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Call for Papers

Workshop Session: Immigrant integration and vulnerability

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While immigrants and ethnic minorities are often seen as vulnerable groups and targeted for specific support, the notion of immigrant integration can be understood as a process by which immigrants move out of the most vulnerable positions in society. Work on segmented assimilation, however, shows that immigrant integration does not always lead to less vulnerable positions. The contributions in this panel explore different aspects of immigrant integration and its relationship to different forms of vulnerability. Taking both theoretical and empirical perspectives, the papers use different approaches to better understand under what circumstances immigrant integration can be understood as part of a pathway to overcoming vulnerability, and under what circumstances vulnerability can persist and be reinforced despite long-term residence and social integration. One paper asks whether there are windows of opportunity for young migrants, after which the path out of vulnerable positions may be more difficult. A second paper looks at the elderly and the possibility that some immigrants slip into more vulnerable positions late in life. The third paper examines how individual expectations immigrants have of their move affect their attachment to the destination and may influence whether immigrants end up in vulnerable situations. Taken together, the papers in this panel explore the multifaceted relationship between migration, immigrant integration, and vulnerability at different stages of life.

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