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Migration and Transnationalism between Switzerland and Bulgaria: Assessing social inequalities and regional disparities in the context of changing policies

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Duration 36 Months

Discipline Sociology, Political Sciences

Main Goals

To draw a picture of the various patterns of migration between Switzerland and Bulgaria.
To link migration between Switzerland and Bulgaria to social inequalities and regional disparities.
To analyse Bulgarian-Swiss migration in the frame of EU enlargement and specific Swiss and Bulgarian policies regarding migration.

Activities

In order to gain deep insight into the multifaceted processes and patterns of migration we apply a multi-methods approach which combines the following instruments of data collection:

- National survey in Bulgaria with mobile (return migrants) people as well as non-mobile people (potential migrants, others) (quantitative)
- National survey in Switzerland (Bulgarians living in Switzerland) (quantitative)
- Interviews with Bulgarian migrants in Switzerland (qualitative)
- Interviews with return migrants in Bulgaria (qualitative)
- Bus and airport surveys with migrants travelling by bus from Bulgaria to Switzerland

Expected results

The research will provide insight into the various patterns of migration between Switzerland and Bulgaria. As the number of Bulgarians in Switzerland is small, we will be able to get a full picture of these migration patterns and can therefore assess various variables that are linked to migration. In particular we will add new insights to the discussion on social inequalities, development and regional disparities and their linkage to migration. The impact of policies in re-directing migration flows between both countries will be also assessed in a comparative European perspective.

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