

Citizenship – An ECPR Standing Group



EVENT INFORMATION and CALL FOR PAPERS

ECPR SG Citizenship 1st Bi-annual Conference and Workshop

Theme: ‘Citizenship and democracy in (dis)integrating communities; EUrope – and beyond’

University of Portsmouth, 27-28 June 2019

Abstract

The ideal of citizenship and its role in building (political) communities and so democracy more broadly have perhaps never been under as much pressure as today. This is especially so against the backdrop of bespoke processes of community (dis)integration at local, national, international and cross-cutting levels. One example is the increased call for independence by “non-self-governing territories” which possess and make claim for distinct social and political identities, such as Catalonia. Another is seemingly dis-United Kingdom that is not-quite withdrawn from the European Union. We can also draw on how the refugee crisis, for instance, underscores that the geography/space/identity nexus of traditional societal images and the political structures of states are not obsolete. If anything, this nexus appears as a rather permanent feature of practitioner and policy decisions today. While most of these examples have a distinct exclusionary tone, they are, inherently, about the forming of political communities. Equally importantly, they challenge conventional bottom-up and top-down processes of (political) participation and the assigning of (citizenship) rights to individuals. They are thus likely to serve as the latest ‘reference points’ for ‘better’ educating future citizens about the desired ideals and practices of citizenship and democracy of tomorrow.

In order to *really* understand how these and similar community (dis)integration processes shape contemporary citizenship and democracy in EUrope and beyond, we invite empirical and theoretical contributions related, but not exclusive to the following topics:

- Ideals and practices of contemporary citizenship and democracy
- Processes of community dis/integration
- Themes and practices of inclusion, exclusion – and the geography/space/identity nexus of contemporary democracy and citizenship
- The identity, rights and political participation of non/citizens

The event will include a keynote by Professor Elsbeth Guild.

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We are pleased to announce an invitation and call for paper to the first of what we hope to be that start of a bi-annual SG Citizenship Conference and Workshop series. Given the broader political and social setting of the proposed venue and date of our event, we wish to explore ideals and practices of contemporary citizenship and democracy in Europe. However, we also invite contributions which focus on processes of community(dis)integration beyond Europe's border – with the view to developing fitting exemplars or, indeed, lessons for interested academics, policy-makers and practitioners at the end of our event.

The event is due to take place at the **University of Portsmouth** and will be supported by the [Centre of Excellence for the Study of Transnational Europe \(CESTE2\)](#), especially Stream 2 on 'Societal Actors and (trans)national networking in a disintegrating Europe'.

The aim of the event is to offer a professional and critical setting for networking **opportunity to academics, practitioners, and policy-makers. The aim of the event will be to bring together members of these groups in order to** discuss and debate recent developments in national and European citizenship and democracy.

Paper proposals of maximum **300 words**, addressing, but not limited to, the above-mentioned issues are invited for submission. Proposals should be sent to Prof. Trond Solhaug (trond.solhaug@ntnu.no) and Dr Nora Siklodi (nora.siklodi@port.ac.uk) no later than **1st March 2019**.