

## Special Issue

# Child and Family Welfare Regimes and Policies in the Context of Migration, Multiculturalism, and Cultural Diversity

### Message from the Guest Editor

The welfare state was faced numerous challenges in recent times, which have been characterised by intensive migration, economic uncertainty, wars and conflicts, and climate change, all coming in the wake of population displacement and increasing needs for the social integration and protection of children and families with minority status or ethnic origin, or with different social backgrounds and cultural belonging. The social fragmentation of societies presents families with a range of challenges in terms of access to welfare, the protection of (social) rights, social integration and inclusion, identity politics, and the recognition of cultural diversity. The aim of this Special Issue is to provide new insights into the arrangements and challenges of child and family welfare regimes and policies in times of multiculturalism, migration, and “mixing populations”, as well as social risks and the fragmentation of the societies, the recognition of and resistance to cultural diversity, emerging fluid identities, and ethnocentric backlash.

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