# SOCIAL COHESION IN DIVERSE SOCIETIES

The case of the Danish 'Ghetto' Laws

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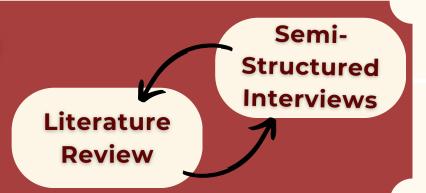
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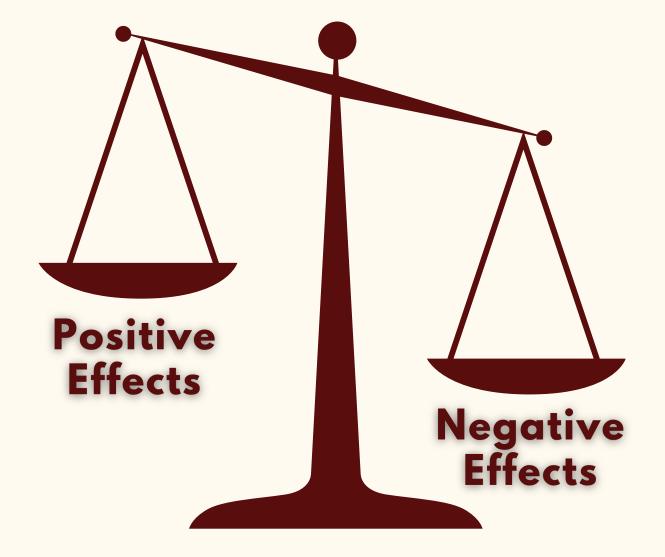
The establishment of 'Parallel Societies' creates division through stigmatisation, stumping social cohesion.

**Reciprocal loyalty Shared values** Sense of belonging **Trust among society** Reduction of inequalities & exclusion.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF THE DANISH "GHETTO" LAWS ON SOCIAL COHESION DEFINED ALONG DIFFERENT **DIMENSIONS?** 

### Methodology **Mixed Methods** Design





## Results and Discussion

Community

**National** 

- Sense of Belonging
- Mobilization
- Stigmatization
- Socioeconomic status
- Danish values
- Social **Engineering**
- Framing

"It is seen as this criminal place with very high unemployment and low education, but when you live with them and you look into it, it's not that at all" (Expert 4)

### Integration Measures:

- some successful measures, such as increased funding, but effectiveness is undermined by stigmatization and negative associations with "non-Western" descent
- **Refugee Placement:** 
  - Placement often results in isolation and compartmentalization overlooks individuals needs. People are just being moved around.

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