Presentation Title: Recent Trends in Migrant Integration Governance; A European Perspective

Abstract
Migrant integration has become one of the most contested and politicized policy topics throughout Europe over the last decade or so. This has had an important effect on policy developments. In this presentation, I discuss a number of key developments as well as draw comparisons between the EU and US cases. First of all, the mainstreaming of migrant integration governance into generic policies addresses the whole diverse population rather than just migrant groups. Secondly, the growing importance of multi-level governance processes as not just the European level is becoming more and more important, but in particular also the local level (big cities) are developing their own policy philosophies. Third, I will discuss one of the key issue developments that challenges migration as well as integration policies at various levels of governance; intra-EU mobility, in particular labor migration from Eastern European to North-West European countries. Finally, I will conclude by referring to specific patterns of convergence and divergence between EU countries as well as drawing a number of parallels between European and American developments.