

Einladung zum Vortrag von

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**“Past incentives, present choices  
Ideational legacies and the politics of migration in European  
minority regions”**

The talk presents the main arguments and empirical findings of my book project on ideational legacies and the politics of migration in European minority regions. The empirics focus on Catalonia and South Tyrol, two regions that cannot control their own borders, but respond very differently to immigration. South Tyrolean elites frame immigration as a threat and restrict immigrants' access to social benefits. Catalan elites emphasise the opportunities of immigration, and grant social rights to “new Catalans” on equal terms. Tracing the development of political discourse on and the administrative management of migration and integration in both regions over time, I show that and how historical experiences with the arrival of internal (Italian and Spanish) migrants during industrialisation continue to define each region's political response to migration until the present day. In developing a theory of ideational stabilization that connects incentives of the past to political choices of the present, the book contributes to debate about the causal role of ideas in comparative politics and clarifies the logic behind widely used legacy explanations in the field of migration studies.

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