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# **Policies and Politics of Migration in Europe: Refugees and Challenges of Multiculturalism in Europe**

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**Abstract:**

Migration has been increasingly politicized in Europe in the last decades. As a consequence, certain aspects of human mobility are treated as a problem and challenge to European multiculturalism that require the reaction of the state and become the subject of politics. The securitization of migration emerges from the correlation between some successful speech acts of political leaders, the mobilization they create for and against some groups of people, and the specific field of security professionals. However, securitization of migration is not just as a speech act but a phenomenon linking together sets of discourses of unease, bureaucratic and technical practices, and understandings of what constitutes security knowledge and expertise. The lecture will shed light on how certain groups of migrants (especially forced migrants) have been strongly securitized and racialized in the last decade while others have not faced the same fate in spite of seemingly similar features. It will compare the reaction of certain European societies to the refugee crisis in 2015 and in 2022.

**Bio:**

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