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The making of (non-)migrants: Integration as dispositif

The discourse about (Turkish) guest workers, labour migration and, finally, the situation of Muslim migrants in Germany after the end of the Second World War can be explained as a hegemonic narrative containing differential, layered and superimposed interpellative practices. This comprehension of the historical processes in Germany after 1945 is based on the supposition that in focussing on people labelled as 'Turkish guest workers', 'Turks' or 'Muslims', a distinction is made between the imaginary natio-ethno-cultural 'we' and the 'non-we' as the most important means of differentiation for the German migration society. I would like to explain how the implementation of this distinction has been transformed and condensed in recent years during the course of integration policies, discourses and practices to form a dispositif. Along the integration dispositif, the reference to 'Muslim Turks' as a symbol of migrants enables the phantasmatic 'we' of non-migrants to be effectively mobilised under current conditions.