



Public Lecture

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**The Integration Nation: Towards a New Critical Political
Demography**

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Adrian Favell, University of Leeds

11:30 – 13:00 h

This talk will be held in person at the University of Neuchâtel, Avenue du 1er-Mars 26, Room C46 and online on WEBEX (<https://unine.webex.com/unine-fr/j.php?MTID=mc1afb17f609340fd0d481ee85836cd5f>) as well as live-streamed on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AYeukSpzVHA>).

Abstract

The *Integration Nation: Immigration and Colonial Power in Liberal Democracies* (Polity Press 2022) is a manifesto for a new critical migration, mobilities and border studies, bridging established and more recent critical trends in these interconnected but sometimes divided fields. In this lecture, Adrian Favell will present key ideas from the book, in terms of what he calls “political demography”: the study of how advanced liberal nation-states classify and enumerate populations which are inherently mobile and diverse into ‘legible’ legal and institutional distinctions: of ‘citizens’ and ‘migrants’, ‘nationals’ and ‘aliens’, ‘majorities’ and ‘minorities’. They do this in order to constitute their own pastoral and governmental powers, thereby sustaining a global order of territorialized and bordered national populations founded on massive inequalities between nations and their members – inequalities that still substantially reflect the racialized hierarchies of colonialism and Empire.

About the Speaker

Adrian Favell is Chair in Sociology and Social Theory at the University of Leeds, where he directs the Bauman Institute. He is currently an invited fellow of the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin. He is the author of various works on migration, multiculturalism, cosmopolitanism and cities, including *Philosophies of Integration* (1998), *Eurostars and Eurocities* (2008), and a collection of essays: *Immigration, Integration and Mobility: New Agendas in Migration Studies* (2015). Most recently, he has led the UK ESRC project, Northern Exposure: Race, Nation and Disaffection in “Ordinary” Towns and Cities after Brexit.

Selected Publications

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