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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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Abstract [English]

"in the last years, international law has increased the demands to enhance the participation of the public in environmental decisions and procedures. a popular expression of this engagement is the aarhus-convention of 1998. although the implementation of participatory law has become partly obligatory by eu-directions, some german federal states seem not to care. during the research period since 2003 the examined states lower saxony and hamburg have implemented the participatory, environmental law in a very restrictive way. in addition, they reduced the rights in environmental participation. only bremen as third examined state shows an enlarging development and relatively adequate implementation of the procedural rights. the reasons of these surprising results lie probably in three points. firstly, according to the 'misfit thesis', the internationally demanded participation culture and the german one don't fit together. secondly, the party constellation of the federal governments has strong influence on the participatory policies of their states. finally, there are not only nationally different, but also regionally different participatory cultures, with positive characteristics in bremen." (author's abstract)

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Abstract [Deutsch]

"die beteiligung der öffentlichkeit an umweltrelevanten entscheidungen und verfahren wird in den letzten jahren verstärkt vom eu- und völkerrecht eingefordert. populärster ausdruck dieser bemühungen ist die aarhus-konvention von 1998. trotz durch eu-umweltrichtlinien verbindlich gewordener implementationsvorgaben kann eine fallstudie der bundesländer niedersachsen, hamburg und bremen ein durchschlagen des internationalen beteiligungsausbaus auf regionale ebene jedoch nicht bestätigen. während