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# The Integration of Newly Arrived Immigrants Across Multiple Life Domains: Evidence from Sweden

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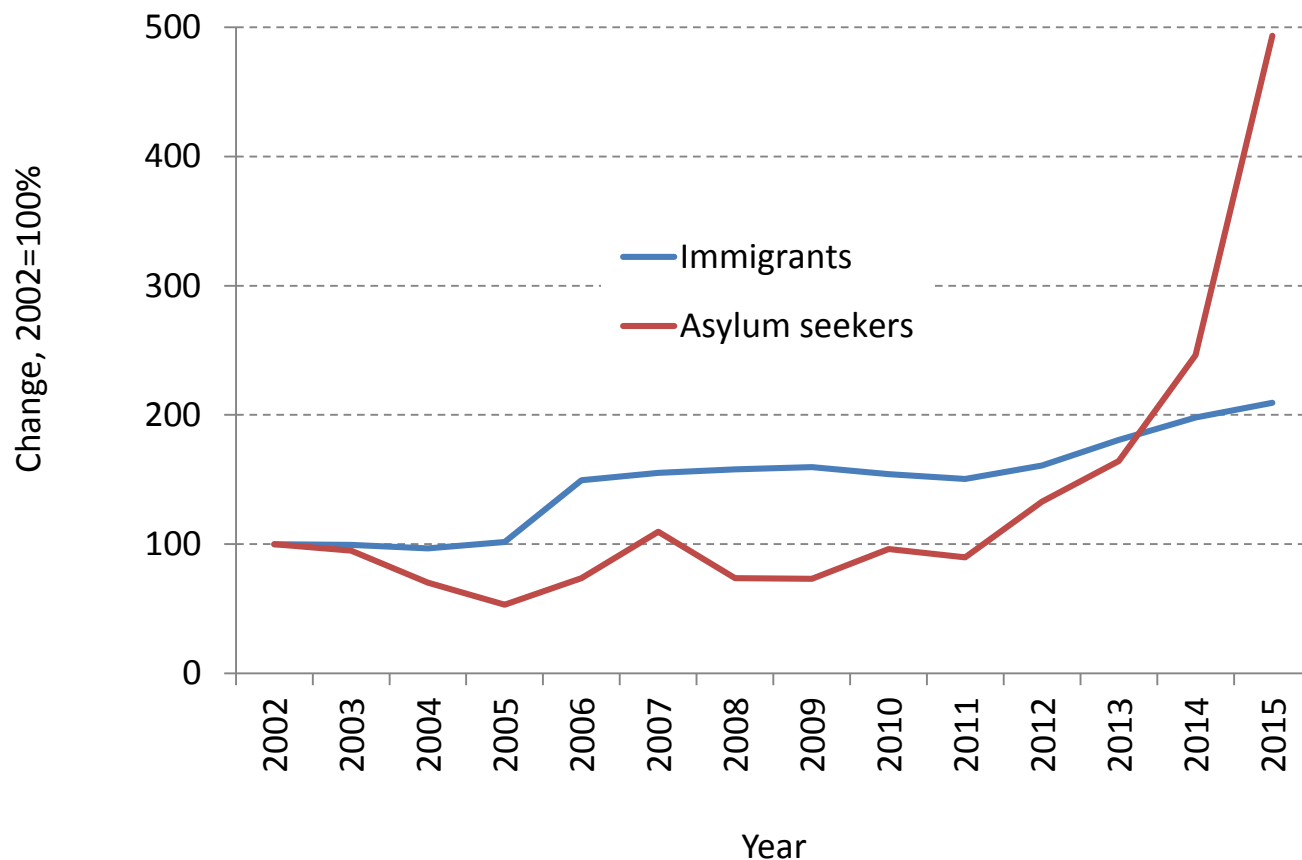
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# Changes in the number of immigrants and asylum seekers in Sweden 2002–2015, 2002=100%



Source: Statistics Sweden

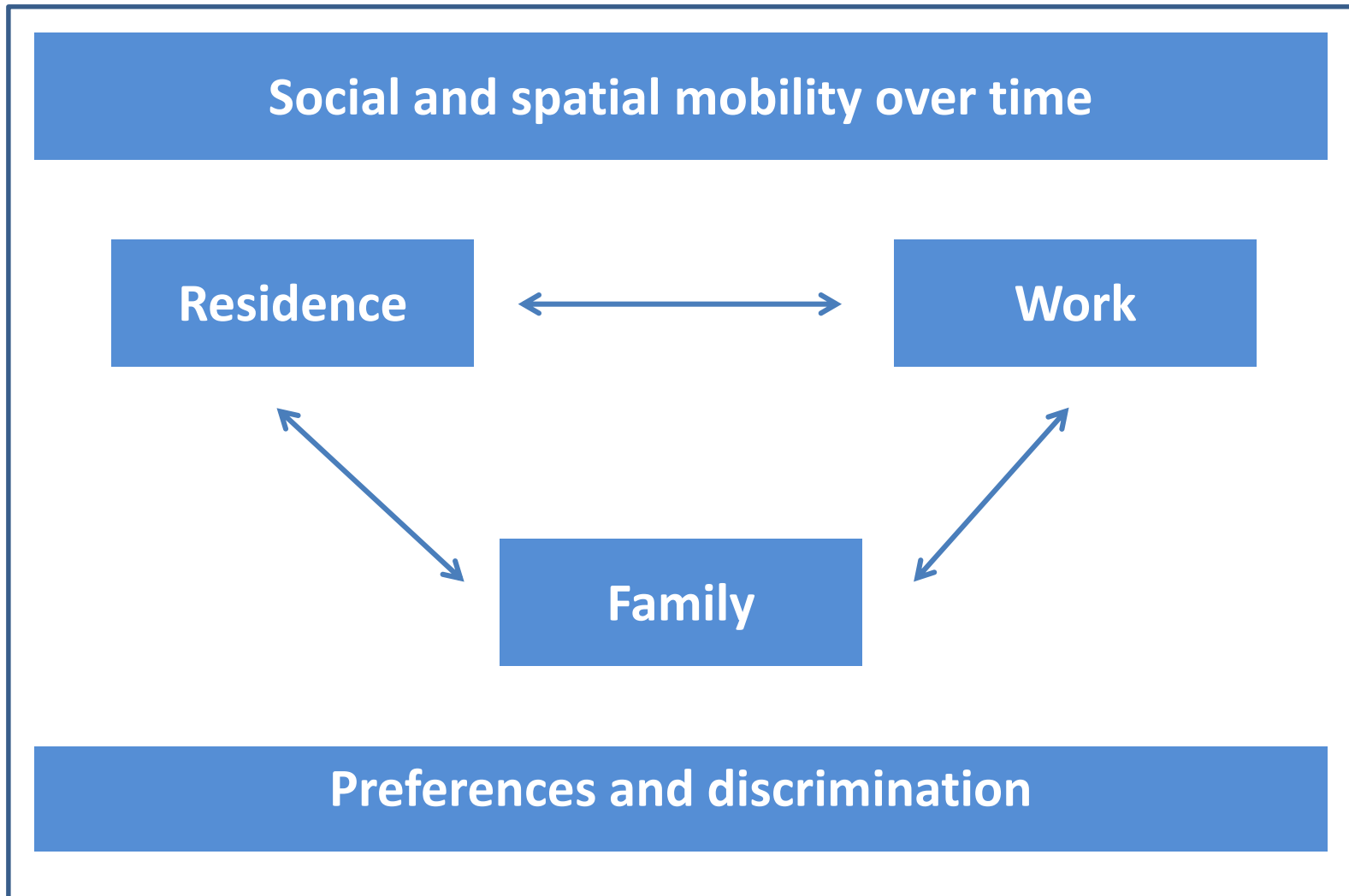
**What kind of integration lessons we can learn from Sweden?**

# Domains approach

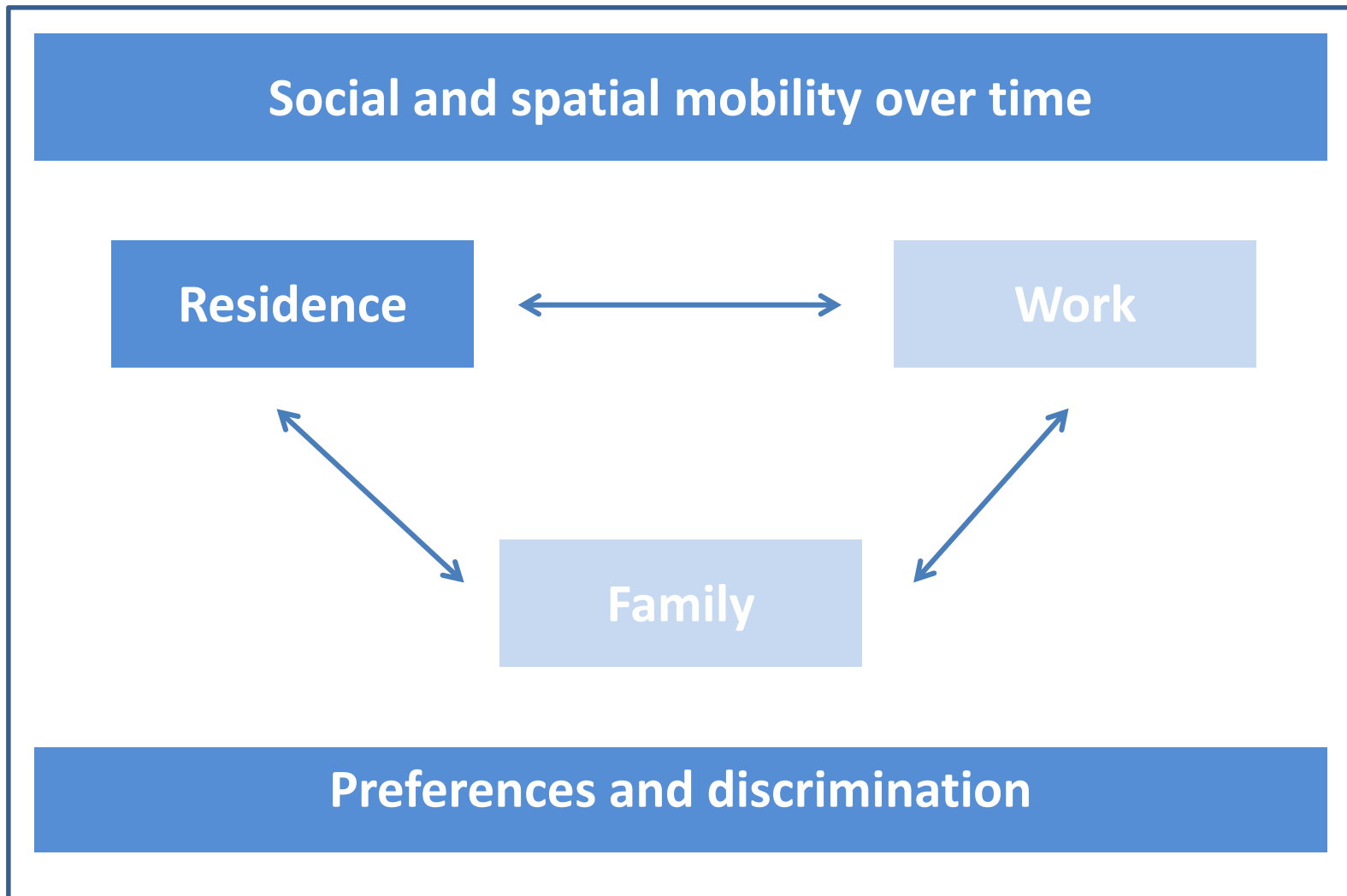
(van Ham and Tammaru 2016)

- ❖ Integration across multiple life domains
- ❖ Links between the domains

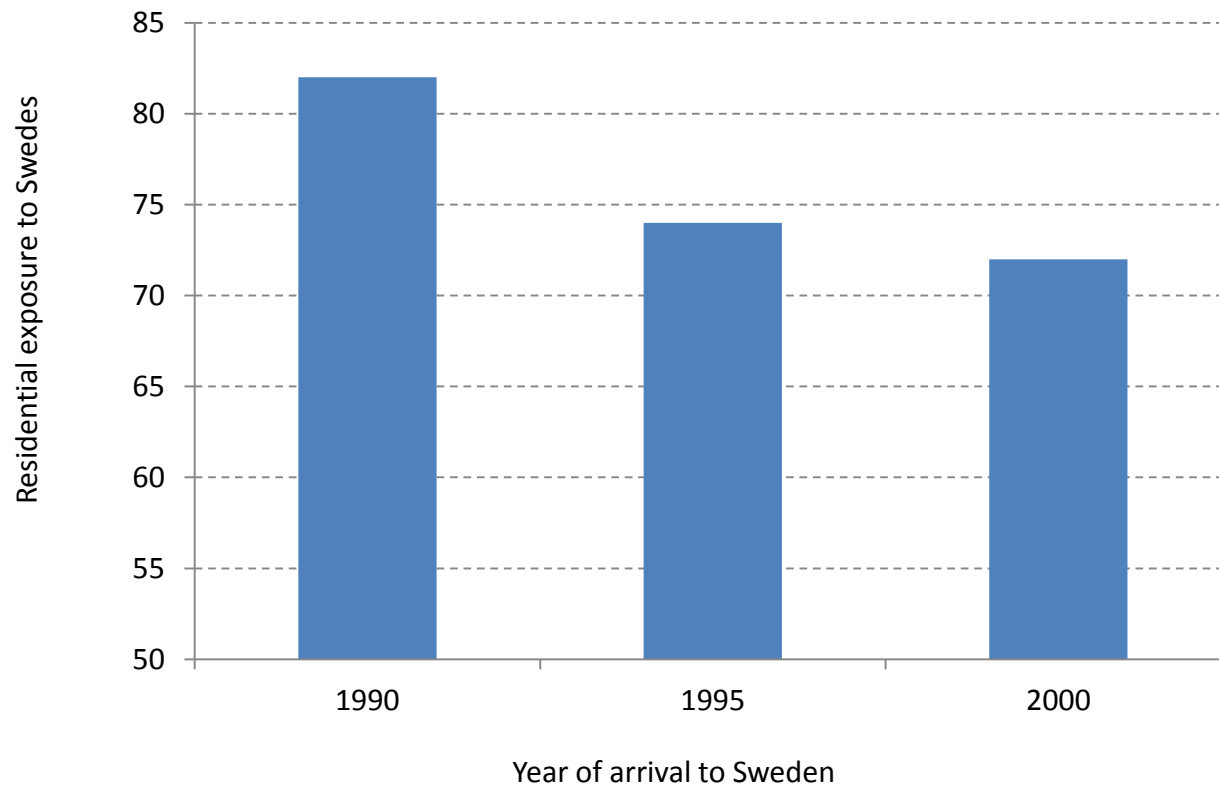
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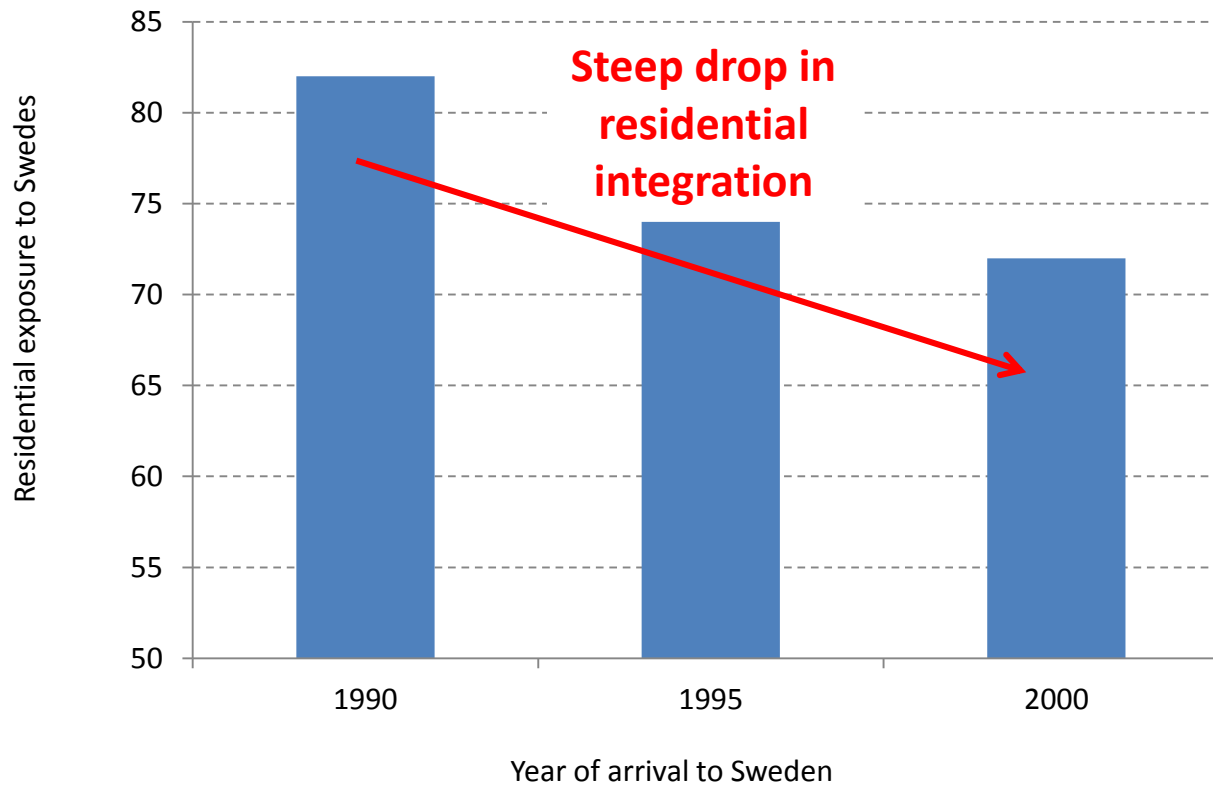


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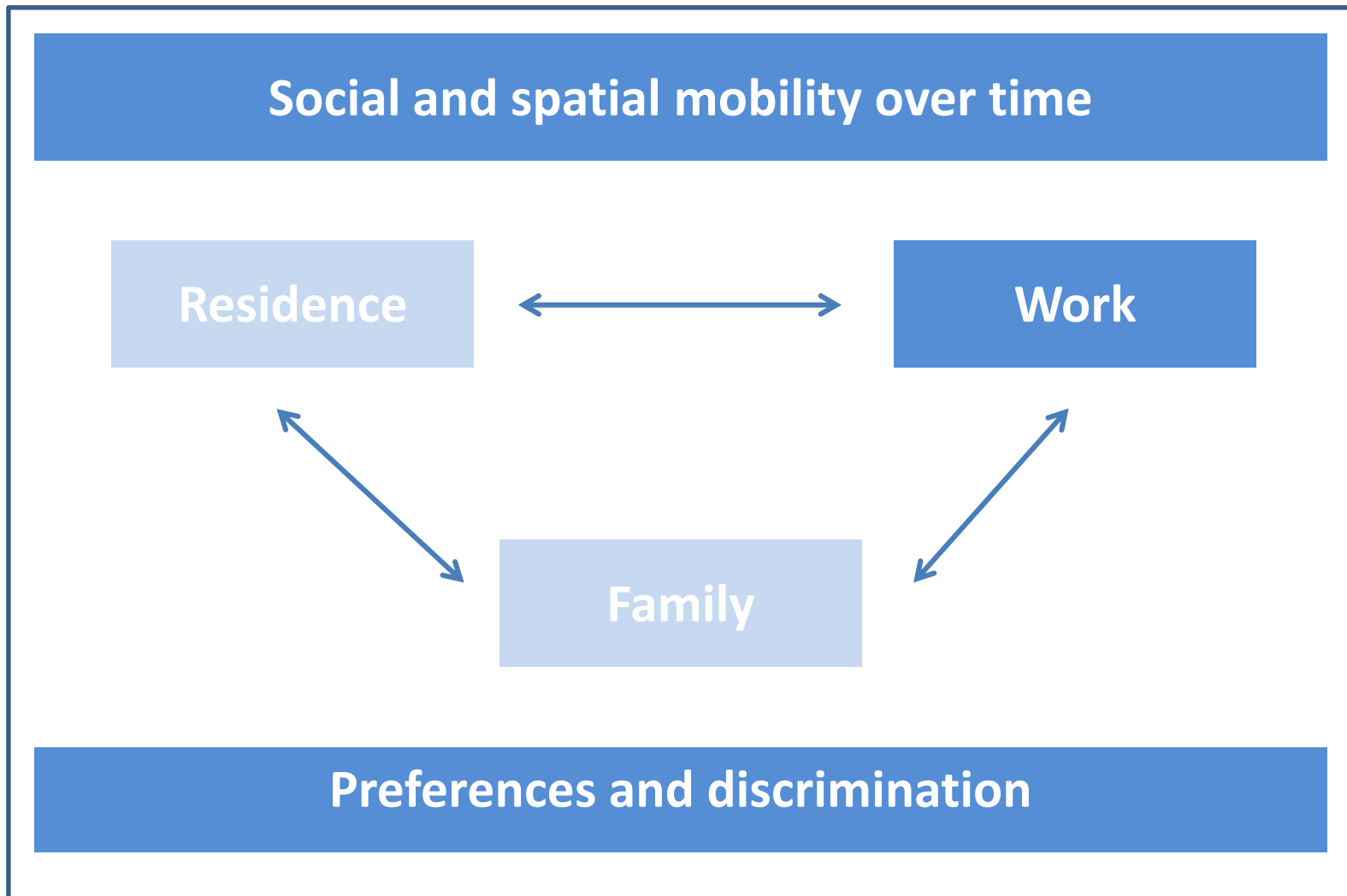


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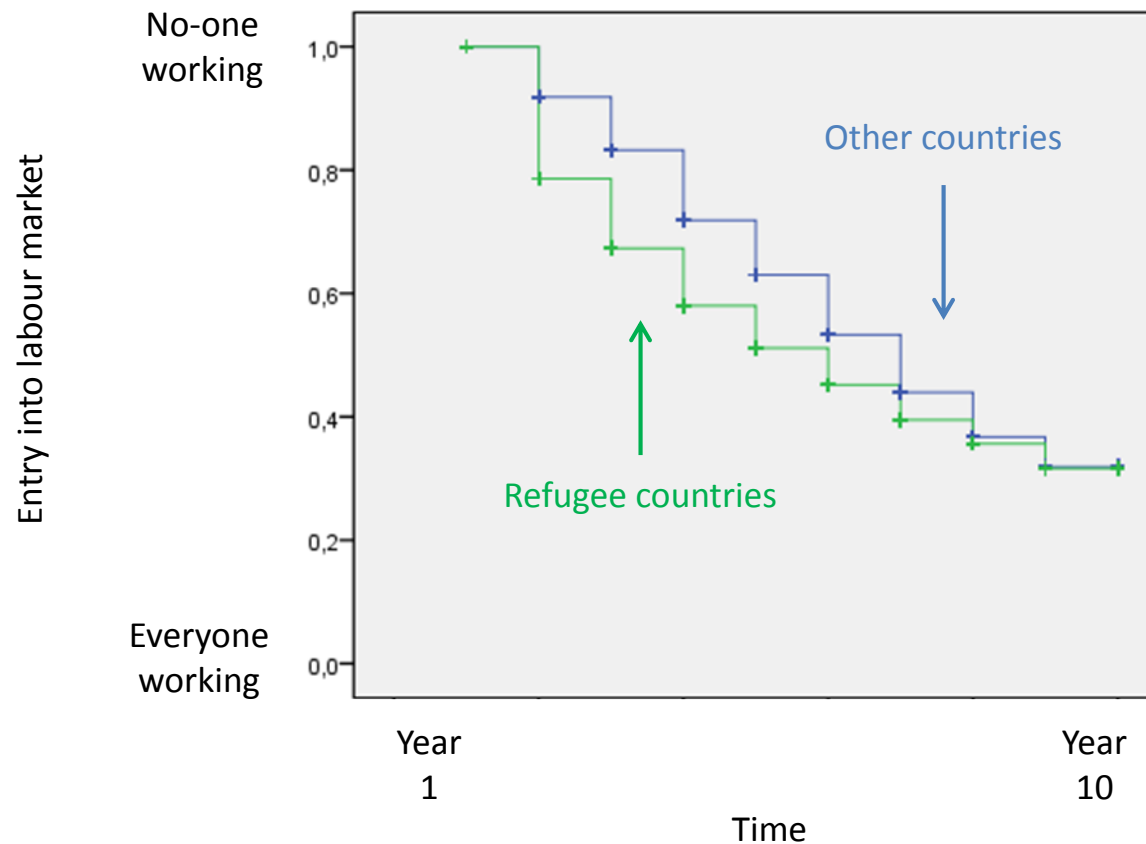
		Males		Females	
		Year 1	Year 5	Year 1	Year 5
<i>Share of natives at neighbourhood of residence, %</i>					
Middle East	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Drop, but less steep, in residential integration</b></p>	75	71	75	72
Asia		74	72	80	79
Africa		75	68	73	70
South America		79	75	79	78

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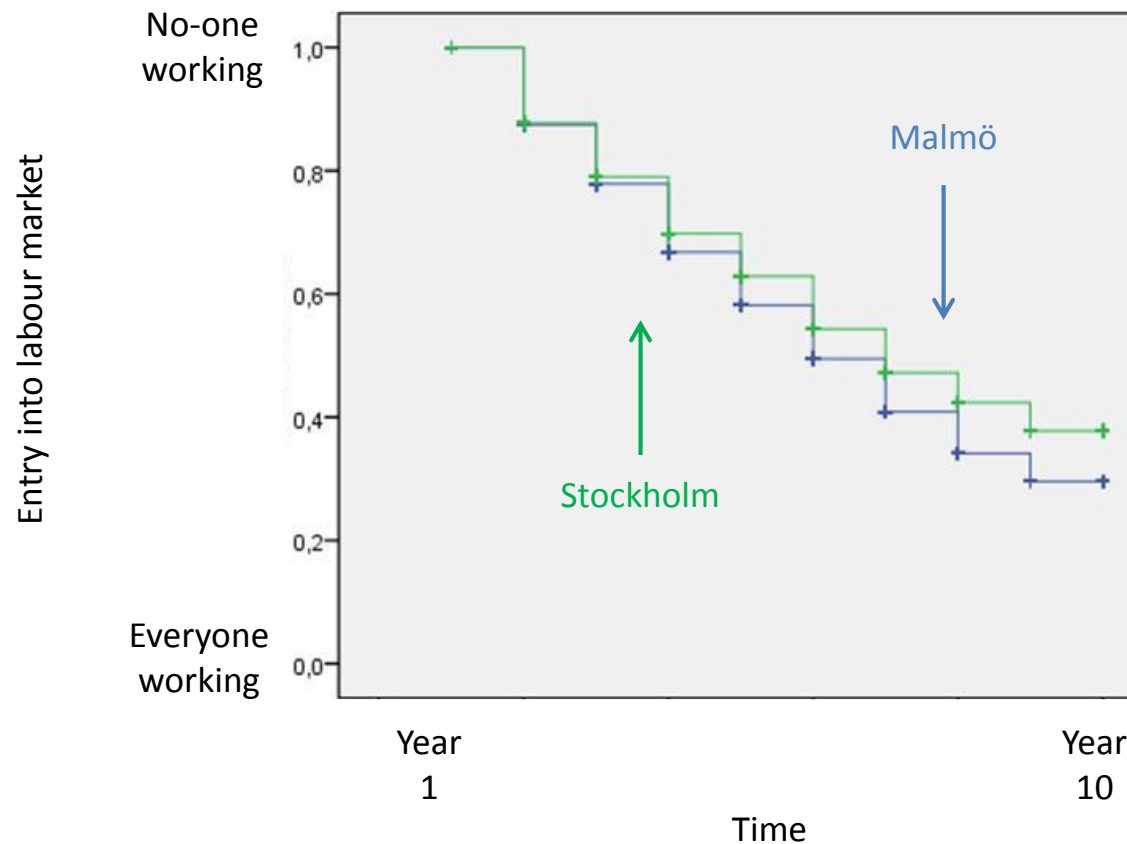
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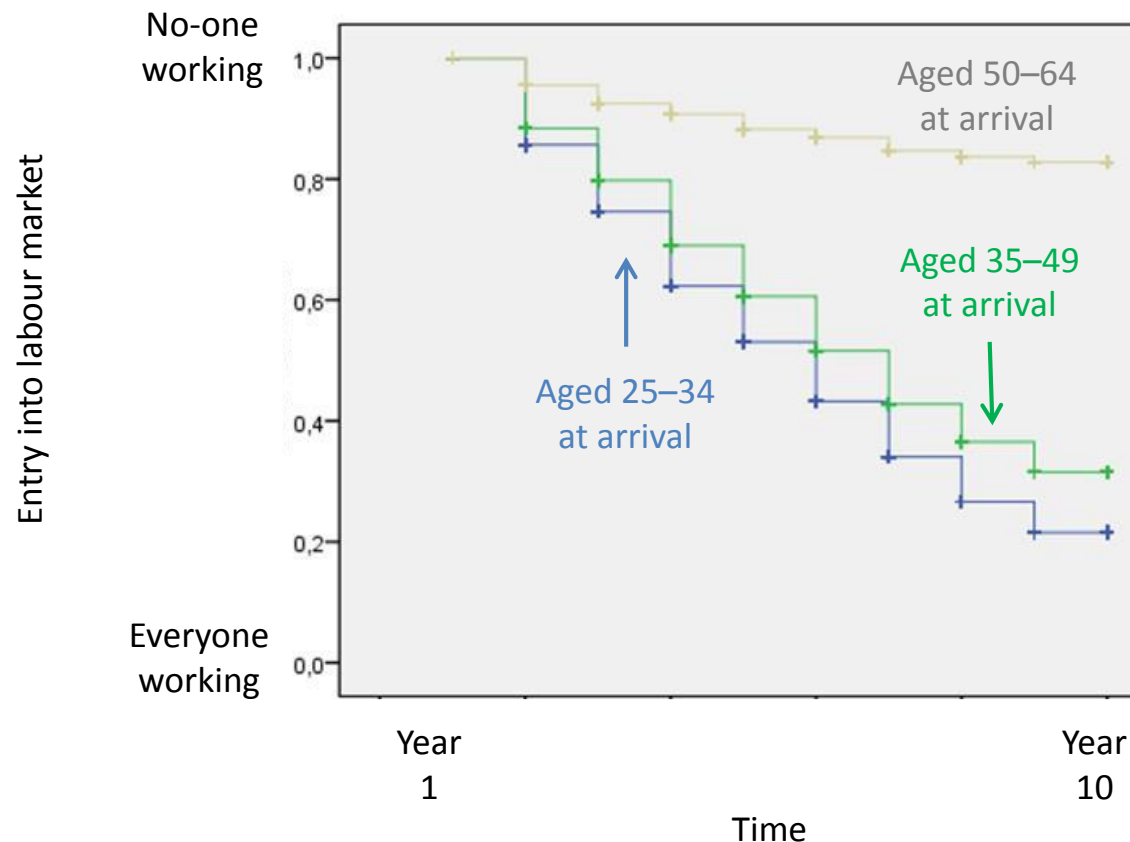
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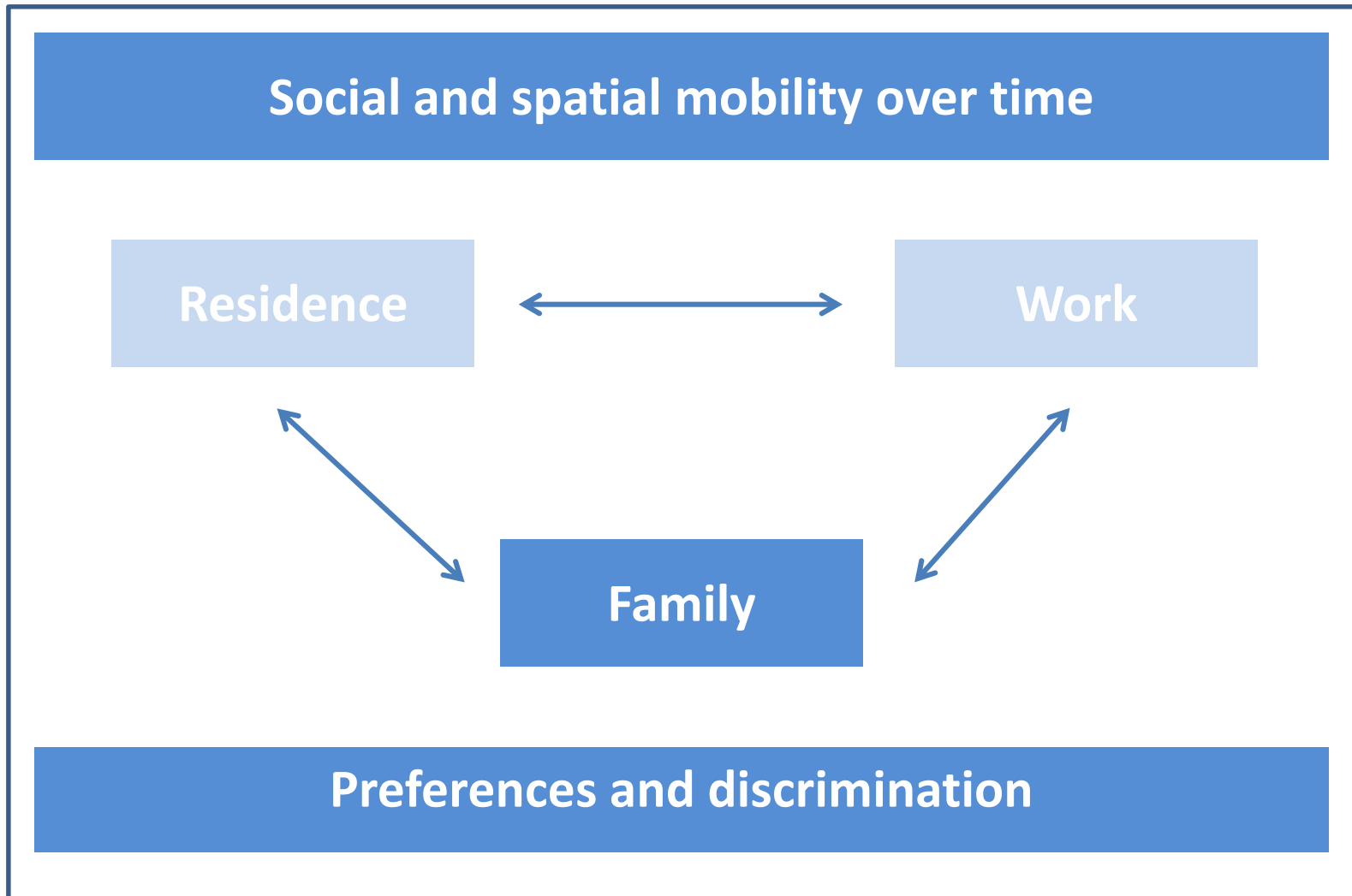


# Workplace integration of newly arrived immigrants from Global South to Sweden, years since arrival

		Males		Females	
		Year 1	Year 5	Year 1	Year 5
<i>Share of natives at workplace, %</i>					
Middle East	<b>Increase in workplace integration</b>	64	66	66	70
Asia		59	64	64	66
Africa		66	65	63	66
South America		64	67	67	72

Source: Tammaru, Strömberg, van Ham, Danzer 2016

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# Family integration of newly arrived immigrants from Global South to Sweden, years since arrival

		Males		Females	
		Year 1	Year 5	Year 1	Year 5
<i>Share of intermarriages with native Swedes, %</i>					
Middle East	<b>Gender differences in family integration</b>	13	7	5	3
Asia		18	12	32	38
Africa		19	10	13	12
South America		15	14	20	23

Source: Tammaru, Strömghren, van Ham, Danzer 2016



# Conclusions

- ❖ Integration processes can be better captured by taking a domains approach to immigrant integration
- ❖ Residential integration decreases/segregation increases, but mainly on account of newly arriving migrants
- ❖ Labour market participation improves and workplace integration increases with time
- ❖ Family integration is highly gendered, increasing for women but decreasing for men

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**Thank you!**

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