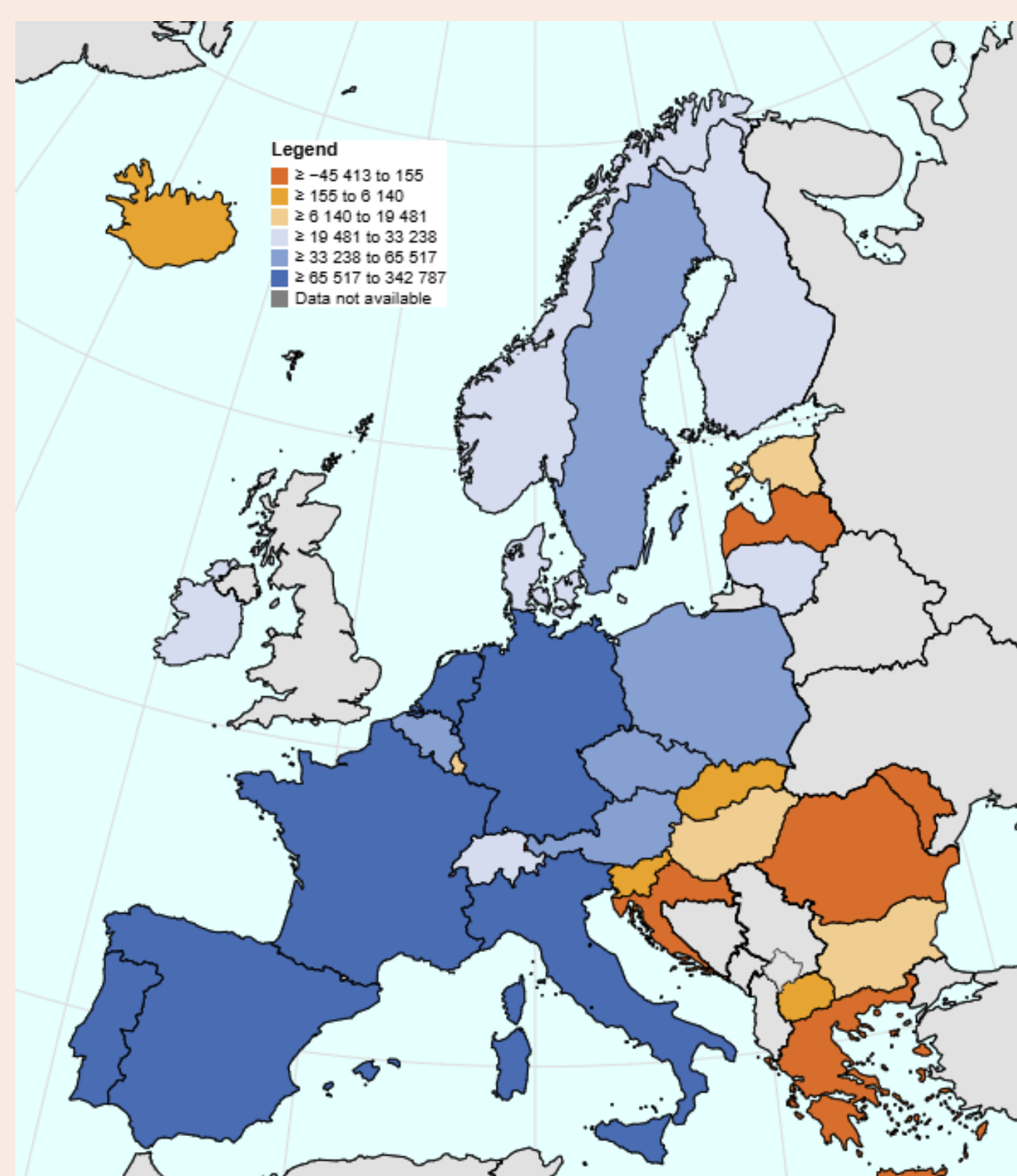


A European Desert

The Territorial Economics and Politics of Emigration in Crisis Regions

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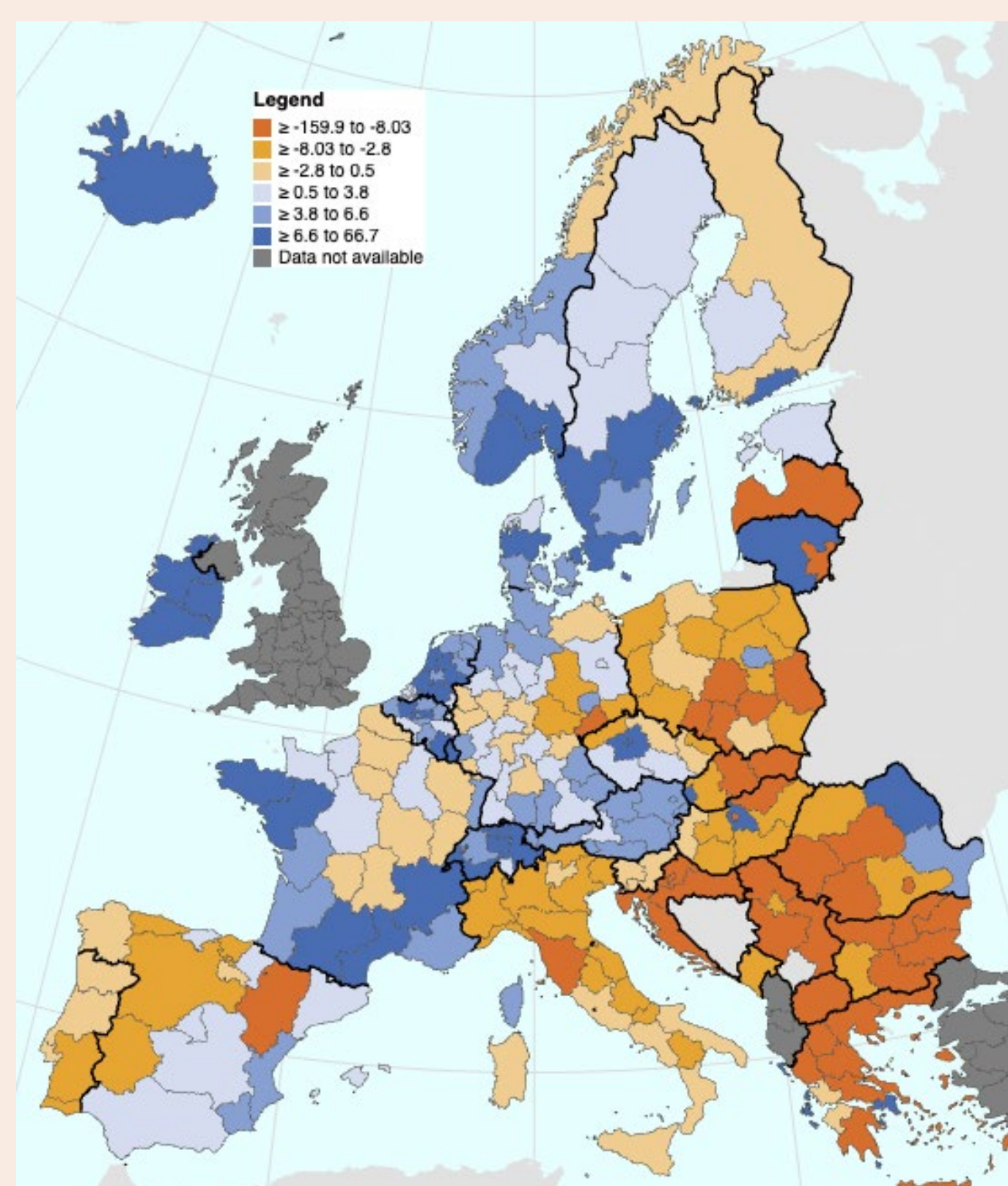
... a continent of immigration in different shades...



A National Perspective

Net Migration by Country

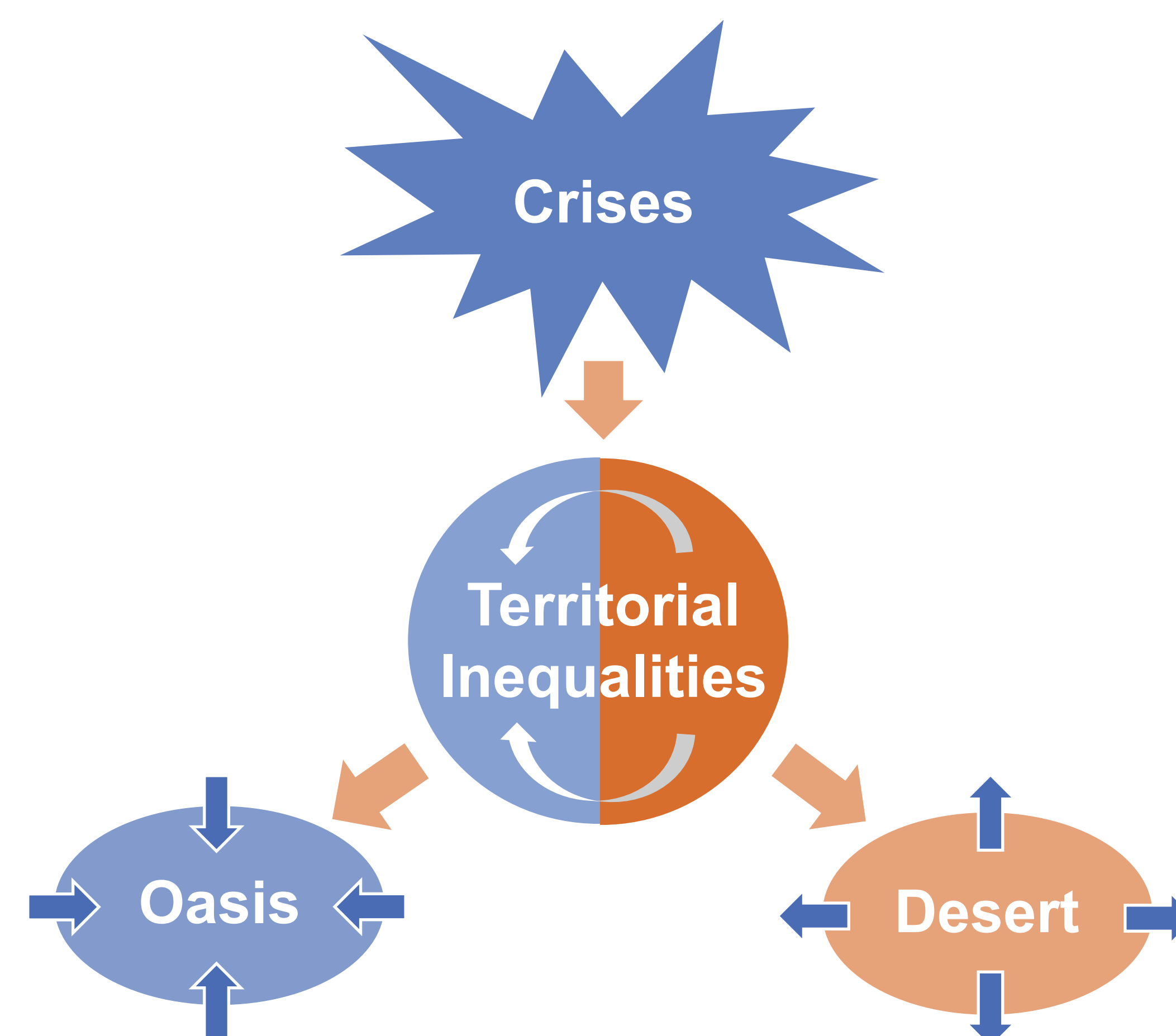
... a mosaic of regional
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A Regional Perspective

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The Regional Emigration Trap



Economic crises aggravate territorial inequalities, which produce regional “oases” and “deserts”

Research Overview

Questions	Cases
Why is regional emigration politicized?	Germany: Thuringia (Political Parties) Spain: Aragon and Castille and Leon (Print Media) European Union: Commission (Public Administration)
How are left-behind communities impacted?	Italy: Mantova & Pavia (Shopkeepers), Sicily (Youth) France: Lorraine (Policy Paradigms) Ireland: Cork (Gaelic Athletic Association)
How do regional actors address the consequences?	Switzerland: Glarus and Neuchâtel (Public Policy) Portugal: Setúbal (Populist Radical Right Party) Switzerland: National & cantonal identification (Survey)

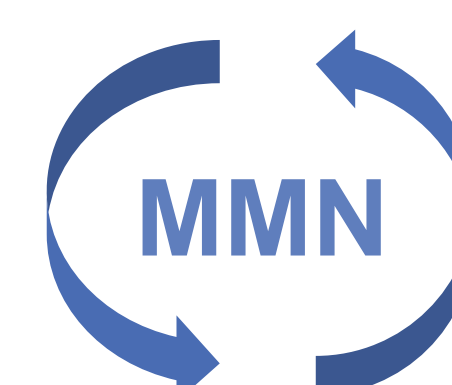
Key Findings

Reclaiming territorial equality	“Oases” and “deserts” both result from and reproduce the economic & political divide between “winners” and “losers”
Reframing leaving	Long perceived positively as an individual opportunity , leaving is recast negatively as a collective grievance
Reassessing (im)mobility	Regional actors shift from networking to anchoring policies, epitomised by the “ right to stay ”

Contributions to NCCR



- Shows politicization of regional emigration after major economic crises



Breaks distinctions between
internal/ /international
migration/mobility

Reveals hierarchies between regional outflows along a “desirability scale”



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