

Migration, Cultural Diversity, and Politics

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Abstract:

In a context of increasing mobility worldwide, cultural diversity has gained significant visibility in migration-related policy-making. Such salience is often triggered by rising societal demands for cultural recognition, policy-makers' concerns on how to foster intercultural dialogue in diverse host societies, and/or sending states' diaspora engagement cultural initiatives that use the revival of national cultural heritage abroad as a way to keep ties with non-residents. In this configuration, culture (broadly defined to include arts, food, sports, etc.) became a key element of politics of recognition. This panel explores the interplay between migration and culture in a context in which cultural expressions stand out as an increasingly used instrument for expressing belonging, protesting, and demanding rights or changes in migration management.

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