

Rethinking Citizenship

Struggles for more inclusive citizen rights in cities

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Aims

- Understand current negotiations of citizenship in super-diverse urban spaces
- Develop politically efficient and normatively legitimate perimeters of democratic citizenship

Research Questions

- How is multilayered citizenship negotiated and practiced?
- With which moral justifications?

Disciplines

Anthropology and Political Philosophy

Sub-projects

Initiatives for Non-citizen Voting Rights in Europe: Demands, Strategies and Outcomes

- Urbanity drives demands and makes activism possible at the communal level



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- Performances of rights
- Activism based on goals, not on ethnicity
- Requires significant resources

Undocumented Refugees and Acts of Citizenship in Brussels

- Mobility is created by migration regimes and opposes migration regimes



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- Civic initiatives struggle for inclusive urban spaces /spaces of transformation
- Urban space provides a space of migration memories and history

Inclusive Membership as Fairness? A Rawlsian Argument for Provisional Immigrants

Methodological nationalism as an epistemic bias is highly influential in political theory.

Methods

- Interviews
- Survey
- Participant observation
- Analytical Philosophy

Theory

- Acts of Citizenship
- Citizenship rights and multilevel governance
- Cities, Immigration
- Cosmopolitanism and discrimination

Democratic Integration in Mobile Societies: A Normative Assessment of Urban Citizenship

- Is it justified to claim that urban citizenship strengthens the democratic integration in diverse and mobile societies?
- Urban citizenship (a) a practice but also (b) a status
- Minimal requirements of integration: (a) equal standing; (b) possibility of political participation

Perimeter(s) of Citizenship

- Citizenship mainly thought as having one perimeter (state-nationally bounded)
- But it is composed of several perimeters (layers of governance, symbolic, claims, conceptions of citizenship) entailing different logics of inclusion - exclusion
- Citizenship as a practice: immanent tensions between such perimeters
- Inclusive citizenship entails to articulate such perimeters in a way to reduce tensions and exclusions -> principle of democratic equality.

Module 2 Project

Impact of mobility/migration on online and offline contacts and social support during the pandemic

Main Findings

- Acts of citizenship carried out by citizens and migrants reject categories of national migration policy on the city level. The city is a platform of identification.
- The authority of city governments remains limited in its support of acts of citizenship.
- “Urban Citizenship” should complement national citizenship to offer a multi-layered conception.
- Deconstruction of methodological nationalism in pol. philosophy refutes the claim that social cohesion and immigration are not compatible -> social cohesion requires inclusive migration policies.
- Citizenship as inclusive process based on equal treatment.

Output

- 9 Blogs, 1 Policy Brief, 20 Presentations
- 3 International conference organizations



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