

Memories, normative ideals and empathic solidarities in Europe in the aftermath of refugee arrivals in 2015–16

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Attitudes towards refugees among Hungarian migrants living in Germany

In different EU countries two major forms of public discourses are formulated around the topic of migration from the Middle East: securitization interprets migration as a phenomenon destabilizing the social cohesion and integration of a society, criminalizing Middle Eastern migrants; while the discourse of humanitarianism and human rights frames refugees as victims, as legitimate claimants of material and symbolic support on the part of receiving societies. To what extent are personal migration experience of Hungarian migrants in Germany and their struggles for social status, its successes and failures related to reactions to the arrival of refugee groups? How is responsiveness to these two major discourses related to the social status of Hungarian migrants and their personal migration experience? How is the dual positionality of these migrants, being exposed to publics of multiple societies (Hungary and Germany) reflected in their attitudes towards refugees arriving from Middle Eastern conflict zones, and towards securitization and humanitarianism? These questions will be analysed based on a quantitative online survey conducted through the biggest facebook groups of Hungarians living in Germany in a final sample of 642 respondents and 15 interviews conducted in Berlin and München among Hungarians involved in refugee protection and integration.

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