

Looking Ahead in Anger

The effects of foreign migration on youth resentment in England

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Do spatial features matter in explaining observed patterns of violent behaviours against minorities?

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According to criminologists, sociologists, social psychologists they do matter (i.a. Gerstenfeld, 2017; Perry, 2001, Wilkinson and Pickett, 2014 .

Still, there is lack of quantitative evidence

The thesis contributes to the evidence-base on the spatial triggers for *hate, cyberhate, bullying and gender-base violence*

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- ① Mapping the Italian Geography of Hatred
- ② Where do Angry Birds Tweet? Income Inequality and Online hate in Italy (forthcoming in the Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society)
- ③ Looking Ahead in Angry. The effect of foreign migration on youth resentment in England
- ④ Coming Out of the Woods. Do local support services influence the propensity to report sexual violence

How do young cohorts react to a cultural shock from migration?

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Young cohorts are not disconnected from the social structure of the place where they live (i.a. [Migliaccio and Raskauskas, 2016](#); [Kardefelt-Winter et al, 2019](#))

Qualitative evidence on US and UK provides for young cohorts displaying intolerant behaviours paralleling adult cohorts ([Sime et al.,2017](#);[Pells et al, 2016](#);

Sharp rise in the count of the cultural-based episodes of school bullying in UK, EU, US ([Marsh Mohdin, 2018](#); [OECD, 2017](#); [Southern Poverty Law, 2019](#); [Weale, 2019](#)).

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The
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Xenophobic bullying souring lives of eastern European pupils in UK

Study finds children in England and Scotland experiencing rising prejudice since Brexit vote



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Established quantitative evidence on the relationship between migration and adult resentment (i.a. Hangartner et al., 2018; Halla et al., 2017; Hainmueller and Hopkins, 2014)

→ The focus has been on adult population

What about youth cohorts?

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Measuring spatial triggers of school bullying contributes to the evidence-base supporting effective policy design

Understanding how immigration contributes to shape young cohorts' behaviors matters for a better comprehension of how adult cohorts will behave

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Does a migration shock influence school violence?

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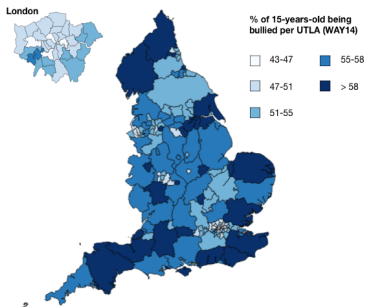
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1. UK has remarkably high shares of bullying victimization: 4th among OECD countries; 2nd among OECD European countries (OECD, 2017)
2. UK has experienced a natural shock from migration after the 2004 EU Accession (i.a Sampson, 2018; Becker and Fetzer, 2016)
3. in few years, Polish has become the most common non-British nationality/country of birth (ONS, 2017)
4. new dataset on school bullying among 15-years-old designed to be robust at fine-grained spatial granularity

School bullying in England



Largest-scale survey on school bullying in England

Robust at local dimension (150 Upper-Tier Local Authorities)

110,788 observations (15-years-old answering on having being bullied in the previous 2-3 months)

Account for a population of 520,221 pupils

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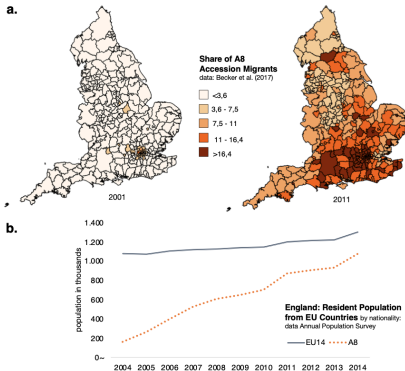
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After 2004 EU Enlargement, 8 Eastern European countries joined the EU (A8).

UK did not enforce transition rules limiting movement of people

The result has been a mass migration

Becker and Fetzer (2016): index of local exposure to A8 migration

2-level dataset: individual-level survey data, spatial level socioeconomic data

estimation strategy: multilevel logit with cluster at UTLA level

$$\Pr(y_{ij} = 1) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_{0j} + \alpha_1 x_{1ij} + \dots + \alpha_k x_{kij} + \dots + \beta_1 z_{1j} + \dots + \beta_m z_{mj} + \delta A_{8j}$$

likelihood of being bullied
of pupil i in UTLA j

individual-level controls

contextual-level controls

allowing random component for intercept in
each j -UTLA

cultural shock from migration

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- y_{ij} : individual-level survey data on being bullied
- $A8_j$: exposure to A8 migration shock measured through Becker and Fetzer's index

Endogeneity

- m_j : instrumental variable for migration shock: "*shift-share*" → historical A8 migrants distribution (Card, 2001)
- "*multiple instrumentation*" (Jaeger et al., 2018) to account for adjustment dynamics in the local labor market

Controls

- X_{ij} : gender, ethnicity, neighbourhood deprivation
- Z_j : economic, social, geographic, demographic controls

Cross-level interactions

- pupil's belonging to a minority and share of British white pupils at school level
- deprivation of pupil's neighbourhood and Local Authority level of deprivation

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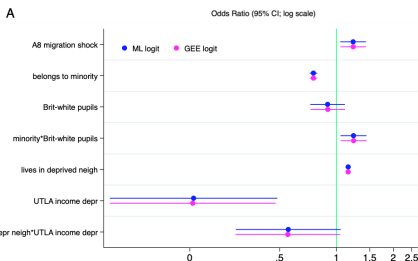
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A8 migrants relate to bullying

Odds ratio = 1.225**

Errors clustered at UTLA level

Control variables:

- individual-level: gender, minority, lives in deprived neighborhood
- UTLA-level: looked-after children, split population, same-sex couples, crime rate, ethnic composition, pop size, unemployment, rural/urban