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Propositions accompanying the dissertation

The External Dimension of EU Social Security Coordination: Towards a Common EU Approach

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1. It is important to shift the current negative political and media discourse about migration and promote a more positive picture, emphasizing the need for both high and low-skilled labour migration to the EU.
2. Policy-makers and migration scholars need to realize the importance of technical subjects such as the coordination of social security systems.
3. The current approach to the external dimension of EU social security coordination is fragmented and does not contribute to making the EU an attractive labour market. There is a need to develop a common EU approach.
4. The promotion of a common EU approach through the creation of a model agreement that would be used by the Member States when they conclude bilateral agreements with third countries is recommended.
5. The network of Member States' bilateral agreements on social security with third countries should be as complete as possible.
6. Ratification and compliance with international instruments such as ILO conventions and recommendations should continue to be promoted by the EU and they should constitute inspirational guidelines for the development of a common EU approach.
7. The EU should stop its sectoral approach to legal migration. Alternatively, a uniform approach could be achieved by having the same provision on equal treatment with regard to social security included in all EU migration Directives.
8. Future EU agreements with third countries should be based on reciprocity so as to protect the rights of EU citizens living and working outside the EU. They should contain elements of social security coordination that are worded in a precise, clear and unconditional manner in accordance with the model agreement.
9. The current EU agreements with third countries should be implemented by the Association Councils in order to give effect to their social security coordination provisions.
10. Apparently, the last sentence is supposed to be funny. But you know me, I am not funny.