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[„Actually I am different.“
Subjective constructions of
ethnic identity in a migration
context and new ways in
psychological acculturation
research]

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Adaptive Inventory Control for Nonstationary Demand and Partial Information.

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Abstract [English]

"the 'capabilities approach' as developed by amartya sen in welfare economics represents an important alternative theoretical framework for labour market and social policy. it offers a new perspective on employment policy and on the potential for regional labour market policies. the european employment strategy and in particular european regional policy have markedly increased the importance of the regions and of institutional actors at the regional level. in this context new intermediary organizations with comprehensive networking functions have become an important actor in the development of institutional and collective capabilities in the regions. within germany the federal states (bundesländer) have become increasingly important actors in the implementation of regional labour market policies since the 1990s. this development is rooted in the secular increase in unemployment levels as well as in the expansion of the european structural funds. state labour market policies develop programs for selected target groups and to address specific labour market problems within the broader framework of german labour market policy and have been an important sources of innovation. the german federal states enjoy exercise considerable autonomy in the implementation of the eu structural funds, in particular the european social fund. they are responsible for program development, approval of applications for funding as well as for controlling and evaluation at the regional level. in order to carry out these new and complex tasks most german states have established new intermediary organizations that assist the responsible government ministry. these organizations are engaged primarily in consulting and co-ordination tasks in the development and implementation of regional and local policies. after an initial discussion of the capabilities approach in labour market, these intermediary organizations are compared with respect to the scope of their activities and their strategies in implementing regional labour market policies. the following section presents a case study of the organisation for innovative employment promotion (gesellschaft für innovative beschäftigungsförderung, g.i.b.) in north-rhine westphalia, one of the oldest and most prominent of these intermediary organizations, as an example of good practice in the