Immigrant Integration in Japan: Barriers and Challenges

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This lecture discusses immigrant integration in Japan. It focuses on economic and psychological integration. We also explore social and cultural integrations as predictors for economic and psychological integrations. Hence, we investigate integration from different angles and what hinders the integration of immigrants in Japan. We discuss the characteristics of the contexts under which immigrants are received in Japan.

This discussion includes immigration control policies, labor market structures, and ethnic communities. To examine immigrant integration in Japan, we use the statistical data derived from the nationally representative survey targeting immigrants in 2018. To consider economic integration, we focus on the role of education and labor market segmentation in shaping logged hourly wages. For the study of psychological integration, we observe mental health and intentions to settle or return.

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