

Abstract

This research is integrated into studies at national and local levels and can be generalized to other policies, such as education or environmental policies. The primary challenge at the center of this investigation is to identify if the French and local governments collaborate in implementing integration policies for migrants and (if so) how they collaborate. This study intends to close current research gaps in multilevel governance studies by analyzing the interactions between local and national integration policies, by answering the following question: To what extent does the implementation of immigrant integration policies locally promote the collaboration between state and non-state actors? This first section follows a funnel logic. First, we look at existing literature on national models of integration in the implementation of immigrant integration policies. It then turns to academic research on a local turn in the implementation of integration policies for migrants. We trace the transition in the literature from the national to the local level regarding migrant integration policies in a multilevel context. The results provide an insight into the interplay between national directives and local initiatives, contributing to the broader discourse of migrant integration and the “local turn” within a multilevel governance framework.

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