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[„Actually I am different.“
Subjective constructions of
ethnic identity in a migration
context and new ways in
psychological acculturation
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Onshore and Offshore Hedge Funds: Are They Twins?

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Abstract [English]

"Judging from their growth in number and size throughout Europe, public bicycle rentals have become increasingly popular in recent years. To support this development – and thereby acknowledging that Germany is somewhat lagging behind – the German Federal Ministry of Transport offered ten million euros as prize money in a competition for innovative bike rental schemes. The aim was to induce German cities to draw up plans for bicycle rental systems, which would integrate rented bikes into traditional public transport. 44 cities and regions participated in the contest. Nevertheless, in spite of having reached an advanced planning stage, there were also a number of cities, which did not hand in project proposals. The discussion paper investigates the arguments which were made for this withdrawal from the competition. Interviews held in three of these cities revealed a number of significant arguments, from time pressure, over administrative hurdles to practical concerns. To test these reasons we also interviewed members of a control group consisting of winners of the competition in three cities. We found that the cities in this second group had faced similar obstacles – they had merely decided to go ahead with the project in spite of them and without fully solving the problems at that stage. The comparison of winners and non-participants leads us to conclude that the integration of public bicycle rental systems into traditional public transport generally faces obstacles on several levels, not the least of which is the lack of support of public transport companies and associations, German public transport being notoriously change resistant. Our analysis suggests that integrated bicycle rental systems are a very sophisticated instrument of transport policy, and therefore can challenge policy makers and administrators alike." (author's abstract)

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Abstract [Deutsch]

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