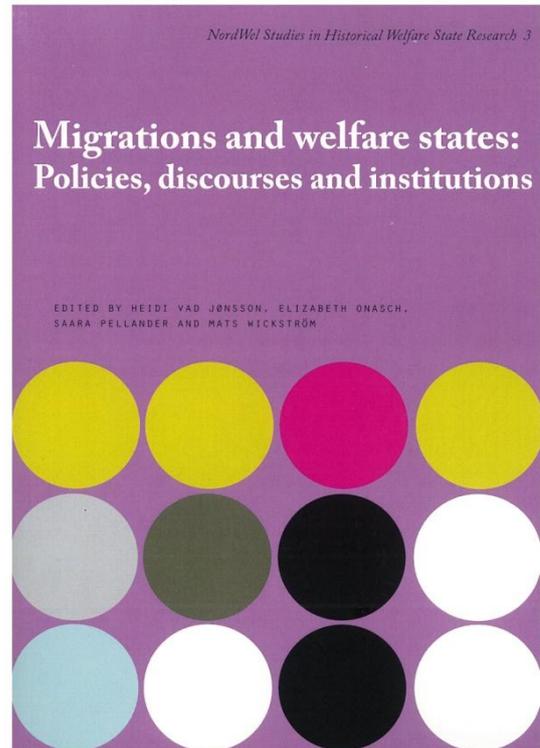


Migrations and welfare states: Policies, discourses and institutions

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Immigration and welfare are two salient and charged themes in today's political discussions. State and non-state actors have worked to expand, retrench, and extensively reform welfare states in the years following World War II, and these struggles have coincided with the thorough politicisation of immigration.

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The six chapters of this volume examine a variety of encounters between migrants and welfare states, ranging from the Swedish multicultural immigrant policy of the 1970s to contemporary integration programmes in Finland and France. All of these studies further ongoing discussions on the theme of the relationship between welfare states and migrations, making this volume a timely and relevant contribution to an important contemporary topic.

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