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Immigrant and Immigration Policy-making in Poland

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Plan of the presentation

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1. Four generations of research and the Polish case



First generation: demographic composition as well as evolution of migration flows and stocks

- Dynamic development since the mid-1990s
- Impressive body of research
- Descriptive approach



Second generation: immigrants' economic insertion and social behaviours

- Developing since the late 1990s
- Concentration on labour market performance and social integration of immigrants.



Third generation: inclusion into citizenship

Fourth generation: immigrant and immigration policy-making

Research at a very early stage of development



2. Polish migration policy

1. Beginnings 1991-1996: Adoption of International Standards

- 1963 Aliens Law with novelties & Decrees

2. Institutionalisation and Adoption of some EU-Standards: 1996-1998

- 1997 Aliens Law
- New division of competences



3. Implementation of the *acquis communautaire*: 1998-2004

- Novelties of the Polish Aliens Law: April 2001, June 2003

4. At present:

- Aliens Law: Rules and Conditions of Entry, Stay and Transit through Poland of the non-EU citizens
- Law on Protection of Foreigners



3. Research problems in the Polish policy-making

- Migration doctrine
- Actors in policy-making
- Parliamentary debates
- Europeanisation



4. Conclusions

1. No research dedicated exclusively to policy-making;
2. Vast majority: explicative policy output studies;
3. Descriptive, lack of theoretical background;
4. Vast majority: top-down approach;
5. Lack of senior political scientists researching on migration, emerging new generation;
6. Think tanks involvement in research on policy-making.