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Global migration movements and their impact on germany

Abstract

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International migration is an essential component and driving factor of social change. Migration, as a process based on motion, affects and changes the most different fields of society. Whether in the past or in the present, be it emigration or immigration, internal migration, return migration or multiple migration, there is always an involvement - to a stronger or lesser degree - of individuals, collectives, networks, places, regions, political communities and various social contexts, practices and institutions. Migration, however, is not only a phenomenon considered to be of far-reaching and increasing importance in our globalised world, it has also become the subject of constant and intense societal debates, disputes and negotiations.

Science, of course, also analyses and takes a very close look at the conditions, forms and consequences of migration. Migration research has the possibilities to classify migration movements - such as the huge wave of forced migration Germany has recently experienced - under spatial, temporal and societal aspects and make them understandable and comprehensible in all their complexity. For a long time, the so-called push and pull factors served as an explanation, but today there are more differentiated and multi-perspectival approaches. They illustrate the manifold interactions between migration and the various social, economic, political and ecological processes in different spaces. It seems to be more important than ever to broaden the view considerably in this respect. In the light of the aforesaid, the presentation gives an overview of the global migration movements and their impact on Germany.

The focus is on trends of pluralisation, transnationalisation and diversification of migration as well as on the conditions and forms of co-existence in a migration society.