

# **SOC 585 MIGRATION, TRANSNATIONALISM AND THE CITY**

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# Outline of the session

- Framing migration policy making in the city
- Discussion on readings
- Pexeso game
- Lunch
- Migration policy making in Brno
- Group assignment

# Globalization and the city as a political arena

- Saskia Sassen – Whose city is it?
  - Denationalization of urban space
  - Formation of new claims due to immigration (global capital/immigrant workforce)
  - New solidarities and notions of membership





# Urban citizenship, citizenship from below

- Rise of nation states – disempowerment of cities
- Globalization – strengthening of the role of cities
- Presence of non-national residents in cities claiming rights
- „Right to the city“
- Baubock - strengthening municipal polities - multiple local citizenship and voting rights within and across national borders

# Migration policy making

- European context vs. context of immigration countries
  - Ad hoc policy measures vs. more systematic adaptation of institutions to immigration
  - European Union (esp. European Commission) – promoting more systematic and pro-active approach to migration policymaking
- State policies vs. city policies
  - Security perspective vs. Inclusive perspective
  - Control, coercion vs. empowerment of immigrants
  - Walls vs. Bridges (?)
  - The problem of coordination b/n. state and local administration

# “Integration of immigrants”

- Fuzzy concept, unclear definition
- Who integrates into what?
- False dualism b/n. „host society“ and „immigrants“ – plurality of actors – individuals, social groups and institutions
- Integrated vs. unintegrated (immigrants) – stigmatizing
- Umbrella term for great variety of measures
  
- European website of integration



# Integration policies in cities - examples

- Access to services
- Language access
- Partnerships, mentoring – long settled residents vs. newcomers
- Community work in neighbourhoods, block parties
- Increasing representation of immigrants in local governments and administration (Advisory boards, commissions for immigrants)
- Welcoming culture
- Participation, local voting rights

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