

Integration and Interculturalism in Ireland

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- Definitions of Integration
- Variations of Integration in Policies
 - Is integration the new assimilation?
- Repertoires of ‘Incorporation’
- Interculturalist Integration as Irish strategy?
- Contextualised Analysis of Integration in national social & institutional histories



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Key Foundations & New Regimes

Dev of Equalities Regime
(work re: gender etc)

(work re: Travellers)

Increase in Immigration
(dev of immigration regime)

Dev of 'Interculturalism' Strats

Evolution of 'integration' policy

Multi-ethnic/diverse society



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Key Contributing Factors

- First phase of significant ethnic diversification
- Spaces created by interculturalism discourses
- Tradition of community development
- Impacts of strategies brought by immigrant change agents
- Compression of 1st and 2nd generation civic/political engagement
- Forms of migrant mobilisation
- Nascent infrastructure around integration/diversity
- Evolution of intercultural capital



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The Way Forward

- **Civic Arena**
 - beyond 'participation'
 - > diverse organisations as 'learning organisations'
- **Policymaking**
 - reflection on fundamental principles
 - healthier relationship with civil society
 - convergence with other initiatives
- **Academic Scholarship**
 - beyond post WW2 migration & ethnic relations paradigm
 - policy > transdisciplinary focus
 - immigrants as co-authors, co-analysts and 'new Irish' scholars

