



Immigrant integration – Is model-thinking convincing in international comparisons?

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5-7 p.m., room A 300

In the 1990s, vivid discussions broke out among migration scholars about different national models of citizenship and integration, such as multiculturalism or assimilation. More recently, these classical models of citizenship have been challenged by studies claiming a convergence between countries resulting either from the emergence of a supranational model of citizenship or from a de facto convergence of policies. Do Western European nation states converge towards a liberal, American understanding of citizenship and citizenship rights, as Christian Joppke has repeatedly argued? Or does the persistence of fundamental differences justify the distinction of national citizenship regimes, as Ruud Koopmans claims?

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The WZB provides for child care during the discussion. If you are interested, please respond by June 16, 2009, indicating the number of children and their age.

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