

“Strategia Kanak”

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ABSTRACT

Although Germany is designated as “Einwanderungsland”, it has not yet succeeded in establishing an understanding of society that includes everyone. As migration and mobility have a significant impact on Germany and will continue to do so in the future, alternative narratives are urgently needed to promote social peace, as after all these years there is still no potential for identification across society as a whole for all people, regardless of their nationality, origin, skin color or religion.

While the first generation of immigrants felt mostly connected to the cultural aspects of their country of origin, the subsequent generation already imagined themselves more “between the stools”. Post-migrant perspectives, which are now emerging from the third or fourth generation, are far more outspoken. They see themselves as German citizens who recognize their family biography of origin as a strength and counter the constant processes of othering in a political way. Post-migrant perspectives question existing national knowledge and historiographies in a creative, provocative or emotional way and create their own spaces in the cultural sector, for example, through self-published magazines, podcasts or YouTube channels. Cramer, Schmidt and Thiemann's concept helps with a systematic consideration of these perspectives, which focus on inclusion and participation and thus create new spaces for thought for a society that includes everyone. Migration is freed from its special role and understood as a force that shapes society. This is because a post-migrant attitude is explicitly defined not by questions of origin, but by an attitude towards plurality. As a result, the narrative of origin of us vs the others is finally replaced. A post-migrant perspective is by no means just a neutral analytical perspective, but rather implies a political stance that reflects one's own position in the literary, cultural and academic world.

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