

Structural Violence as a Mechanism for Incarceration of Immigrants into Global and Local Total Institutions

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This paper initially presents a conceptualization of structural violence, which is further linked to international migrations. Discussion as a whole is actualized by the author with a perspective on the current migration situation in Europe. Through the use of a qualitative research approach (inference) and with application of Galtung's (1990) concept of structural violence to international migration, the author elaborates an existence of two types of areas of exclusion, according to their principles reminiscent of Goffman's total institutions.

Global total institutions include countries and whole regions, where people are often excluded from access to the fundamental achievements of civilizational development, and where their lives are endangered by conflict, war, violence, environmental and health risks, etc. At the same time, we can find internal total institutions within the post-industrial societies, which can be recognized in the form of closed areas such as ghettos, slums or similar excluded settlements, and are complemented to social spaces of marginalized social positions, in which "the others" (i.e. immigrants and their descendants) are placed by the use of discrimination and (neo) racism.

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