

Immigration & Social Policy

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1. Understanding Concepts of Race & Ethnicity

- Concept of race & ethnicity
- UK approach: internally inclusive but externally exclusive

2. Social Inequalities Associated with Immigration & Ethnicity

- Economic inequality: poverty risks, unemployment risks, health...
- Can accepting immigrants (and granting citizenship in the long run) based on skills (or labour market performance) & wealth be justified?
 - Koopmans (2010): Restrictive incorporation regimes (Germany, Austria) show better outcomes (high LM participation, low crime rates) than inclusive incorporation regimes (Sweden, Netherlands)

3. Social Policy & Welfare State Responses

- Does immigration strengthen or undermine public support for social policy?
 - Compensation thesis vs. welfare chauvinism
- Granting social (welfare) rights to (short-term) immigrants is a contestable issue – what are your opinions? (Consider different aspects & policies)
 - Types of benefits: health care, education, social care; means-tested benefits (universal credit, tax credits); social insurance (contributory)
 - Origins: commonwealth, EU vs other internationals
 - Employed vs non-employed, documented vs undocumented

Mid-term Student Feedback

Any More Questions?