

Welfare, Immigration and Redistribution

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Abstract

The clash between globalization forces and state control over domestic policy has reached immigration policies in recent years. The need for skilled and unskilled workers to increase production and decrease costs pushed many developing world governments, including Canada, to compete for their recruitment (Legrain, 2007: 77). Therefore, public debates emerged to adapt formal institutions to values and interests dictated by economic need, on the one hand, to maintain public homogeneity on the other. According to Kelley and Trebilcock (2010), the central question driving values in Canada and developed countries is finding the balance between liberty and community (5). The dilemma that immigration policymakers struggle with is determining the appropriate proportion of immigrants that can sustain the support for public welfare (Legrain, 2007, p. 77).

Biography

Souhail Al-Alaoui's research interest focusses on migrants' wellbeing and policies. In particular, he analyzed the politics behind welfare states' responses to recent migration flows to address social justice issues emerging out of globalization processes. The purpose of his dissertation is to reimagine the concept of family reunification in Canada to reinclude parents and grandparents.