

Diversity Matters: An interdisciplinary webinar series

**Access to and exclusion from housing over time:
Migrants' experiences in rural areas**
A conversation with Tobias Weidinger and Stefan Kordel

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Tobias Weidinger and Stefan Kordel investigate various processes of immigration to rural areas and the transformation that result from rural newcomers. In this webinar, they will focus on the realm of housing, which is closely interlinked with other dimensions of migrant integration such as individuals' sense of safety and security and is often addressed as a prerequisite for access to employment, education and health care. Drawing on empirical results from joint research projects conducted in rural Bavaria (Germany), the authors will present the complex interplay of individual and family-related residential preferences of rural newcomers over time. In addition, structural factors regarding access to housing and associated settlement and integration will also be examined. Mechanisms and practices of exclusion that prevent migrants from accessing appropriate private housing are related to the negotiation of residential preferences about where and how to live, as well as to structural aspects such as the pattern of local housing markets, accessibility of infrastructures or the unwillingness of landlords to let to migrants. The webinar will conclude by highlighting the role of 'place' in housing trajectories. While social resources determine newcomers' practices and the strategies of local intermediaries to overcome exclusion, the difficult provision of housing points to the current housing crisis topic - one relevant both in urban and rural settings.

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<i>Moderator:</i> Marzia Bona , Institute for Regional Development, Eurac Research, Italy	
Welcome and Introduction	Johanna Mitterhofer , Institute for Minority Rights, Eurac Research (Italy)
Speakers	Tobias Weidinger , Institute of Geography, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg (Germany)
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Q&A and discussion	



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