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Skilled vs. Cultural: Key Strategies for the Integration of Young Immigrants from Rural Regions in the Context of Social Conservatism

Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues: Migration has long been a defining characteristic of human societies, shaping economies, cultures, and communities. In recent years, rural regions have become starting points for integrating young immigrants, highlighting both opportunities and challenges. These areas often face labor gaps, which immigrants can help to address, but also struggle with the socio-cultural integration of newcomers. As rightward political trends continue to advance in many countries, policies and attitudes towards immigrants are becoming more polarized, raising critical questions about effective integration strategies. Research in this field is essential for understanding how to foster social cohesion while meeting economic needs, particularly in rural settings where resources and infrastructure may be limited. Exploring the balance between skill-based integration and cultural strategies is critically important. By addressing these dynamics, this Special Issue aims to contribute to the development of evidence-based policies and practices that enhance integration outcomes in rural communities, even amidst shifting political landscapes.

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