Constructing Swiss Identity and Country Image in Times of Migration: Europe between Integration and Exclusion

This event seeks to reflect on the discursive construction of Swiss identity and country image in the recurrent debates about migration in Switzerland and in Europe, in general. The framework for discussion is set at the intersection of a macro, meso and micro context that have gradually contributed to the multiplication of discourses about «us» and «them» across Europe. Bringing together European top scholars in discourse studies, sociology of communication and communication sciences, this conference integrates complementary perspectives on the construction of national identity and country images within these different contexts. The guest speakers will first explore existent discourses on migrants and migration across Western and Eastern Europe. Then, they will focus on the Swiss case, illustrating how different social actors (media, experts, institutions) discursively construct the idea of a Swiss national identity and the image of Switzerland.

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