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# Revisions of the Swedish temporary law, relevance for the Nordics and reflections on common dilemmas

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- Sweden pre-2015: relatively generous migration policy
- Sweden late autumn 2015/early 2016: a U-turn
  - Border controls and identity checks
  - Temporary legislation, one of the most restrictive in the EU
- 2016-2019: restrictive policies implemented, highly criticised by various stakeholders



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- February 2019: Government suggests a prolongation of the 2016 temporary law, with some revisions regarding e.g. family reunification, permanent residence permits for stateless persons, "the upper secondary school law" (gymnasielagen)
- Effects of the revised temporary law on other Nordic countries?



## Common dilemmas (?)

- "Restrictive measures v. international obligations"
- "Exceptional situations v. the new normal"