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TITLE OF PROJECT

Migration and Integration in Germany: Challenges faced by highly-qualified Indians

DETAILS OF PROPOSED PROJECT

Looking ahead, it seems safe to predict that international migration will continue the process of cultural hybridization. The following project is divided into two parts: Part I of the project elaborates on Germany's position as a host country of the highly-qualified. German immigration legislation for the highly-qualified entrants will be explained and attention to the current marketplace and job opportunities for the highly-qualified will be drawn as well. Part II expresses a specific interest in highly-qualified Indians that migrate to Germany. The determinants for the immigration decision to Germany will be pointed out. Furthermore, the importance of highly-qualified Indian workforce in Germany will be considered in contrast to the global competition for Indian highly-qualified.

METHODICAL APPROACH

A review will be performed, integrating both scientific and political literature. In terms of qualitative data, 15 guided qualitative interviews will be conducted with highly-qualified nationals from India whereby the term highly-qualified refers to persons who acquired at least one academic degree. Potential interview partners are those who are currently working in Germany. The focus of the interviews will not only lie on the immigration experiences and future perspectives of the highly-qualified Indians, but also on their daily life and challenges facing in Germany.