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Migration policy in Great Britain between 1970-1980s: debatable issues of terminology and chronology

The paper is devoted to the problems of reconsidering the concepts used in studying the British immigration policy in the context of recent changes in the political discourse in Western Europe. It is considered the problem of determination of chronological framework of the period when the limitation of immigration was introduced in the United Kingdom. The lower boundary of that period is revealed to be of greater controversy, being varied from the beginning of 1960s to the beginning of 1970s. Also it is defined the difference between understandings of the concept of “immigration” in Western Europe, as well as between the official interpretation of the term “immigrant” by British authorities and its understanding in the social conscience. It is analyzed the capability of usage of the word “other-culture-immigrant” in the given period and its relevance with the categories employed in the British political lexicon. The conclusion is made that British authorities avoided contrasting immigrants to the locals.

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