INTRODUCTION

Citizenship laws and policies form a resilient core of state sovereignty. International legal norms have emerged to avoid conflicts between states and to secure basic human rights in matters of nationality law. Yet states have remained largely free to choose their own rules for determining who are their citizens and under which conditions citizenship can be granted or lost. And still, state citizenship policies are influenced by what other states are doing, by migration flows across international borders, and by the development of new technologies.

This event seeks to understand the varieties of citizenship in a globalised world. It celebrates the continuous geographical and thematic expansion of GLOBALCIT, the successor of EUDO Citizenship since 2017, and creates synergies with the Global Citizenship Governance Project based at the EUI and the WZB Berlin.

Discussing new findings and evolving research agendas, the conference explores: (a) patterns of variation and clustering among countries with regard to their citizenship regimes; (b) global trends in citizenship reform and diffusion processes of citizenship policies; and (c) opportunities that new emerging technologies create to existing frameworks of citizenship. Papers will offer explanatory hypotheses, interpretive accounts or normative evaluations about convergence, domestic policy reforms, progressive development of international legal norms in nationality law, and new technologies and the future of citizenship.

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27 November

09.00 - 09.15 Convenors’ Welcome and Registration

Session 1: Comparing Access to Citizenship at Birth: Norms, Data Collection and Indicators

09.15 - 11.00

Chair: Jelena Dzankic | European University Institute

Regulating Birthright Citizenship? International Norms on the Acquisition of Citizenship at Birth
René de Groot | Maastricht University

Collecting and Comparing Data on Birthright Modes of Citizenship Acquisition
Olivier Vonk | University of Liège

Coding CITLAW Birthright Indicators Worldwide: Methodology and Key Findings
Iseult Honohan | University College Dublin and Nathalie Rougier | University College Dublin

Discussant: Ognjenka Manojlovic | University of Edinburgh

11.00 - 11.15 Coffee Break

Session 2: Patterns and Trends in Birthright: Historical, Legal and Political Context

11.15 - 13.00

Chair: Urska Sadl | European University Institute

Birthright Citizenship in Africa: Patterns and Trends
Bronwen Manby | London School of Economics

Birthright Citizenship in the MENA Region: Patterns and Trends
Zahra Albarazi | Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion

Birthright Citizenship in the Portuguese-Speaking World: Patterns and Trends
Patricia Jeronimo | University of Minho

Discussant: Lorenzo Piccoli | European University Institute

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

Session 3: Naturalisation

14.00 - 15.45

Chair: Francesca Scrinzi | European University Institute

Global Citizenship Law: Setting International Standards for Naturalisation
Liav Orgad | European University Institute

Naturalisation in South America: Historic Specificities and Contemporary
Patterns

**Diego Acosta** | University of Bristol

Global Citizenship Configurations: How Birthright Regimes Shape Citizenship Regimes Around the World

**Maarten P. Vink** | Maastricht University and European University Institute, **Iseult Honohan** | University College Dublin, **Rainer Bauböck** | European University Institute

Discussant: **Samuel D. Schmid** | European University Institute and **Ngo Chun Luk** | CEPS

15.45 - 16.00  Coffee Break

**SESSION 4 : DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP: WHO WE ARE AS DATA?**

16.00 - 18.00  Chair: **Rainer Bauböck** | European University Institute

Good (EU) Datazens: New Questions on Technologies of Membership

**Costica Dumbrava** | European Parliament Research Service

Digital Citizenship in a Dafaied Society

**Arne Hintz** | Cardiff University

Jus Algoritmi: How the NSA Redefined Citizenship

**John Cheney-Lippold** | University of Michigan

**GLOBALCIT LECTURE ON THE CITIZENSHIP CONSEQUENCES OF BREXIT**

18.00 - 19.00  This lecture considers some of the implications – in relation to legal status of EU citizens and their families (and UK citizens resident in other Member States) – of the UK’s referendum of 23 June 2016, which resulted in a vote to leave the EU.

The focus is on three main sets of issues: the types of solutions that are being explored by the UK and EU in the context of the withdrawal negotiations under Article 50 TEU to deal with the acquired rights of “free moving” individuals and families; changes to legal status and citizenship laws resulting from Brexit; and the character of the referendum (and the subsequent debates) as an exercise in democracy for the UK.

Chair: **Andrew Geddes** | European University Institute

**Jo Shaw** | University of Edinburgh

20.00  Dinner

**28 NOVEMBER  SESSION 5: MATCHING SYSTEMS FOR GLOBAL IMMIGRATION/CITIZENSHIP ALLOCATION**

09.00 - 11.00  Chair: **Giovanni Sartor** | EUI and University of Bologna

Matching Systems for Refugees

**Will Jones** | Royal Holloway, University of London

Citizenship Matchmaking: Selecting Newcomers by Computer Algorithms

**Liav Orgad** | European University Institute
Human Mobility and Economic Well-Being: a Data Science Perspective  
**Luca Pappalardo** | University of Pisa

Processing Citizenship: The Overlap between Data and Institutional Architectures  
**Annalisa Pelizza** | University of Twente

11.00 - 11.15 Coffee Break

**SESSION 6: BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP**

11.15 - 13.00 Chair: **Jelena Dzankic** | European University Institute

Citizenship in the Era of Blockchain-based Virtual Nations  
**Primavera De Filippi** | National Center of Scientific Research (CNRS)/Harvard University and European University Institute

Blockchain Technology for Governance of Global Citizenship: What Social Contract Do We Want and How Can We Get It?  
**Wessel Reijers** | Dublin City University

The Concept of Identity in a Decentralized World  
**Shermin Voshmgir** | Blockchainhub Berlin

Global Personas and Global Citizens  
**Ehud Shapiro** | Weizmann Institute of Science

13.00 Lunch