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## **The multilevel governance of migration and integration policies**

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Migration and migrant integration policies have been high on political, public and academic agendas in Europe for the last two decades. Scholarly accounts of policy dynamics in this field still tend to focus exclusively on the national level, which echoes the still very dominant focus on so-called ‘national models of integration.’ This panel starts from the proposition that migration and migrant integration policies are shaped in interactions between policy actors at the local, national, European and international level. We welcome papers by political scientists, law scholars, sociologists, or related disciplines which explore these interactions from a theoretical or empirical perspective. The central focus of this panel will be to explore whether migration and integration policies are indeed still primarily driven by national policy models, or whether other patterns of dynamics can be identified in the interaction between various levels in the multi-level governance of migration and migrant integration issues.

The communitarisation of EU asylum and migration policies by the Treaty of Amsterdam (1997) and the introduction of Community law and policies since the early 2000s represent a major turning point in the politics of migration and integration in Europe. The consequences of this communitarization are only gradually becoming apparent, primarily in the field of migration but to some extent also migrant integration policies. We invite papers which investigate these new processes of horizontal and vertical Europeanization of migration and migrant integration policies.

Beyond Europeanization, scholarly attention is increasingly drawn to the local dimension of migration and integration and the interaction between the local and the national but increasingly also between the local and the European level. Cities throughout Europe have developed their own migrant integration policies and their own pan-european networks of policy learning. Contributions are invited that focus on the interaction between the local and other levels (the vertical dimension) as well as comparative studies of whether there is a specifically local dimension of migrant integration policymaking (the horizontal dimension).