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The Challenge of Migration in a Janus-Faced Europe

- Demonstrates how tensions embedded in the EU project shape responses to migrants and refugees
- Offers original insights into the paradoxes of migration policies in Europe by emphasizing the importance of legacies of the post war period
- Examines how policy legacies affect second generation migrants and policymaking at both national and local levels
- Argues that understanding this ingrained ambivalence must be the first step to tackling present-day migration issues, creating a sustainable management of migration flows and maintaining social cohesion and democracy
- Analyses migration governance in a broad range of European countries including

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