

The Perspective of the Postmigrant Society: Definitions, Controversies and Potentials for Research on Racism'

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Currently there is a controversial and fruitful scientific debate around the question whether „postmigrant“ is an adequate description of societies with a long history of immigration or not. One of the many objections against this term is that it might disguise racist exclusions when it is used programmatically. This objection neglects the potential of the postmigrant paradigm as an analytical tool for critical racism studies. In the lecture the postmigrant paradigm is used to explore the question of why the deeds of the so called nationalsocialist underground (NSU), who murdered 9 migrants between 2000 and 2006 were not recognised as racially motivated by large parts of the german society.