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Title: **Immigrants' integration**

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This proposal intends to stimulate the comparative sociological debate about the integration process of immigrants in different countries of Europe and the world.

Immigrant integration is one of the most important social issues of the 21st century. It is fundamental to the understanding of the immigration process and to policies intending to promote the tolerant co-existence of people from different backgrounds and cultures on the same national territory.

The issues we hope to address in this panel include (but not limited to): the reconfiguration of a national community's self-understanding as a result of immigration; how the identity of immigrants is (re)built through changes in their understanding of the importance of citizenship and belonging; the changing meanings of citizenship in comparative perspective; contrasting the experiences of immigrants, or how collective identities of belonging and identity are constructed.