

Core Course #3 “Theories and Concepts on Citizenship and Multiculturalism”

This Core Course is part of the first block of the Doctoral Program of the nccr – on the move (Introduction to theories and concepts). All doctoral students enrolled in the Certificate in Migration and Mobility Studies are expected to attend. Other members of the NCCR community are welcome to attend.

General Description

This Core Course presents the context of emergence and ongoing scientific debates related to the concepts of citizenship and multiculturalism, and includes critical discussions on categorization in migration studies and its articulation with coloniality and race. Through a multidisciplinary approach, students will examine how states turn aliens into citizens, engage in critical discussions on categorizations within migration studies, interrogate contemporary articulations of race and racism in Europe, and explore the empirical and normative foundations of citizenship and multiculturalism. The Core Course will be complemented by two Public Lectures delivered by two of the most prominent scholars in this field of study: Yasemin Soysal (WZB) on the concept of citizenship and Tariq Modood (University of Bristol) on multiculturalism.

Requirements

Doctoral students are expected to read the compulsory texts since they will be discussed during the course. The compulsory readings (pdf) can be downloaded [here](#).

Date and place

The course takes place on Thursday 11 May and Friday 12 May 2023 at the University of Neuchâtel, Rue Abram-Louis Breguet 2, room 2.310. The Public Lectures at the University of Neuchâtel, 1er Mars 26, room C46.

Doctoral students and interested NCCR Fellows are asked to register [here](#) until 8 May 2023.

Timetable of the course

Thursday 11 May

- 16:00 *How Do Aliens Become Citizens? Explanatory Theories in Comparative Citizenship Studies*
Jean-Thomas Arrighi, University of Neuchâtel
- 18:00 [*The Three Moments of Citizenship: Reflections*](#)
Public Lecture by Yasemin Nuhoglu Soysal, Berlin Social Science Center (WZB)
- 20:00 Dinner

Friday 12 May

- 10:30 *Technologies of (De)Migrantization: The Making of 'the Migrant', Nation-State Building, Coloniality and Categorizations*
Janine Dahinden, University of Neuchâtel
- 12:00 Lunch break
- 13:15 *Intersectional Racisms in Europe: Contesting the Spatial and Temporal Politics of Denial*
Stefanie Boulila, Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts
- 14:45 Coffee break
- 15:00 *Citizenship and Multiculturalism: Friends or Foes?*
Matteo Gianni, University of Geneva
- 17:00 [*Can Multiculturalism Contribute to De-polarizing the Current Political Polarization?*](#)
Public Lecture by Tariq Modood, University of Bristol
- 19:00 Dinner

How Do Aliens Become Citizens? Explanatory Theories in Comparative Citizenship Studies

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Abstract

How do states turn aliens into citizens and why are citizenship laws much more inclusive in some countries than in others? These questions have been central to the study of migration and citizenship and remain contested to this date. For the purpose of this lecture, you are expected to read two foundational texts that have laid the groundwork of the debate: Rogers Brubaker's "national thesis" argues that citizenship policies remain remarkably stable over time and are shaped by historically rooted national traditions. Yasemin Soysal's "postnational thesis" contends that citizenship status no longer matters. Instead, the emergence and consolidation of an international human rights regime since 1945 has considerably reduced the state's capacity to discriminate between citizens and resident aliens. Since Prof. Soysal will give a lecture in the evening, this is a great opportunity to get familiar with her (highly influential and criticized) early work. In the second part of the class, we will discuss more recent explanatory theories, stressing the decisive role of 1) domestic party politics; 2) neoliberal utilitarianism; 3) transnational norm diffusion in citizenship reforms.

Compulsory Reading

Brubaker, Rogers. 1990. "Immigration, Citizenship, and the Nation-State in France and Germany: a Comparative Historical Analysis." *International Sociology*, Vol. 5 (December 1990): 379- 407.

Soysal, Yasemin. 2001. "Changing Citizenship in Europe: Remarks on Post-National Membership and the Nation-State." In *Rethinking European Welfare: Transformations of Europe and Social Policy*, edited by Gail Lewis et al. London: SAGE publications, (2001) 17-29.

Additional Readings

Joppke, Christian. 2021. "Earned citizenship." *European Journal of Sociology/Archives Européennes de Sociologie* 62.1 (2021): 1-35.

Vink, Martin Peter, and Rainer Bauböck. 2013. "Citizenship configurations: Analysing the multiple purposes of citizenship regimes in Europe." *Comparative European Politics* 11 (2013): 621-648.

Technologies of (De)Migrantization: The making of 'the migrant', nation-state building, coloniality and categorizations

Janine Dahinden, Prof. of Transnational Studies, University of Neuchâtel

Abstract

The questions "Who is a migrant? And what is migration really about? are anything but easy to answer. On the contrary, it very quickly becomes clear that migration-related categories - such as migrants, second generation, migration background, refugees, etc. - are political and normative categories rather than analytical ones: They are the product of modern nation-building, coloniality and politics of power. Following on from my earlier work on "de-migrantization", I propose to think in this course about what I call technologies of "migrantization": by this I mean the ways in which certain people, but not all, are ascribed migrancy through various social, economic and political processes and how these are linked to power. The proposal is to use 'migrantization' as an analytical lens to examine the use of migration-related categories and their consequences in relation to power and exclusion from a global system of inequalities and nation-states. In particular, we will address two main themes: First, we will theorize the question of categorizations within migration studies. Then, we will reflect on how migration-related categorizations are embedded in modern nation-state formation and coloniality and what consequences this has.

Compulsory Reading

Dahinden, Janine. 2016. "A plea for the 'de-migrantization' of research on migration and integration." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 39 (13): 2207-2225. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2015.1124129>.

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Additional Reading

Amelina, Anna. 2021. "After the reflexive turn in migration studies: Towards the doing migration approach." *Population, Space and Place* 27 (1): e2368. <https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1002/psp.2368>.

Anderson, Bridget. 2013. *Us and Them? The Dangerous Politics of Immigration Control*. edited by Oxford: Oxford University Press.

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Dahinden, Janine, and Bridget Anderson. 2021. "Exploring New Avenues for Knowledge Production in Migration Research: A Debate Between Bridget Anderson and Janine Dahinden - Pre and After the Burst of the Pandemic." *Swiss Journal of Sociology* 47 (1): 27-52. <https://sciendo.com/article/10.2478/sjs-2021-0005>.

Dahinden, Janine, Carolin Fischer, and Joanna Menet. 2021. "Knowledge production, reflexivity, and the use of categories in migration studies: tackling challenges in the field." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 44 (4): 535-554. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2020.1752926>.

El-Tayeb, Fatima. 2011. *European Others. Queering Ethnicity in Postnational Europe*. Minnesota: University of Minnesota Press.

Favell, Adrian. 2022. *The Integration Nation. Immigration and Colonial Power in Liberal Democracies*. Cambridge and Medford: Polity Press.

Kunz, Sarah. 2019. "Expatriate, migrant? The social life of migration categories and the polyvalent mobility of race." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*: 1-18. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2019.1584525>.

Raghuram, Parvati. 2021. "Democratizing, Stretching, Entangling, Transversing: Four Moves for Reshaping Migration Categories." *Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies* 19 (1): 9-24. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15562948.2020.1837325>.

Scheel, Stephan, and Martina Tazzioli. 2022. "Who is a Migrant? Abandoning the Nation-state Point of View in the Study of Migration." *Migration Politics* 1 (002). <https://doi.org/10.21468/MigPol.1.1.002>.

Schinkel, Willem. 2018. "Against 'Immigrant Integration': For an End to Neocolonial Knowledge Production." *Comparative Migration Studies* 6 (31).

Sharma, Nandita. 2020. *Home Rule. National Sovereignty and the Separation of Natives and Migrants*. Durham and London: Duke University Press.

Tazzioli, Martina. 2020. "The Making of Migration: The Biopolitics of Mobility at Europe's Borders." Thousand Oaks

Thousand Oaks, California: SAGE Publications, Inc. <https://doi.org/10.4135/9781526492920>. <https://sk.sagepub.com/books/the-making-of-migration>.

Tudor, Alyosxa. 2018a. "Cross-fadings of racialisation and migratisation: the postcolonial turn in Western European gender and migration studies." *Gender, Place & Culture* 25 (7): 1057-1072. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0966369X.2018.1441141>.

Wimmer, Andreas, and Nina Glick Schiller. 2002. "Methodological Nationalism and Beyond: Nation-State Building, Migration and the Social Sciences." *Global Networks* 2 (4): 301-334.

Wyss, Anna, and Janine Dahinden. 2022. "Disentangling entangled mobilities: reflections on forms of knowledge production within migration studies." *Comparative Migration Studies* 10 (1): 33. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40878-022-00309-w>.

Intersectional Racisms in Europe: Contesting the Spatial and Temporal Politics of Denial

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Abstract

Post-imaginaries, such as post-racialism and post-feminism, maintain inequalities through the claim of being beyond them. When used to signal a 'breaking with' the past, the prefix "post-" suggests a linear time progression that is marked by 'overcoming' the discursive or social conditions that demarcate the past. Hereby, the prefix 'post' does not act as a neutral descriptor but as a productive imaginary of that respective past as well as of the present and the future. This lecture introduces post-imaginaries as an analytical notion to critically interrogate contemporary articulations of race and racism in Europe as well as their intersections with gender and sexuality. In doing so, the lecture will provide an introduction to central concepts of race critical theory, including race, racism and post-racialism.

Compulsory Reading

Boulila, S. C. (2019). Introduction. Race-in Post-racial Europe: An Intersectional Analysis. Rowman & Littlefield International, p. 1-11.

Additional Readings

Boulila, S. C. (2020). Envisioning the Past to Rule the Future: Post-imaginaries and European Existence. EuropeNow(34). <https://www.europenowjournal.org/2020/06/02/envisioning-the-past-to-rule-the-future-post-imaginaries-and-european-existence/>

Gill, R. (2016). Post-postfeminism? New Feminist Visibilities in Postfeminist Times. Feminist Media Studies, 16(4), 610-630.

Lentin, A. (2008). Europe and the Silence about Race. European Journal of Social Theory, 11(4), 487-503.

Haritaworn, J. (2010). Queer Injuries: The Racial Politics of "Homophobic Hate Crime" in Germany. Social Justice, 37(1), 69-89.

Citizenship and Multiculturalism: Friends or Foes?

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Abstract

This presentation aims to explore the complex relationship between citizenship and multiculturalism, examining both its empirical and normative dimensions. Over the past three decades, scholars and policymakers have debated the relationship between these two concepts, particularly in light of the challenges posed by cultural diversity and the need for inclusive political systems. From a liberal multiculturalist perspective, there are compelling arguments for respecting the cultural rights of minorities and ensuring that they are fairly accommodated within societies that are marked by cultural asymmetries of power. This has led to significant empirical analysis to better understand how multicultural policies can either strengthen or weaken citizenship ties and contribute to the creation of inclusive polities. However, opponents of multicultural citizenship have raised concerns on two fronts. Egalitarian liberals argue that citizenship must be protected from identity and multicultural policies that could undermine the universal nature of citizenship rights. Meanwhile, liberal nationalists contend that citizenship should be based on a shared sense of national identity in order to foster trust and support for political institutions and the welfare state. Increasingly, the latter position has become the default approach to integration policies for immigrants in most democratic countries. This has led to a re-nationalization of citizenship regimes, which has resulted in a tendency to reduce opportunities for the recognition and expression of cultural differences. This presentation will explore these various elements, with a particular focus on the normative aspects that underlie these debates.

Compulsory Reading

Gianni, M. (2023). "For a political conception of multicultural citizenship", *Ethnicities*, DOI: 10.1177/14687968221149741

Additional Readings

Bauböck R (2002) Farewell to multiculturalism? sharing values and identities in societies of immigration. *JIMI/RIMI* 3(1): 1–16.

Benhabib S (2004) *The Rights of Others*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press. Crossref.

Bloemraad I (2018) Theorising the power of citizenship as claims-making. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 44(1): 4–26. Crossref.

Carens J (2013) *The Ethics of Immigration*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

Gianni (2017) On the political and democratic preconditions of equal recognition. *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* 20(1): 88–100. Crossref.

Harell A, Banting K, Kymlicka W, et al. (2021) Shared membership beyond national identity: deservingness and solidarity in diverse societies. *Political Studies* 70: 983–1005. Crossref

Joppke C (2014) The retreat is real—but what is the alternative? multiculturalism, muscular liberalism, and Islam. *Constellations* 21(2): 286–295. Crossref.

Korteweg AC (2017) The failures of 'immigrant integration': The gendered racialized production of non-belonging. *Migration Studies* 5(3): 428–444. Crossref.

Kymlicka W (1995) *Multicultural Citizenship*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

Kymlicka W (2017) Multiculturalism without Citizenship. In: Triandafyllidou A (ed), *Multicultural Governance in a Mobile World*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, pp. 139–161. Crossref.

Modood T (2007) *Multiculturalism*. Cambridge, UK: Polity Press. Crossref.

Parekh B (2006) *Rethinking Multiculturalism*. Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave MacMillan. Crossref.

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Vertovec S, Wessendorf S (eds), (2010) *The Multiculturalism Backlash*. London, UK: Routledge. Crossref.