

Logics And Politics Of Post-wwii Migration To Western Europe

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Traces the evolution of immigration for the immigration-receiving states of Western Europe. Few phenomena have been more disruptive to West European politics and society than the accumulative experience of post-WWII immigration. Against this backdrop spring two questions: Why have the immigrant-receiving states historically permitted high levels of immigration? To what degree can the social and political fallout precipitated by immigration be politically managed? Utilizing evidence from a variety of sources, this study explores the links between immigration and the surge of popular support for anti-immigrant groups, its implications for state sovereignty, its elevation to the policy agenda of the European Union, and its domestic legacies. It argues that post-WWII migration is primarily an interest-driven phenomenon that has historically served the macroeconomic and political interests of the receiving countries. Moreover, it is the role of politics in adjudicating the claims presented by domestic economic actors, foreign policy commitments, and humanitarian norms that creates a permissive environment for significant migration to Western Europe. EAN/ISBN : 9780511287213 Publisher(s): Cambridge University Press Format: ePub/PDF Author(s): Messina, Anthony M.

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