus on the often-neglected question of the potential political consequences of anti-immigrant attitudes; in particular, the connection between the rise of populist parties and anti-immigrant attitudes. Ultimately, the course provides an overview over potential policy measures to regulate immigration and integration as well as the policy effects on anti-immigrant attitudes.

All texts are uploaded on the Absalon course page – if a paper is missing, search it in rex or google.scholar.

REQUIREMENTS

Weekly critique (obligatory in order to pass the 3-day take-home exam): Each student has to sign up via Absalon **for one of the 12 seminar sessions** and hand in a critique about the obligatory texts in the discussion section of the course site on Absalon. The assignment is about **1-2 pages long** and should include **critical comments/questions** (bullet points) about the obligatory literature as well as **formulate a discussion question**. It is also possible to add newspaper articles or blog posts to this weekly critique. The weekly critique serves as starting point for the discussion of the literature and aims at encouraging a more diverse discussion of the topic. It is also possible to do this assignment in a group (up to 4 persons).

Final exam: The final exam is a 3-day take home exam, which will be at the end of January 2020.

TIME PLAN AND LITERATURE

01 Session – Introduction to the topic and syllabus

What does the seminar cover? What are the expectations?

Clarifying the most important terms and concepts

Literature

Bartram, David, Maritsa Poros, and Pierre Monforte. 2014. *Key Concepts in Migration*. London, UK: Sage Publications. <http://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/kbdk/detail.action?docID=4531662>. (access via library)

02 Session – September 10: Why do people migrate?

This session covers individual and contextual reasons of migration. It will also look into current numbers of migration in Europe.

Literature

Freakonomics: Is Migration a basic human right?

<http://freakonomics.com/podcast/is-migration-a-basic-human-right/>

Schewel, Kerilyn. 2019. “Understanding Immobility: Moving Beyond the Mobility Bias in Migration Studies.” *International Migration Review* 1 (1):

Geddes, Andrew and Peter Scholten 2016. *The politics of migration and immigration in Europe*, 2nd edition, London: Sage. Chapter 1: Analysing the Politics of Migration and Immigration in Europe (pp. 1-21)

Additional literature:

Docquier, Frédéric, Giovanni Peri, and Ilse Ruysen. 2014. “The Cross-Country Determinants of Potential and Actual Migration.” *International Migration Review* 48 (1_suppl): 37-99.

Hooghe, Marc, Ann Trappers, Bart Meuleman, and Tim Reeskens. 2008. “Migration to European Countries: A Structural Explanation of Patterns, 1980-2004.” *International Migration Review* 42 (2): 476-504.

No class on September 17

03 + 04 Session – September 24: Regulating immigration (8:15-10:00 in 35-0-12; 10:15-12:00 in 5-1-16)

Migrant Crisis: What else could Europe learn?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p030360f>

Immigration Policies

Metcalf-Hough, V. 2015. ‘The migration crisis? Facts, challenges and possible solutions’ ODI policy brief. <https://www.odi.org/sites/odi.org.uk/files/odiassets/publications-opinion-files/9913.pdf>

Geddes, Andrew and Peter Scholten 2016. *The politics of migration and immigration in Europe*, 2nd edition, London: Sage (Chapter 7: Towards common EU migration and asylum policies? pp. 144-172)

Boswell, Christina and Andrew Geddes 2011. *Migration and mobility in the European Union*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan (Chapters 1-3: 1-75)

04 Politicization and securitization of migration

Messina, Anthony M. 2014. "Securitizing Immigration in the Age of Terror." *World Politics* 66 (3): 530-59.

Grande, Edgar, Tobias Schwarzbözl, and Matthias Fatke. 2018. "Politicizing Immigration in Western Europe." *Journal of European Public Policy*, 1-20.

Additional literature:

Hopkins, Daniel J. 2010. "Politicized Places: Explaining Where and When Immigrants Provoke Local Opposition." *American Political Science Review* 104 (1): 40-60.

05 Session – October 1: Causes and consequences of immigration policies

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2019/03/you-cant-control-demographics-immigration-policy/584722/>

Lutz, Philipp. 2019. "Variation in Policy Success: Radical Right Populism and Migration Policy." *West European Politics* 42 (3): 517-44.

Helbling, Marc, and David Leblang. 2018. "Controlling Immigration? How Regulations Affect Migration Flows." *European Journal of Political Research* 82 (2): 671

Koopmans, Ruud, and Ines Michalowski. 2016. "Why Do States Extend Rights to Immigrants? Institutional Settings and Historical Legacies Across 44 Countries Worldwide." *Comparative Political Studies*.

06 Session – October 8: Integration policies

Die Klassen: How Syrians adapt to Life in Germany: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03k38t5>

Harder, Niklas, Lucila Figueroa, Rachel M. Gillum, DOMINIK HANGARTNER, David D. Laitin, and Jens Hainmueller. 2018. "Multidimensional Measure of Immigrant Integration." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America* 115 (45): 11483-88.

Ager, A., and A. Strang. 2008. "Understanding Integration: A Conceptual Framework." *Journal of Refugee Studies* 21 (2): 166-91

Additional literature:

Zuber, Christina I. 2019. "Explaining the Immigrant Integration Laws of German, Italian and Spanish Regions: Sub-State Nationalism and Multilevel Party Politics." *Regional Studies* 18:1-12.

Joppke, Christian. 2017. "Civic Integration in Western Europe: Three Debates." *West European Politics* 69 (9): 1-24.

FALL BREAK (week 42)

07 Session – October 22: Political integration of immigrants

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N5mKN2btUfY>

Filindra, Alexandra, and Anita Manatschal. 2019. "Coping with a Changing Integration Policy Context: American State Policies and Their Effects on Immigrant Political Engagement." *Regional Studies*, 1-12.

Goodman, Sara W., and Matthew Wright. 2015. "Does Mandatory Integration Matter? Effects of Civic Requirements on Immigrant Socio-Economic and Political Outcomes." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 41 (12): 1885-1908.

Additional literature

Rapp, Carolin. 2018. "National Attachments and the Immigrant Participation Gap." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 7 (2): 1-23.

08 +09 Session – October 29: Public Opinion about immigration (8:15-10:00 in 35-0-12; 10:15-12:00 in 5-1-16)

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/may/02/britons-more-sold-on-immigration-benefits-than-other-europeans>

Hainmueller, Jens, and Daniel J. Hopkins. 2014. "Public Attitudes Toward Immigration." *Annual Review of Political Science* 17 (1): 225-49.

HANGARTNER, DOMINIK, ELIAS DINAS, MORITZ MARBACH, KONSTANTINOS MATAKOS, and DIMITRIOS XEFTERIS. 2019. "Does Exposure to the Refugee Crisis Make Natives More Hostile?" *American Political Science Review* 113 (2): 442-55. doi

Bansak, K., J. Hainmueller, and D. Hangartner. 2016. "How Economic, Humanitarian, and Religious Concerns Shape European Attitudes Toward Asylum Seekers." *Science*.

Czymara, Christian S., and Alexander W. Schmidt-Catran. 2017. "Refugees Unwelcome? Changes in the Public Acceptance of Immigrants and Refugees in Germany in the Course of Europe's 'Immigration Crisis'." *European Sociological Review* 33 (6): 735-51.

10 Session – November 5: Attitudes and policies

Simonsen, Kristina B. 2017. "Does Citizenship Always Further Immigrants' Feeling of Belonging to the Host Nation? A Study of Policies and Public Attitudes in 14 Western Democracies." *Comparative Migration Studies* 5 (1).

Schlueter, Elmar, Bart Meuleman, and Eldad Davidov. 2013. "Immigrant Integration Policies and Perceived Group Threat: A Multilevel Study of 27 Western and Eastern European Countries." *Social Science Research* 42 (3): 670-82.

Heizmann, Boris, and Conrad Ziller. 2019. "Who Is Willing to Share the Burden? Attitudes Towards the Allocation of Asylum Seekers in Comparative Perspective." *Social Forces* 84 (2): 901.

11 Session – November 12: Media coverage and attitudes

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/our-columnists/how-the-mainstream-media-normalizes-trumps-anti-immigrant-rhetoric>

McLaren, Lauren, Hajo Boomgaarden, and RENS VLIEGENTHART. 2017. "News Coverage and Public Concern About Immigration in Britain." *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*.

Matthes, Jörg, Desirée Schmuck, and Christian von Sikorski. 2019. "Terror, Terror Everywhere? How Terrorism News Shape Support for Anti-Muslim Policies as a Function of Perceived Threat Severity and Controllability." *Political Psychology* 20 (2): 459.

Czymara, Christian S., and Stephan Dochow. 2018. "Mass Media and Concerns About Immigration in Germany in the 21st Century: Individual-Level Evidence over 15 Years." *European Sociological Review* 34 (4): 381-401. doi:10.1093/esr/jcy019.

Additional literature:

Bleich, Erik, and A. M. van der Veen. 2018. "Media Portrayals of Muslims: A Comparative Sentiment Analysis of American Newspapers, 1996-2015." *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 15:1-20.

12 + 13 Session – November 19: Discrimination and its consequences for individuals and social cohesion (8:15-10:00 in 35-0-12; 10:15-12:00 in 5-1-16)

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2019-08-06/how-to-counteract-bias-against-muslims>

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/apr/30/windrush-scandal-institutional-racism-amber-rudd-discrimination-black-britons>

Hainmueller, Jens, and DOMINIK HANGARTNER. 2013. "Who Gets a Swiss Passport? A Natural Experiment in Immigrant Discrimination." *American Political Science Review* 107 (01): 159-87.

Thomann, Eva, and Carolin Rapp. 2018. "Who Deserves Solidarity? Unequal Treatment of Immigrants in Swiss Welfare Policy Delivery." *Policy Studies Journal* 46 (3): 531-52.

Hemker, Johannes, and Anselm Rink. 2017. "Multiple Dimensions of Bureaucratic Discrimination: Evidence from German Welfare Offices." *American Journal of Political Science* 61 (4): 786-803.

Dahl, Malte, and Niels Krog. 2018. "Experimental Evidence of Discrimination in the Labour Market: Intersections Between Ethnicity, Gender, and Socio-Economic Status." *European Sociological Review* 34 (4): 402-17.

Additional literature:

SIMONOVITS, GÁBOR, GÁBOR KÉZDI, and PÉTER KARDOS. 2018. "Seeing the World Through the Other's Eye: An Online Intervention Reducing Ethnic Prejudice." *American Political Science Review* 112 (1): 186-93.

No class on November 26

14 Session – December 3: Peer-feedback round and wrap-up

In this session, we will discuss your mock take-home exam in small peer-feedback groups.