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Citizenship in Displacement: Policies, Practices, and Lived Experiences

Workshop in Tangier, Morocco, 25-26 June 2026

The two-day workshop will explore how citizenship is reconfigured, negotiated, and contested in contexts of displacement.

Amid protracted crises and forced migration, displacement itself has reshaped the meaning and practice of citizenship through the interaction of states of asylum, states of persecution and forced migrants themselves. A central paradox of modern citizenship is thus exposed: those most in need of political rights are often those least entitled to claim them, a tension reflected in contrasting trajectories of inclusion and exclusion.

The workshop addresses questions such as:

- How and why do countries of asylum regulate refugees' political rights and access to citizenship?
- In what ways do countries of origin or persecution seek to silence, monitor, or instrumentalise the political engagement of their citizens abroad?
- And how do forcibly displaced persons, despite restrictive legal and political conditions, exercise agency, mobilise, and participate in political life across multiple arenas?
- What comparative insights can be drawn from examining patterns of inclusion and exclusion across different geographical and historical contexts?

It welcomes contributions from diverse disciplines, including law, political science, sociology, history, anthropology and geography. Historical, transnational and comparative analyses are particularly encouraged, including perspectives from countries of persecution, asylum, transit, as well as from camps, informal settlements and asylum centres.

The workshop is co-organised by the IMISCOE's Standing Committee on Migration, Citizenship and Political Participation, the SNSF project Humans or Citizens? Forced Migrants' Access to Political Rights, and the National Centre of Competence in Research nccr – on the move. It aims to produce a Special Issue gathering selected contributions. Accommodation and most meals will be covered. Partial funding of travel expenses is also available; priority will be given to junior applicants and those from lower income countries.

Please send an abstract (max. 250 words) **by 31 January 2026** to sara.deathouguia@unine.ch. Notifications of acceptance will be sent by 15 February 2026.

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