

From emigration to immigration

WWI & American reforms slow emigration

Reversal: ~1930, immigration exceeds emigration

Historical immigration

Hanseatic Germans

Finns

Roma

Walloons

French

Jews

Italians

Early 20<sup>th</sup> century immigration and WWII

Nordic countries

Baltics

+ Early refugees & immigrant labor

1950s-60s: labor migration
Italy, Greece, Yugoslavia, Turkey, Scandinavia

Early refugee migration
Immigration regulation
Exceptions, e.g. family reunion

Laws: increase in Nordic immigration, decrease otherwise

Chilean military coup

+ Seeking asylum & EU

1980s, asylum system
Refugees from Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, Eritrea, Somalia, Kosovo, USSR
The refugee system and critics
Yugoslavia collapses
Evacuation of Kosovo Albanians
European freedoms
Refugees from Iraq War
Appeals to the EU

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### The draw & the dilemma

- Sweden's reputation as a migration destination
- A complicated process
- Time and humanism
- Tough questions
- Who may immigrate? Why?
- Effects on society?
- Labor vs. asylum
- Politicians and their votes...
- Aim for a pan-EU policy on asylum?

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# Developments & the future

- Multi-ethnic society
- Demographics
  - Nationally ~18% with foreign origins
- Stockholm ~1/5 foreign-born
- Diversity in traditions, arts, sports, entrepreneurship, etc.
- Urban housing segregation (e.g. inner vs. outer city)
- Home language education rights and critiques
- December 15, 2008: new legislation on foreign labor
- Employers in control, must provide good conditions
- Preference for EU, EEA, Swiss citizens
- Work permits for rejected asylum seekers
- good policy or complications?
- political landscape and 2010 elections



