

BOOK LAUNCH

Ideational Legacies and the Politics of Migration in European Minority Regions

by Christina Isabel Zuber



Monday, 13 February 2023, 5.30–7.00 pm, CET

Freiräume, Vor der Halde 5, 78462 Konstanz and on Zoom

About the event

Why are some minority regions open, others aversive to immigration? **Christina Zuber** (University of Konstanz) will answer this question in a presentation of her recently published book. **Anita Manatschal** (University of Neuchâtel) and **Marius Busemeyer** (University of Konstanz) will provide comments before opening up for discussion with the audience. The event will be moderated by **Kirsten Mahlke** (University of Konstanz) and an apéro awaits those attending in person.

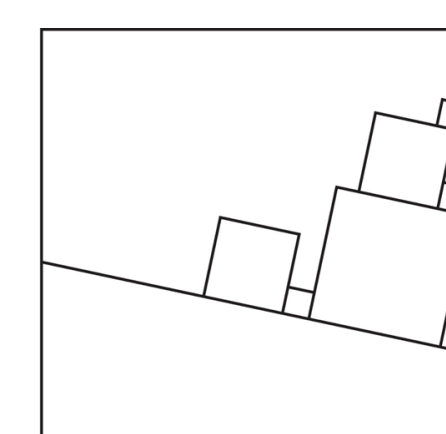
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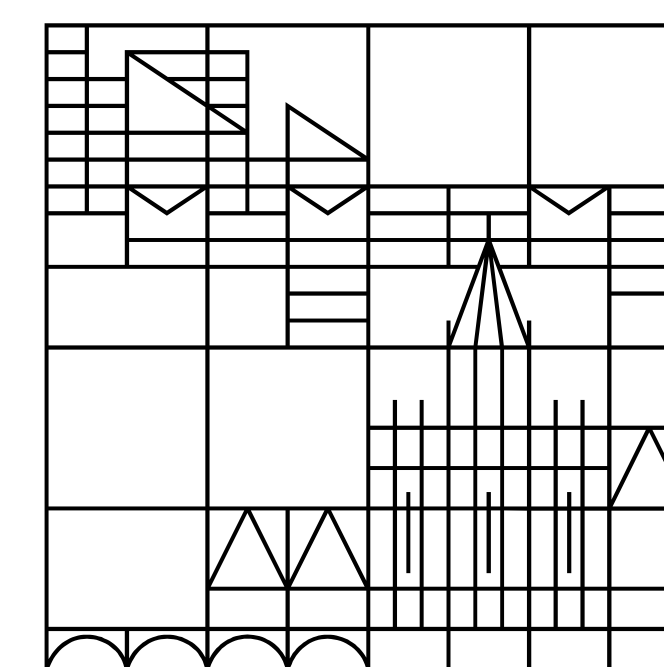
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About the book

Historical legacies are frequently invoked in popular and academic accounts of the politics of migration, but the mechanisms of transmission of such legacies have so far been left underspecified. Christina Zuber develops a theory of ideational stabilization that serves to explain stable political choices despite radically changing economic and institutional incentives. Empirically she studies such ideational stabilization in Catalonia (Spain), which nowadays takes an inclusive approach to immigration, and South Tyrol (Italy), where immigration is framed as a threat. The comparison shows that the political economy of historical industrialization and internal migration can explain these differences.

About the speakers

Christina Zuber is a Professor of German Politics at the Department of Politics and Public Administration at the University of Konstanz. She has a background in comparative politics, and her main research areas are comparative federalism, party politics, and migration. She studied political science, slavic languages, and philosophy at the University of Cologne, where she also received her doctorate. Before joining the University of Konstanz, she held positions at Pompeu Fabra University and the Universities of Bremen and Zurich.

Marius Busemeyer is a Professor of Political Science with a focus on Comparative Political Economy at the University of Konstanz and Speaker of the Excellence Cluster "The Politics of Inequality." His research focuses on comparative political economy and welfare state research, education and social policy, public spending, theories of institutional change, and, more recently, public opinion on the welfare state. Busemeyer studied political science, economics, public administration, and public law at the University of Heidelberg and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

Anita Manatschal is a Professor in Migration Policy Analysis at the Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies (SFM) at the University of Neuchâtel, where she also serves as deputy director. Her current research interests embrace comparative migration policy research, immigrant civic and political engagement, and public opinion in the field of migration and in the context of diverse democracies, topics on which she has widely published in leading journals. Together with Christina Zuber and Verena Wisthaler, she recently published a special issue on the political drivers and outcomes of regional integration policies in Europe and North America (Regional Studies, 2020).

Kirsten Mahlke is a scholar of Latin American and French literary studies, particularly interested in the early colonial period and 20th-century fantastic literature. Since 2011 she has been a Professor of Cultural Theory at the University of Konstanz. From 2010 to 2015, she directed an ERC-funded research project on the phantasmagorical effects of the military-led forced disappearances in Argentina. She produced an E-learning tool for police education on "Breaking Bad News with Responsibility." Currently, she is exploring indigenous political theory in the Andes during the 16th and 17th centuries.

