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Local migration and integration policies - current and future research questions.

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Research into two areas

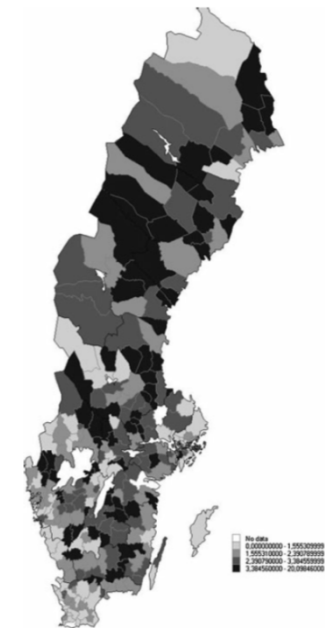
- Migration policy – regulation of flows of immigration.
- Integration policy – conditions provided to the resident immigrants.



Common denominator: local level.

Previous research questions – migration policy

- Significant varieties in municipalities' reception of refugees.
- Quantitative research displays that:
 - Less populated municipalities *are more inclined to receive refugees.*
 - Poorer municipalities with a lower unemployment rate *are more inclined to receive refugees.*
 - Municipalities in which the Sweden Democrats hold the balance of power *are less inclined to receive refugees.*



Previous research questions – migration policy (cont.)

- Municipalities' argument for agreement / non agreement on refugee reception

		<i>Settlement attitude</i>	
		Negative	Positive
<i>Argument</i>	Symbolic	Xenophobia	Solidarity
	Instrumental	Welfare loss	Welfare gain

Policy changes after the 'refugee crisis' – new research questions

- Since March 1 2016 it is mandatory for all municipalities to receive newly arrived refugees.
- The quota for each municipality is based on factors on the labour market, population size, asylum seekers in the municipality.
- Future research questions:
 - What actions do this lead to among previously non-receiving municipalities?
 - How does this change the Swedish system (lack of local discretion) and how can it be compared with other migration regimes (cf. Denmark, Norway)?

Previous research - integration policy

- The 'Establishment reform' (December 2010) – centralization of integration policy.
- Governance of this reform – *the hierarchical network*.

Dimension	The Establishment reform
Number of stakeholders	Several
Incentives to cooperate	Strong
Self-governance	Varies

- The private feature of the 'Establishment reform' – introduction guides (2010-2015).
- Lack of routines for monitoring and evaluating introduction guides.

Previous research - integration policy (cont.)

- The bottom-up perspective. The voice and notions of foreign borns.
- The effect of integration regimes for the individual.
- Policies without being adapted to the individual.

Future research questions:

- How can municipal variation in employment rates for foreign borns be explained by local initiatives?
- Which are perceived hindrances and attitudes among the private sector in regards of employment of foreign borns?
- Which effects have the centralization of Swedish integration policy (lack of local discretion) had on: (i) outcome (ii) the initiative at the local level (iii) comparisons of integration regimes

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