

# ABSTRACTS

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## **THOSE WITH NO MIGRATION, HAVE NO FUTURE!**

There may be many reasons to leave a country. Just how is one to react to the consequences bound up in doing so and what are the social challenges which arise from increasing migration? In his contribution, the author demonstrates how the complexity of the problems cannot be underestimated. In extending domestic policy regarding migration he calls for sustainable foreign policy regarding migration geared towards international cooperation with the governments of the countries of origin.

Keywords: problems of poverty, escape, expulsion, ecological catastrophes, immigration, foreign policy regarding migration, domestic policy regarding migration

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## **SECULAR VERSUS THEOCRATIC: A MORE FUTURE ORIENTED ISLAM**

The author sheds light on what the problems are that prevent successful integration into Europe implementing the example of Muslims – and urgently warns of the dangers of the spreading of an Islamism that rejects democratic society could lead to further segregation. Her hope for a future oriented Islam is shared by a great majority of more worldly and progressive Muslims, that strikes a balance between the Salafist organisations, institutions and mosques.

Keywords: Islamophobia, criticism of Islam, parallel societies, Salafism, multiculturalism

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## **EMIGRATING FROM SWITZERLAND**

Immigration is a key issue in Switzerland which persistently results in political and societal disputes, as is the case with many other countries. All the more outstanding is the fact that the amount of Swiss people who have either left Switzerland or intend to has hardly been noted. Although an increase in emigration has been recorded since 1991 and in the meantime more than 10 percent of all Swiss people live abroad it appears to play no great role in the public domain. Thus, the motives, desires and hopes of the emigrants are not only revealing but make it abundantly clear: the reorganisation of governmental and societal processes in a globalised world have influenced this development to no inconsequential degree.

Keywords: emigration, lifestyle-migration, societal change, self-realisation, globalisation

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## **THE INTEGRATION OF RELIGIOUS MINORITIES**

Switzerland is a culturally diverse and successful immigration country. Despite the equanimity, concerns prevail – the mass immigration initiative was only barely accepted and integration of Muslims is a challenge. Here basic Calvinistic culture also offers them optimal conditions. Where persistent piety is mixed with ideology it generally holds that the rule of law and enlightenment assert

themselves. By means of a self-conscious and proactive the Swiss success story can be perpetuated.

Keywords: Migration policy, immigration, globalisation, integration, equal opportunities, education

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**THE CONCEPT OF GLOBALISATION REFLECTED IN MIGRATION – PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE**

Globalisation, bound as it is to migration, is also a question of perspective: while the West, as a rule, understands it as free trade and the flow of capital, it is viewed in the South as the corrective which will dissolve existing disparities. The author calls for a discussion of globalisation in its cultural historical versions to provide a transcultural analysis with the purpose of enabling future oriented thinking.

Keywords: Globalization, migration, industrialisation, colonialization, digitalization, demography

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**MIGRATION: MEDIA IMAGES, MEDIA IMPLEMENTATION, INTEGRATION**

Media coverage plays an important role in establishing the images and stereotypes that make up the subject of migration in the minds of the Swiss population, not least as most of them have had no direct contact with refugees or asylum seekers. The question thereby concerns the quality of the coverage. Conversely, politicians persist in maintaining that migrants assimilate badly because they persist as always, only to watch TV channels from their home countries. And what does the research of communication studies have to say on media use and the integration of migrants?

Keywords: refugees, asylum seekers, migrants, media coverage

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