PasSport-Nationalism

Who Deserves to Represent the Nation in International Football?*

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“I have two hearts, one German and one Turkish”
“I am German when we win, but I am an immigrant when we lose”

“Who, under what conditions, are accepted as representatives of the (football) nation and are recognised as belonging to the nation?”
“I am still not accepted into society. I am treated as being ‘different’”

• Established-Outsider approach (Elias and Scotson, 1965)

• ‘B/Ordering’ and ‘Othering’ (Van Houtum and Van Naerssen 2002)

• Formal and Moral belonging (Schinkel, 2017)
“I had to ask myself what I was, or what I wanted to be, on paper at least”

• Discrepancy formal and moral citizenship

• National belonging as a power struggle

• Possession and accumulation of national cultural markers
“Are there criteria for being fully German that I do not fit?”

- Hierarchies of national belonging

- *Differences* and *sameness* of national cultural markers

- Practically, not all markers of national belonging are acquirable
“You can definitely belong to two cultures. And you can certainly be proud of two cultures”

- The Established and Outsiders are constitutive parts of power figurations
- Uneven power balances
- Acceptance is and remains *conditional* and *temporal*
Thank you for your attention!

Questions?