

Governing Migration in Europe



International migration is one of the most controversial political topics today which demands foresight and innovative approaches of global and regional governance. The book provides a fresh theoretical framework to understand the hitherto existing European responses to the international movement of people. It argues that the European Union and its 'area of freedom, security and justice' still provide institutional contexts which continue to strengthen its member states in controlling their national borders. Strategic games played by national governments in Brussels regularly result in policies which are in favour of security as well as more effective European agencies against irregular migration. Against such purely intergovernmental interpretations, the book also analyses the conditions for when Europe confines national autonomy. In these cases, the EU develops into a new 'limit of control' which provides more liberal and open policies such as the codification of rights for refugees and migrants in its member states. These different theoretical mechanisms of Europeanisation are applied to explain the dynamics during the last two decades of

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Germany's migration and refugee policy. This period has been characterised by progressive trends, like appreciating itself as an immigration country and developing a modern labour migration policy, but also by situations of constant stalemate, as for example in the case of more developmental governance approaches with countries of origin. Against traditional theories of migration policies and their inherent focus on the national political sphere, the book highlights supranational and multi-level political processes as increasingly important factors to account for national policy changes. Confronted with the most recent developments of international migration and the tragic individual consequences of the 'refugee crisis', the study offers students and practitioners the necessary background to participate in today's debates.

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