

THE PROCESS OF FORMING COLLECTIVE IDENTITIES AMONG IMMIGRANTS: INTEREST, RECOGNITION OR REFUGE?

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Abstract. *This article seeks to establish a framework for analysis with regard to the formation of collective identities among immigrants. Identity, as a result of a dynamic social process, is developed in a specific context through relationships between individuals. The analysis of this collective identities formation process involves on the one hand, the consideration of the social dimension and, on the other, the cultural one. In other words, this article seeks to analyze the relationship established between the social system which defines identity, and the cultural one, through which identity is expressed and manifested. The article is based on the main hypothesis according to which the construction of collective identities within immigrant communities finds reason to seek recognition within the host society.*

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