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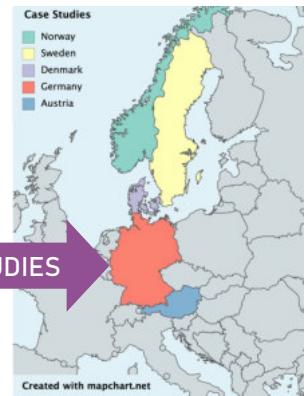
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FEAR OF THE OTHER OR OF THE CLIMATE: HUMAN MOBILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE AS PERCEIVED BY EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTIES

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Climate change will impact patterns of human (im)mobilities. This will happen in different ways for different people, who may be displaced from their homes, may choose to migrate either permanently or temporarily, may decide not to leave their homes despite climate impacts, or may not have the means to move. **Nation states in the Global North are only just starting to consider what these changes in mobility patterns might mean for them.**



Research Question: How do European political parties perceive human mobility in the context of climate change?

CASE STUDIES



ANALYSIS OF ELECTION MANIFESTOS

In every case study, several parties mentioned human mobility in the context of climate change in their more recent national election manifesto.

Most of these references belonged to 3 central narratives:



1. **Warning** – people will be forced to flee their homes due to climate change



2. **Prevention** – climate mitigation policies are automatically actions to prevent displacement



3. **Cooperation** – policy responses require working together, especially within Europe

The narratives are built around either fear of climate change impacts (and the effects they will have on people's lives and livelihoods) or fear of refugees and migrants coming to Europe from the Global South.

#PARTICIPANTSWANTED – RESEARCHING NATIONAL POLITICS DURING A PANDEMIC

- More difficult to access parliamentarians
- Less likely to agree to online interviews/surveys than in-person interactions
- Outreach via email, social media and videos required on larger scale than pre-pandemic

CLIMACY
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Abgeordnete im deutschen Bundestag

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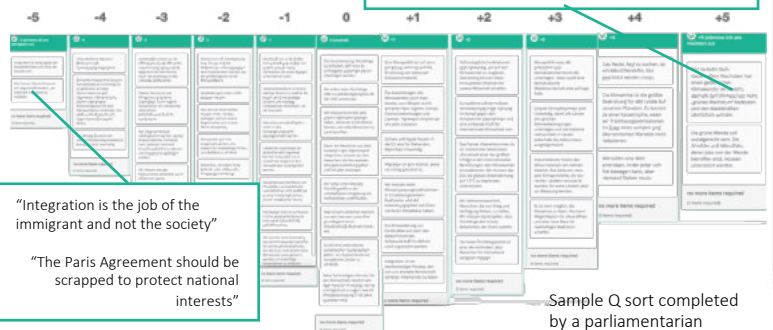
Online Umfrage

NEXT STEPS IDEALISED DISCOURSE TYPES USING Q METHOD

Parliamentarians are being asked to sort statements about climate change and migration according to level of agreement. Statistical analysis will be used to distil ideal 'types' from the data.

"Striving for constant growth has caused dangerous climate change. Climate protection cannot be allowed to mean "green growth" and be left to market forces"

"The green transition should be socially just. The poorest and people whose jobs are affected by the transition need to be supported"



Sample Q sort completed by a parliamentarian