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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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Aggregation and Manipulation in Prediction Markets: Effects of Trading Mechanism and Information Distribution.

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Abstract [English]

"the article traces the development of the federal structure of swiss citizenship between the founding of the federal state in 1948 and the entrenchment of a restrictive naturalisation and establishment policy in the interwar period. considering the difficult integration of the foreign residents through naturalisation in the past and present in switzerland, the author examines the causes for the granting and refusal of swiss citizenship. she shows that the development of and arrangements for access to swiss citizenship cannot be reduced only to notions about the swiss nation or national interests. they are the result of a permanent process of political negotiation and coordination between the federation, cantons, and local authorities: owing to its importance in social assistance matters, local citizenship constituted an impediment to naturalisation until well into the 20th century. in contrast, the federation and certain cantons like zurich, basle, and geneva had sought since the 1880s to reduce the strongly increasing number of foreign residents by liberalising naturalisation. the outbreak of the second world war put an end to these endeavours. with the rise of a 'new right' since 1900, the setting up of the central office of the police for foreigners in 1917, and the institutionalisation of the authorities' 'fight against foreign infiltration,' swiss nationality law became ethnicized. cultural 'assimilation' into the 'particularity of swiss society' was now regarded as a precondition for becoming a swiss citizen. the new federal rejection of foreigners thus joined with the traditionally restrictive policy of local authorities in an unholy alliance that began to breach only in the 1980s." (author's abstract)

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Abstract [Deutsch]

"der beitrag zeichnet die entwicklung des föderalistischen schweizer bürgerrechts zwischen der bundesstaatsgründung im jahr 1848 und der verankerung einer restriktiven einbürgerungs- und niederlassungspolitik in der zwischenkriegszeit nach. ausgehend von der schwierigen staatsbürgerlichen integration der ausländischen wohnbevölkerung in geschichte und gegenwart der schweiz