

Support and Opposition to Migration: A European Research Project

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Overview

- About the project
- Our approach
- Contents & hypotheses
- Work in progress

The Project

- Topic: Politicization of migration
- Collaborative project (7 universities)
- Framework 7 programme
- Cross-national comparative
- Support and opposition to migration (SOM)

Consortium

- Seven universities from across Europe
- Considerable expertise in the area



Project Aims

- Why conflicts over migration become politicized
- Anti-immigration movements
- Anti-racist movements
- Increase knowledge about political dynamics
- Provide policy-relevant information

Approach

- Four types of actors
 - State
 - Political parties
 - Movements
 - Media
- Politicization of immigration in seven receiving countries
- 1990/5 – 2009



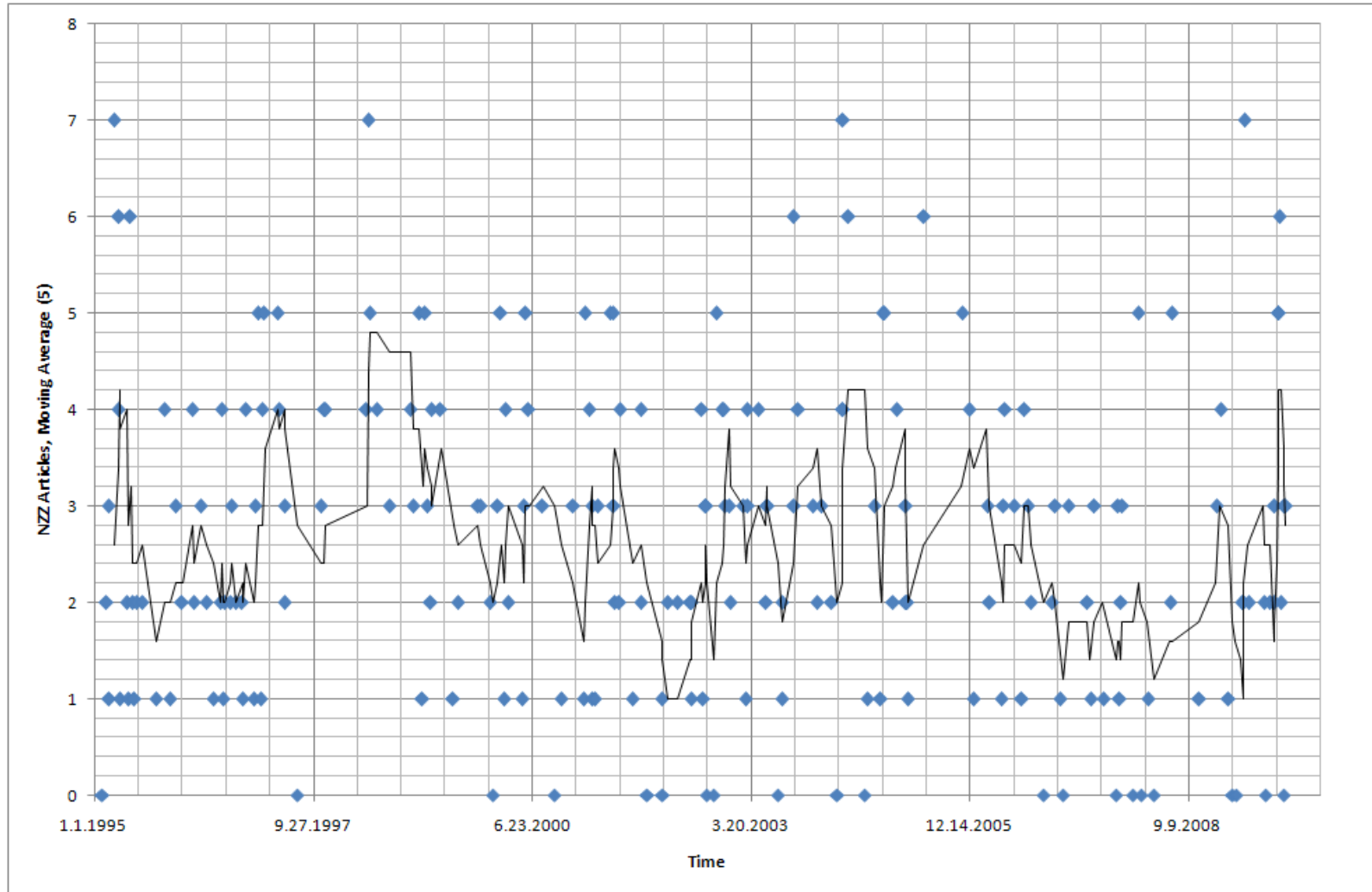
Hypotheses

- More politicization where:
 - Higher proportion of immigrants
 - Immigrants make more political claims
 - Immigrants are culturally easily differentiated
 - Position on immigration coincides with other issues
 - New leaders are looking for a profile
 - Other issues are high on the agenda (economic crisis)
 - The political system is open to challengers

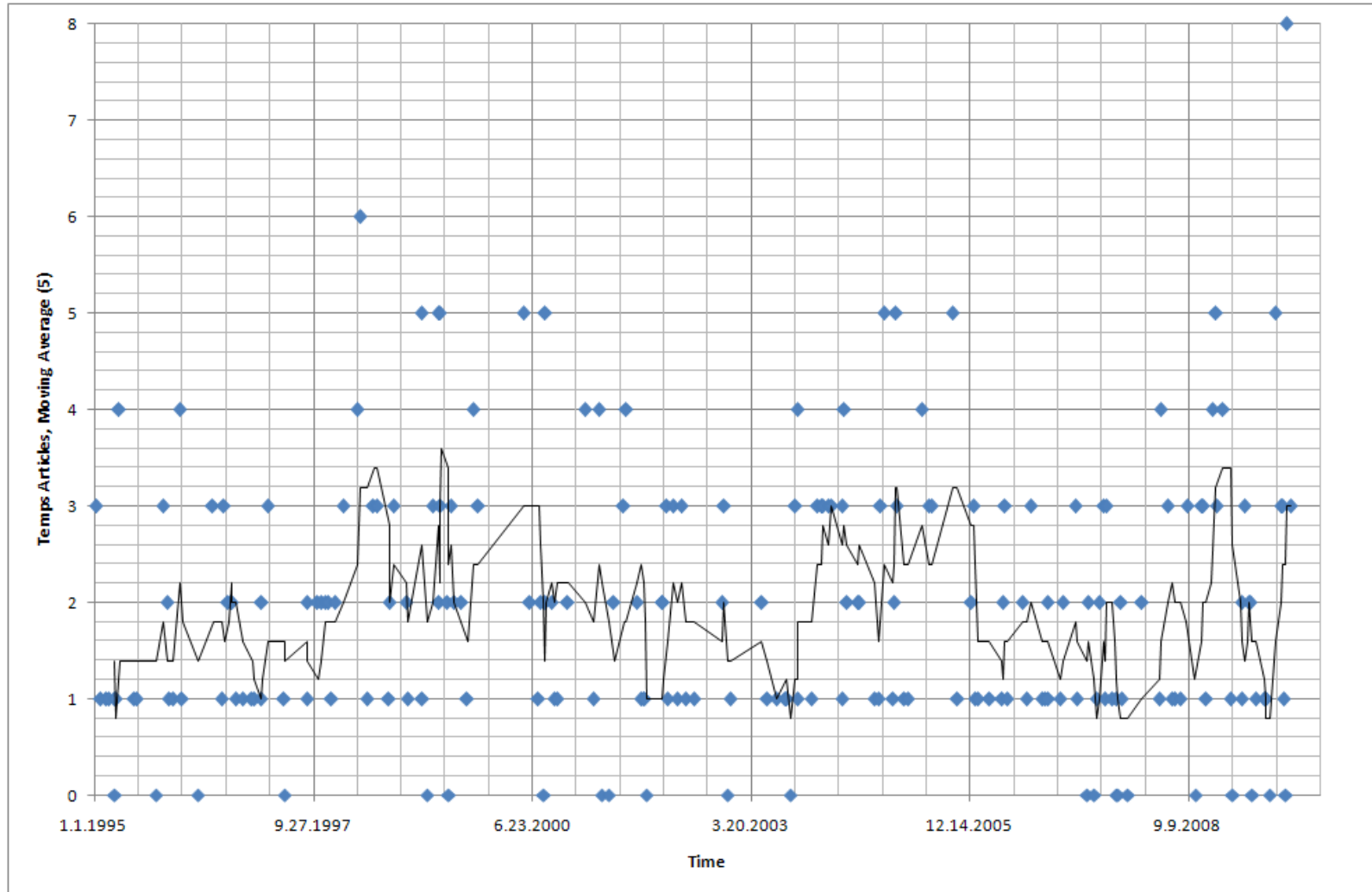
Contents: Work Packages

- Demographics of migration
- Migration policy (MIPEx)
- Political opportunity structure
- Media analysis
- Comparative analysis

News Stories in Switzerland: NZZ

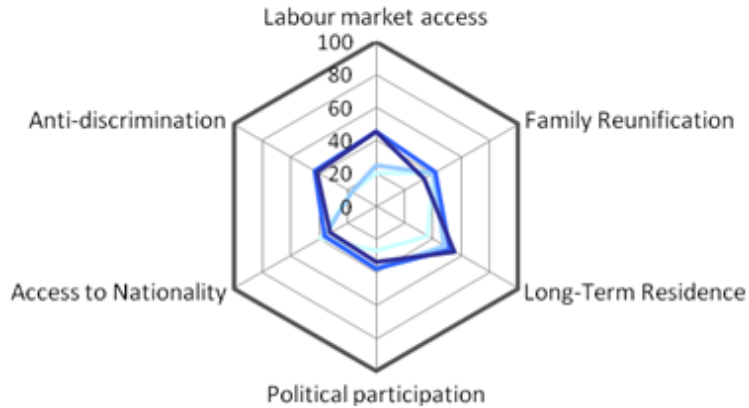


News Stories in Switzerland: Temps

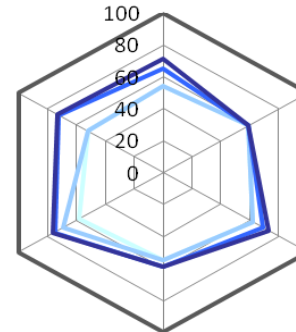


Changing Policy Context

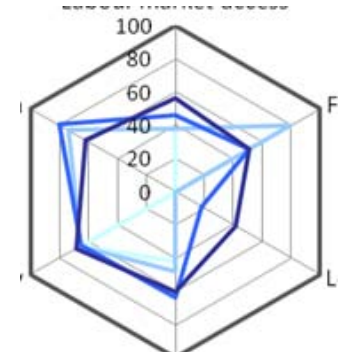
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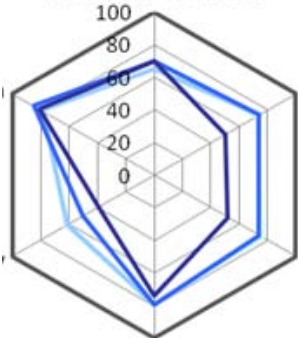
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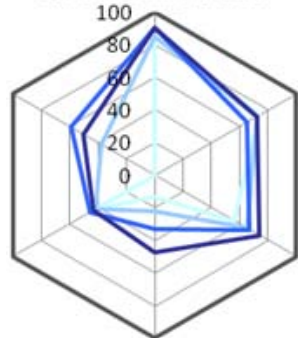
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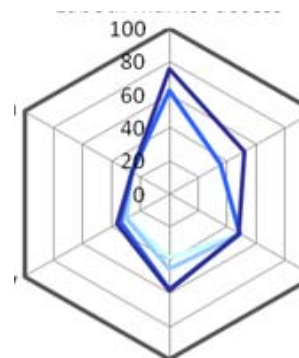
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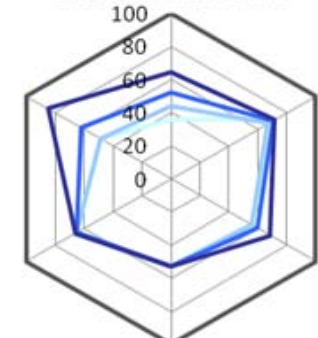
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