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## “THE POST-MIGRANT PARADIGM: INCLUSIVE NARRATIVES IN GERMAN IDENTITY DISCOURSE”

### **The Post-Migrant Paradigm: Inclusive Narratives in German Identity Discourses**

Germany attracted major international attention for its role in the so-called refugee crisis. At the time, the country's experience with migration featured prominently in debates about social cohesion, pluralism and heterogeneity. However, while migration to Germany has a long history, until recently, migrants and their descendants did not play a prominent role in discourses on the country's national identity. It took the political establishment decades to officially accept the obvious - Germany is a country of immigration. In her talk, Naika Foroutan will discuss the concept of a “post-migrant paradigm”. In her view, the German pluralist democracy has to keep its promise of leveling structural inequalities. Moreover, only by including migration narratives in debates on identity will Germany succeed in dismantling the dominant binary view of ethnic Germans versus immigrants.

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