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### The Routledge Handbook of the Politics of Migration in Europe

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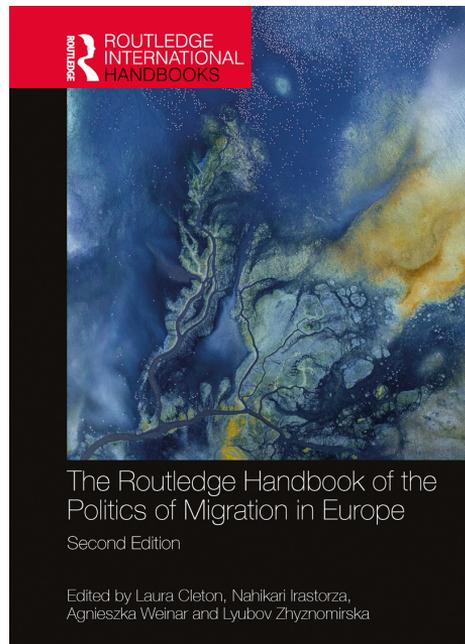
The second edition of *The Routledge Handbook of the Politics of Migration in Europe* provides a rigorous, provocative, and critical examination of what is exceptional about the European politics of migration and the study of it.

Crucially, this book adopts a pan-European perspective to better explain the regional shades of European migration politics, inclusive of tendencies in all geographical parts of Europe. The volume accounts for recent developments that affect human mobility in Europe, including the significant number of asylum seekers from non-EU and non-European countries in 2014–2016, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Brexit, and the Russian war on Ukraine. Thematically organized, this book provides analytically fruitful comparisons across various geographical entities within Europe.

**Chapter By** Mikołaj Pawlak

#### **Producing and Using Knowledge in Governing Migration in Europe**

This chapter discusses three issues and tensions concerning the production and use of knowledge in governing migration: categories and their contestation, instrumental and symbolic uses of knowledge, and the interplay of knowledge and ignorance. The chapter reviews the literature on how states and other powerful social actors produce and maintain categories concerning migration. Then, it presents how reflexive migration scholarship denaturalises these categories. Studies on the research-policy nexus show that expertise is mostly used symbolically to legitimise policy actors who govern migration. Finally, the chapter highlights recent research inspired by ignorance studies, which documents the active and strategic practices of not-knowing involved in migration governance. The chapter calls for further studies on the structural conditions that produce these three tensions. It concludes that the use of knowledge and ignorance has its national peculiarities but that there is no critical divide between different regions of Europe.



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## **The Aesthetics of Populism**

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Do populists and liberal democrats recognizably differ in their lifestyles, clothes, eating habits, or reading preferences? Do the supporters of populism and liberal democracy look at the past from different perspectives? How do their aesthetic choices influence their political engagement? You will find these and similar questions addressed (and answered) by the contributors to this collection. The volume owes its special place in the literature on political aesthetics to its interdisciplinarity. It combines theoretical explorations of the ways aesthetics can be used to analyze political developments and empirical research that comprehensively illuminates the relevance of aesthetics to political struggle.

## Women in Populist Rhetoric

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At a time of increasing right-wing populism, *Women in Populist Rhetoric* examines the relationship between populist rhetoric and the real social changes that affect women and how populists gain prominence through the support they receive.

Covering a broad spectrum of right-wing group activity in Western, Central and Eastern Europe—including Hungary, France, and Czechia—this volume takes an important look at the phenomena at the level of leadership and the practice of its operation. The book is divided into four parts: the first describes the phenomenon of right-wing populism, the second examines language as a tool of populist influence, and the third and fourth analyse the narratives of populist parties towards women across different European countries.

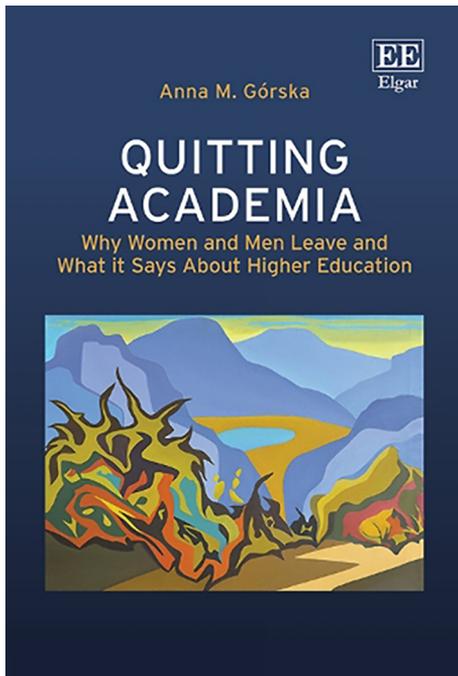
An important text for the present moment, *Women in Populist Rhetoric* is an invaluable text for students of politics, sociology, and gender studies.



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## Quitting Academia

### Why Women and Men Leave and What it Says About Higher Education

By

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This insightful book explores what drives academics to leave their careers, and examines their experiences during and after the process of quitting higher education. Anna M. Górska highlights how a career in academia has moved from being a secure and meaningful profession to one that is increasingly competitive and demanding, resulting in faculty burnout.

Based on 42 in-depth interviews with tenured and tenure-track faculty, the book brings forward nuanced, personal narratives that explore why people leave academia, and how they subsequently rebuild their identities, careers, and lives. Górska critically engages with neoliberalism,

exploring how managerialism, performativity, and market-driven logics have reshaped academic identities and institutions. Górska also analyses the gendered experience of quitting academia, emphasising that women face additional systemic inequalities and invisible forms of labour that shape their career trajectories. This book challenges the assumption that leaving is a personal failure, instead arguing that quitting can be a courageous response to a system that no longer serves those within it.

This book is an essential resource for students and academics in higher education studies, diversity and management, gender studies and organisational studies. It is also an informative read for academic leaders, administrators and policymakers, as well as academics who are considering alternative career paths.

## Scrutinising Elites and Schooling in Post-Communist Poland

### Globalisation, European Integration, Socialist Heritage, and Tradition

By

**Alexandra Margaret Dunwill**

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This book offers new insights and methodological tools to improve our understandings of how prestigious schools in Poland navigate the major political, social and cultural crosscurrents.

The range of choice for elite schooling in Poland has expanded during its post-communist transformation. However, while elite education in countries such as the US, Australia, the UK, France, and Switzerland has been extensively studied, post-communist countries have been largely neglected. This book explores the emergence of such schools within a context influenced by a range of different and often conflicting social forces. In doing so, the study elucidates how the socio-historical processes since 1989 diversified Poland's egalitarian education system and facilitated the emergence of schools for elites. The book demonstrates that social and political changes in Poland triggered the emergence of new elites with different political and social outlooks, leading to a variety of types of elite schools that reflect and reproduce the elites' positions and idiosyncrasies. A bespoke theoretical arrangement scrutinises extant and generated data from elite schools' websites, online readers' forums, and interviews with elite school principals.

The book contributes new insights into elite schools in Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries, enriching the existing body of knowledge on elites and elite schools around the world. It will be of interest to researchers and postgraduate students investigating elite education, sociology of education, education policy, and education and international development.

