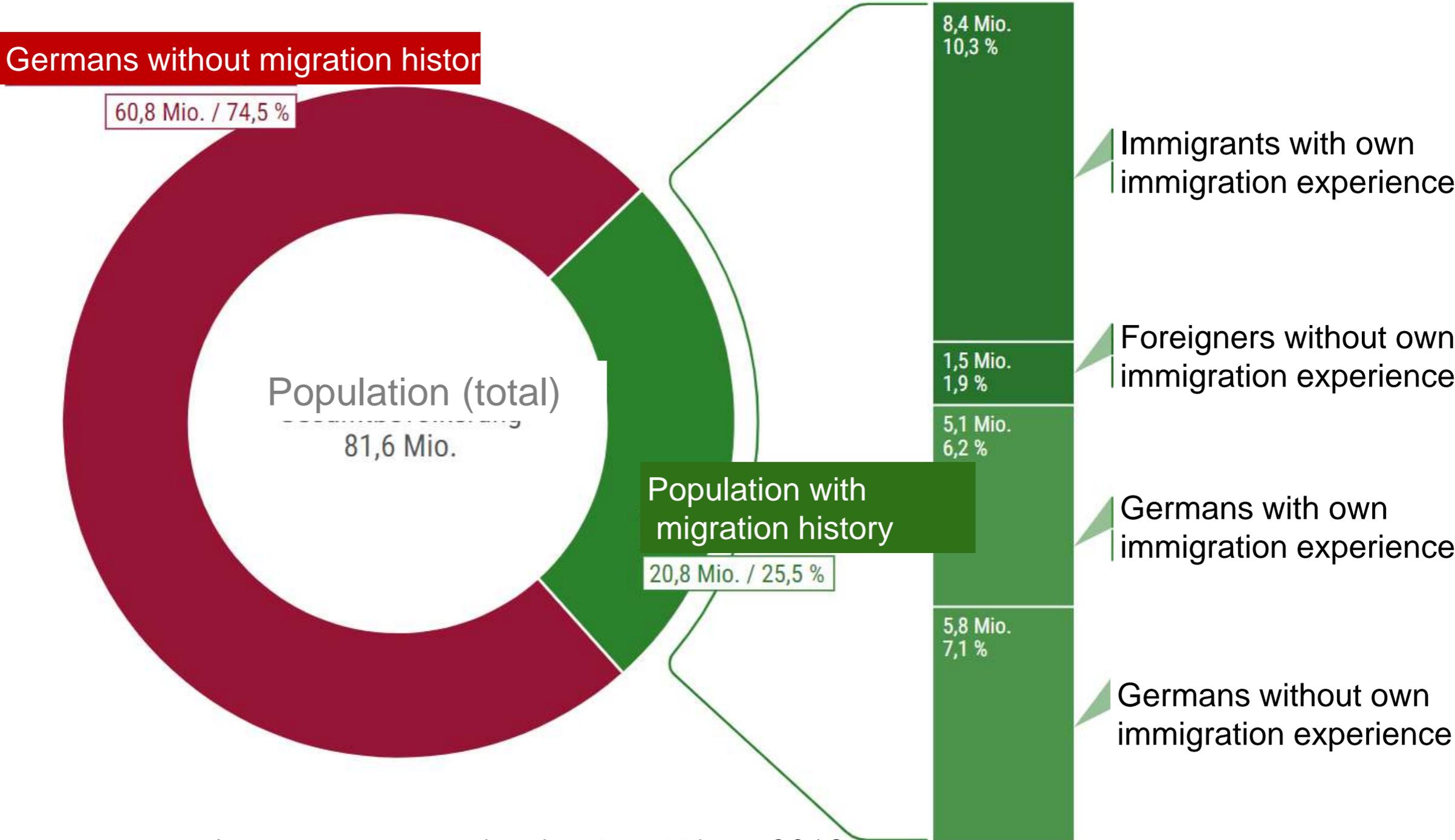


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Intercultural Spaces for Participation: A challenge for institutional change in planning administration

demografic context / immigrant population in Germany

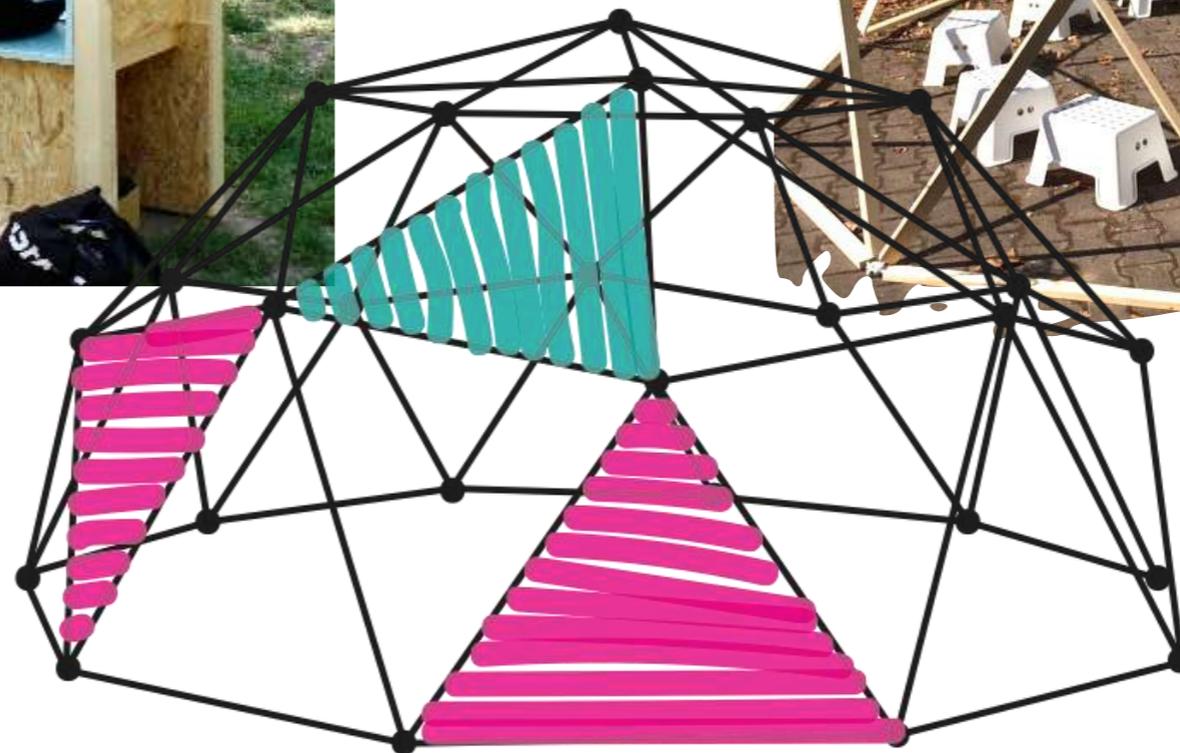


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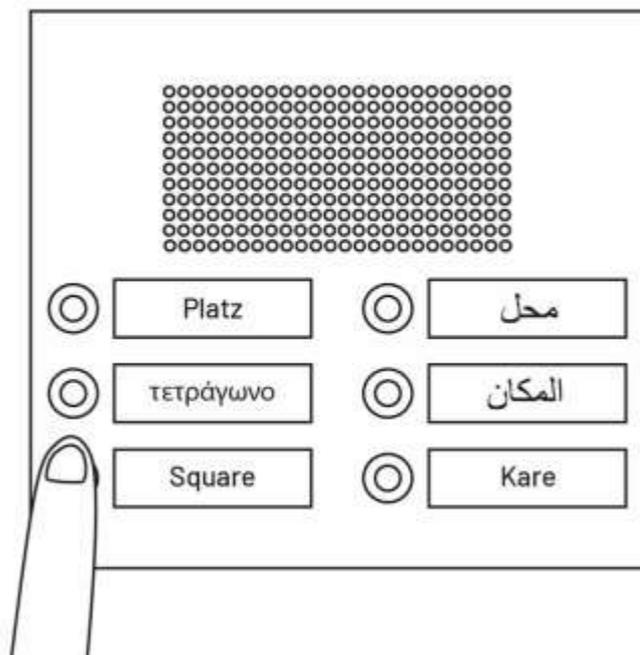
INTERPART research concept

- ‘real lab’ as instrument of transformative research
 - ‘real lab’ for researchers + planning administration + intermediaries to reflect experience and state of the art of intercultural opening
 - ‘real lab’ on site: testing spaces /tools of encounter rather than topic related participation
 - ‘real lab’ online tools (2020)

'real lab': narratives / encounter as basis for the implementation of parts of a 'ladder of participation'



potentials of cross-medial participation in intercultural participation concepts



Als "Ausländer" in Biebrich: „Und wir wurden dann auf einmal so herzlich aufgenommen, weil sie gemerkt haben: Ja, das sind doch keine schlimmen Menschen, das sind ganz normale Menschen.“

Online Dialog Erzählecke

„Ich lebe seit ungefähr 28 Jahren hier in Biebrich. Als wir hierher gezogen sind, war ich 5 Jahre alt. Aber als wir einziehen wollten, waren alle gegen uns, weil wir Ausländer waren.“

Welterlesen



Erfahrung mit Bürgerbeteiligung: „Biebrich ist so ein bunter Stadtteil und die Beteiligung findet meistens in den deutschen Communities statt!“

Online Dialog Erzählecke

„Meine Erfahrung mit Beteiligungsangeboten ist eher - schwierig ist das falsche Wort, aber sehr gemischt.“

Welterlesen

Critical issues for (intercultural) participation

- Consensus = lowest common denominator
- Unequal distribution of resources
- Valuation and devaluation of different technologies of citizenship/participation
- Incentives
- Blind spots resulting from positionality of planners
- Unequal representation

Intercultural opening in public administration



„Intercultural opening refers to an organizational structure and culture that includes people with a migration history.

This is the starting point to develop strategic goals, structural changes, qualification processes and quality management.“

(Gaitanides 2016)

'policy as written' vs 'policy performed'

Participation is obligatory in all Berlin planning processes and in selected processes Wiesbaden, however ...

- participatory development of guidelines/participation models hardly includes immigrant communities
- rhetoric of guidelines/models addresses immigrant communities as those "*difficult to reach*", "*deprived populations*"
- 'othering' processes are perpetuated, neglect of 'post-migration society'
- political statement does not necessarily match attitude of the professionals, intermediaries

Theses on the state of intercultural opening in the case studies' participation processes

- Operationalisation of guidelines takes place with a focus on the *outside*: planning administration looks at those „*to be integrated*“ rather than at its own need for institutional change/intercultural opening.
- Space for reflection on how to do the ‚translation‘ of the guidelines in the (interdisziplinäre) professional context is lacking.
- Role of individual lifestyle and networks as ‚social capital‘ participatory planning processes are underestimated.
- The role of positionality and emotions in both planning administrations and target groups remain a tabu zone and so does institutional racism.

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Thank you for your attention!