

ETHNIC IDENTITY IN GLOBALIZATION CONTEXT

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Abstract

Increased globalization of nowadays represents an important context of redefining ethnic identities of immigrants. Is globalization threatening ethnic identities or the contrary is true? Does globalization facilitates the integration of immigrants and their children or does it creates barriers toward adapting with new countries where immigrants are settled? Which factors condition the process of formulating an ethnic identity that guarantees a comfortable movement of immigrants in different countries? Through different theoretical approaches this paper explores the main factors of globalization implied in the dynamics of ethnic identity among immigrants and their children arguing that globalization in general creates more barriers and crisis for both national and ethnic identities.

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