Second POLITIS Summer School in Germany
Analysis of interviews started

The second POLITIS summer school takes place in Schwerte, Germany from 13 to 17 of July with the POLITIS research team, experts, observers and 57 interviewers who originate from Europe, Africa, America and Asia and study or work on their PhD in the EU-member states.

Participants are involved in research on the biographical and societal conditions of immigrants who are highly active in the receiving societies, for example in leading functions in parties, ethnic organisations or NGOs. 177 qualitative interviews, conducted in 24 different EU member states, form a unique database. Among others, analysis has started on motivations, transcultural capital, biographical changes between activities in ethnic organisations and in the wider society, the role of citizenship, local opportunity structures, and policy recommendations and visions of interviewees. The summer school combines the improvement of ongoing research with training of young researchers.

A short film directed by students of the University of Oldenburg gives an impression of aims and work in the project (Benjamin Arnold and Almuth Wetzstein, 'POLITIS – introducing to an unusual research partnership'). It will be shown at the summer school and available online soon.

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You find there among others:
25 country reports review background information on migration developments and research about immigrants' civic participation in the member states of the European Union (http://www.uni-oldenburg.de/politis-europe/9812.html)

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