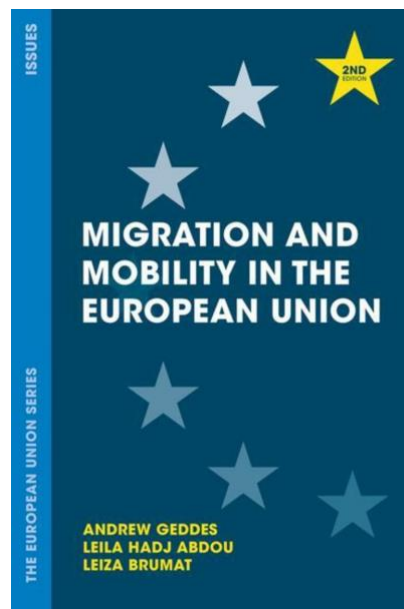




IN:EX 2020 REVIEW

We hope you are well and healthy. The IN:EX research group would like to wish you all a pleasant and calm end of 2020, and share some IN:EX news with you, including exciting reads based on latest research by the members of IN:EX.



The research group 'The Politics of Inclusion & Exclusion' (IN:EX) is based at the Department of Political Science at the University of Vienna. IN:EX studies issues related to the political regulation of diversity in the fields of migration/integration, democratic reform and innovation, religious governance, anti-discrimination, and gender politics at the European, national and local level.

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2020 has been another busy IN:EX year in terms of publications. Find **below some highlights**. A complete list of our publications is accessible at our [webpage](#).

BOOKS

[Integration erwünscht?](#)

This book by IN:EX lead member [Sieglinde Rosenberger](#) and [Oliver Gruber](#) examines Austrian integration politics with a special focus on the period 2013 to 2019. The book covers definitions, and concepts of integration, and describes the evolution of the integration policy field in Austria. It analyses key issues of migrant integration politics, including labour market; education politics, and political; and social participation. You can order the book [here](#).

[Migration and Mobility in the European Union](#)

This book, written by IN:EX member [Leila Hadj Abdou](#) together with [Andrew Geddes](#) and Leiza Brumat from the [Migration Policy Centre](#), analyses the complex and often controversial nature of policymaking in the fast-developing field of international migration. It offers an exploration of the dynamics of migration and mobility in the EU including different types of migration; the EU's policy framework within which national policies are now located; and considers the widespread notion and public perception of policy failure in this field. You can order the book and read a free sample chapter [here](#). A webinar presenting the book is accessible [here](#).

[Politics of \(Dis\)integration](#)

This book co-edited by IN:EX member Reinhard Schweitzer with [Sophie Hinger](#) explores how contemporary integration policies and practices are not just about migrants and minority groups becoming part of society but often also reflect deliberate attempts to undermine their inclusion or participation. Get access to the book [here](#).

JOURNAL ARTICLES

[What are petitions good for? Parliamentary Affairs \(online first\)](#)

Parliamentary efforts to facilitate wider participation and specialized online platforms have made petition instruments more attractive and relevant, yet comparisons of petition instruments are rare. This article written by IN:EX members [Sieglinde Rosenberger](#), [Benedikt Seisl](#), [Jeremias Stadlmair](#) and [Elio Dalpra](#) examines formalized (parliamentary petitions) and non-formalized petition instruments (online petitions) in Austria via a cluster analysis of actors and content of 600 petitions between 2011 and 2018.

['Push or Pull'? Framing Immigration in times of Crisis in the European Union and the United States. In: Journal of European Integration 42 \(5\), 643-58.](#)

Migration has become a highly divisive, polarizing issue. This article by IN:EX member [Leila Hadj Abdou](#) contributes to the understanding of this polarization by looking at interpretations of migration during critical junctures. It explores discursive

framings during the recent migration crises in the European Union and the United States.

BOOK CHAPTERS

[The reception of asylum seekers in Europe.](#)

This chapter by IN:EX member [Helena Segara](#) in the volume *European Societies, Migration, and the Law: The 'Others' amongst 'Us'* edited by Jesse Moritz and published by Cambridge University Press, explores the reception of asylum seekers in Europe by comparing Austria and Italy. It investigates how, on the one hand, certain (minimum) standards are applied in relation to restrictive integration claims and discourses and how, on the other hand, resources (for example for integration measures or housing) are strictly bound to exclusive structures that complicate the inclusive partaking of refugees in host societies.

[Before and After the Reception Crisis of 2015: Asylum and Reception Policies in Austria.](#)

This chapter by IN:EX members [Sieglinde Rosenberger](#) and **Sandra Müller** in the volume *Geographies of Asylum in Europe and the Role of European Localities* edited by Birgit Glorius and Jeroen Doomernik and published by the IMISCOE Research Series (Springer) focuses on the local responses to the 2015 inflows of asylum seekers in Austria, considering both administrative activities by authorities and social practices by civil society and volunteers.

[Revise, Reclaim, Revive: Towards a New Christian Right in Austria?](#)

This chapter by IN:EX member [Katharina Limacher](#) co-written with [Astrid Mattes](#), and [Barbara Urbanic](#) was published in the volume edited by [Hans Gerald Hödl](#) et al. on *Religion in Austria*. Against the analytical background of a “New Christian Right” in an US-American context, the chapter investigates three Christian initiatives as expressions of potentially changing (or newly emerging) self-positioning of Christian actors in Austria.

[Country report Austria: Violence against women migrants and refugees: Analysing causes and effective policy response](#)

This country report written by IN:EX members [Madita Standke-Erdmann](#), **Beate Gassner** and [Sieglinde Rosenberger](#) provides an overview of studies and reports on the current state around gender-based violence (GBV) against women migrants and refugees in Austria.

[The state of play of Schengen governance.](#)

This study, conducted by ICMPD, MPC and ECRE for the European Parliament's Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs ([LIBE](#)) Committee assesses the operation and impact of the Schengen evaluation and monitoring mechanism (SEMM). IN:EX member [Leila Hadj Abdou](#) has been involved in the study in her role as MPC fellow.

PROJECT NEWS

Since 09/2020 IN:EX is part of the [BordEUr research network](#). This recently launched network of nine universities addresses the impact of recent developments in the EU's and its member states' bordering practices, how these practices are framed, and how the assigned meanings potentially clash with the EU's identity as an international actor. The project is coordinated by the [Center for European Neighborhood Studies \(CENS\)](#) at the [Central European University](#) (CEU).

For more info about IN:EX project research have a look at our [webpage](#).

IN:EX IN THE MEDIA

[Quo vadis Integrationspolitik?](#) In this [DER STANDARD](#) blog IN:EX member [Sieglinde Rosenberger](#) and [Oliver Gruber](#) discuss immigrant integration politics in Austria.

[Gegen den überreizten Islamdiskurs.](#)

In this commentary for the Austrian daily [DER STANDARD](#), IN:EX member [Sieglinde Rosenberger](#) and [EUI](#) part time professor [Rainer Bauböck](#) discuss the notion of 'political Islam'

[Demokratie geht nicht ohne mich! Politik und Online-Petitionen.](#)

In this blog for [DER STANDARD](#). IN:EX members [Sieglinde Rosenberger](#) and [Elio Dalpra](#) discuss the issue of online petitions.

[Germany Should Acknowledge and Counter Violence Against Refugee Women at the EU's Borders](#)

Women refugees are not just victims and should play a key role in developing policies towards reducing Gender based violence (GBV) argues IN:EX member [Madita Standke-Erdman](#) in this blog for Peace Lab.

Interested in GBV? Have also a look at the project [Violence against women migrants and refugees](#) IN:EX is involved in, and this [webinar](#) chaired by IN:EX member [Leila Hadj Abdou](#).

[Integration auf österreichisch](#). The Austrian radio station Ö1 presented the IN:EX book '[Integration erwünscht](#)' on integration politics.

[Mein Credo: Es ist möglich!](#) The Austrian radio station Ö1 aired a portrait of IN:EX member [Sieglinde Rosenberger](#), in which her research on inclusion and exclusion is presented.

TEAM

The head of the research group IN:EX is Professor [Sieglinde Rosenberger](#). Sieglinde is since 1998 Full Professor at the Department of Political Science at the University of Vienna. She is also an associate editor of [Comparative Migration Studies](#), and a member of the Expert Council of German Foundations on Integration and Migration. You can find more about her research and teaching [here](#). Sieglinde is supported by the IN:EX team member [Josephine Lindemann](#).

The IN:EX Team is complemented by [Dr. des Katharina Limacher](#). Katharina holds a Ph.D. from the University of Lucerne, she specializes in religion in migration societies, religion and politics, and religious welfare organizations. In 2020 she has been teaching courses on [Coming of Age in Religious Traditions](#), and [Key works in the Sociology of Religion](#), as well as [Empirical Research Methods on Religion](#).

[Dr. Leila Hadj Abdou](#), recently (October 2020) re-joined IN:EX. Leila specializes in migration politics and governance. In 2020/21 she teaches courses on: [The European Union & Crises: Disintegration or Resilience?](#) & [Migration and Mobility](#) at the University of Vienna. In addition to her work at the University of Vienna, Leila also continues to work (on a part time basis) for the [Migration Policy Center](#) at the [EUI](#) in Florence. Leila tweets at [@leilahadjabdou](#)

[Helena Segara](#) is IN:EX's doctoral student. Her Ph.D. project is entitled 'Living in refugee camps. The (exceptional) life of minimum standards in Italy, France and Hungary'. When she is not working on her doctoral project, she also teaches [Austrian Political System and the EU](#).

[Madita Standke-Erdmann](#) is a doctoral research associate with the IN:EX project [GBV-MIG](#), which looks at the roots and causes for Gender-Based Violence

(GBV) against women migrants and refugees. Madita also teaches [Austrian Political System and the EU](#) at the University of Vienna. Madita tweets at [@erdfraeuleinMa](#) [Milena Pieper](#) is an IN:EX research assistant in the [GBV-MIG project](#).

[Benedikt Seisl](#) is a research assistant for the IN:EX project [PETICIPATE. Petitions and Parliamentary Citizen's Initiatives](#).

Until very recently IN:EX was also supported by our wonderful colleagues Miriam Haselbacher, [Reinhard Schweitzer](#), [Elio Dalpra](#), [Christoph Novak](#), Noah Schermann, and [Jeremias Stadlmair](#).

And we are happy to announce that our former IN:EX colleague Theresa Schütze just won the [junior research award by the Austrian Political Science Association](#). Her master thesis analyzes the politics behind the legal (non-)status of toleration (Duldung) in Germany.

[SNEAK PEAK 2021: What is upcoming?](#)

Have a look at our [webpage](#) or our [Twitter account](#) to see what IN:EX is up to in 2021. Among others we will have a special issue in the [Journal of Ethnic and Immigration Studies](#) on **Centre-right parties and immigration in an era of politicization** (Special issue edited by IN:EX member Leila Hadj Abdou, Tim Bale and Andrew Geddes), and a book chapter in the **Edward Elgar Handbook on Citizenship and Migration** on protests in the policy field of asylum (authored by IN:EX members Sieglinde Rosenberger and Leila Hadj Abdou) **and much more**. And do not miss the upcoming **kick-off event (January 21, 2021)** of our associated research project '[YouBeOn – mapping on- and offline identifications of urban religious youth](#)'. There will be a round table discussion of Vienna-based religious Instagrammers and podcasters. The panellists will talk about their religious practice and how it relates to their social media use in terms of self-expression, identity and networking. You can find the live stream [here](#).

Stay tuned & have a lovely start into 2021.



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