

Voice after Exit? The Effects of Intra-EU Mobility and Migration on Democratic Participation

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Abstract:

While the economic effects of intra-EU mobility and migration on both host and home countries, have received a lot of academic attention, their effects on democratic participation have remained out of focus. Our panel aims to fill in this gap and explore both normatively and empirically the implications of intra-EU migration and mobility for the quality of democracy. The free movement of labour within the EU means that many EU citizens, especially ones from Eastern Europe, are the first generation now working and living abroad and thus have not yet established an in-depth and lasting interest in the politics of their host countries. What is more, seasonal migration and the general precarity of labour in post-austerity EU, means that movement is more often temporary than permanent and so belonging and participation in the political life of a community become more and more problematic. Using the classical dichotomy "exit" or "voice" developed by Hirschman, we ask whether the possibility of "exit" diminishes "voice" in both home and host countries, or whether, on the contrary, mobility enhances people's social and material capital and expands their options of voicing discontent. Interpreting political participation in a broad sense to include voting in national and local elections, but also protest participation, we welcome papers that explore:

1. Protest participation in home countries from abroad
2. Protest organization and participation in host countries
3. The connection between youth migration and youth participation in particular
4. Patterns of voting in national and local elections and campaigns for voting rights
5. Campaigns related to EU citizens' rights in relation to Brexit
6. The role of digital tools and social media for political participation from abroad
7. Academic mobility and political participation

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