
MIGRATION, CITIZENSHIP, AND DEMOCRACY: CONTEMPORARY ETHICAL CHALLENGES

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Global migration is one of the defining issues of our time. In 2017, the number of international immigrants soared to 244 million—11 percent of the total population in the developed regions. Numbers, however, are merely one factor. Other factors are the pace of migration and its character. The changes in the number, composition, and intensity of migration, coupled with profound changes in Western societies, yield one of the greatest challenges of the 21st century.

In order to address the challenges, we organize two international workshops, "*Migration, Citizenship, and Democracy*," which bring together a team of leading scholars from different countries and disciplines with the goal of producing a groundbreaking volume on the urgent ethical issues that these topics arise. The workshops focus on the empirical and normative developments to the concepts of citizenship and democracy that result from global migration, and the ethical dilemmas created by these developments. The topic is timely in Europe and North America, which struggle to develop standards for admission, integration, and access to citizenship. The workshops are structured to bridge institutional and geographical divides, creating a unique opportunity for scholarly exchange and academic collaboration on both sides of the Atlantic.

The first workshop will be held in Berlin on *August 23-25, 2017*, followed by a second meeting in Cambridge, MA, scheduled for *March 22-23, 2018*. The first workshop will consist of two days of discussions among roughly 20 participants – 12 paper presenters and 8 interlocutors. It will begin with a keynote lecture of Stefan Gosepath on August 23rd. Participants will be organized into four themed panels – Global Migration and Justice; Immigrant Integration and Education; Global Migration Governance; and Membership and Belonging in Transition. For the first workshop, we are asking paper presenters to prepare an *8-10 page* “think piece,” addressing some dimensions of the issue raised by their panel’s theme. These short papers will provide the initial framework for our discussions and for the feedback of the interlocutors. We are asking presenters to submit their think pieces three weeks before the first workshop (*no longer than August 3*), so that we can collect and distribute them to the participants in advance. The second workshop will be held on *March 2018, 2018*. It is intended to build on the discussions and feedback of the first workshop. Its format will be similar in structure, but authors will now be asked to submit a more fully developed *25-30 page* research paper. The papers will be due around *mid-February* and local commentators will similarly be recruited for the second meeting.

We see the workshops as a unique opportunity to bridge the communities of scholars in Berlin and Cambridge, MA, in thinking together about the challenges of global migration, citizenship, and democracy. We have an exciting group of participants and we are looking forward to what promises to be an engaging and rewarding set of discussions over the next years.

FIRST WORKSHOP PROGRAM

August 23rd, 2017

Location: [WZB Berlin Social Science Center](#)

Reichpietschufer 50, 10785 Berlin

- 16.00** **Arrival** at WZB / Berlin Social Science Center
- 16.30 – 17.00** **Welcoming remarks**
Alex Aleinikoff (The New School), Liav Orgad (EUI/WZB/IDC),
Ayelet Shachar (Max-Planck-Institute)
- 17.00 -18.30** **Keynote Speech**
Stefan Gosepath (Freie Universität Berlin)
“*Moral and Political Duties to Aid Refugees*”
- 19.00** **Dinner** (at [Van Loon Restaurant Boat](#))

August 24th, 2017

Location: [Seminaris Campus Hotel Berlin Dahlem](#)

Takustr. 39, 14195 Berlin

- 9.00** **Welcome Coffee**
- 9.30 – 12:15** **Panel 1 / Global Migration and Justice**
Chair: Alexander Aleinikoff (The New School)
Sarah Fine (King’s College London)
Matthias Risse (Harvard University)
Caleb Yong (Goethe Universität Frankfurt)
- Interlocutors:
Bernd Ladwig (Freie Universität)
Dana Schmalz (Max-Planck-Institute)
- 12.15 – 13.30** **Lunch Break** (at Seminaris Campus Hotel)

13.30 – 16.15

Panel 2/ Global Migration Governance

Chair: Tomer Perry (Harvard University)
Alexander Aleinikoff (The New School)
Liav Orgad (EUI/WZB/IDC)
Ayelet Shachar (Max-Planck-Institute)

Interlocutors:

Andreas Cassee (Freie Universität Berlin)
Christoph Möllers (Humboldt Universität Berlin)

16.15 – 16.45

Coffee Break

16.45 – 18.15

Panel 3/ Immigrant Integration and Education

Chair: Liav Orgad (EUI/WZB/IDC)
Christian Joppke (University of Bern)
Sara Goodman Wallace (University of California, Irvine (UCI))

Interlocutors:

Ruth Ditlmann (WZB Berlin)
Marc Helbling (University of Bamberg/WZB Berlin)

20.00

Dinner (at [Alter Krug Dahlem](#))

August 25rd, 2017

Location: [Seminaris Campus Hotel Berlin Dahlem](#)

9.00

Welcome Coffee

9.30 – 12.00

Panel 4/ Membership and Belonging in Transition

Chair: Ayelet Shachar (Max-Planck-Institute)
Rainer Bauböck (EUI Florence)
Tomer Perry (Harvard University)
Peter Schuck (Yale University)

Interlocutors:

Matthias Kumm (WZB Berlin/NYU)
Stefan Schlegel (Max-Planck-Institute)

12.00 – 14.00

Closing Remarks & Lunch (at Seminaris Campus Hotel)

ACADEMIC THEMES

The workshop has four themes: 1) Global Migration and Justice; 2) Immigrant Integration and Education; 3) Global Migration Governance; 4) Membership and Belonging in Transition.

PANEL 1 | MIGRATION, DIVERSITY, AND JUSTICE

A central goal of immigration policy, from a national point of view, is to maximize national interests—in terms of cultural identity, demography, the economy, welfare, and well-being—rather than to contribute to global justice (unless global justice is perceived a national interest). In recent years, however, there are growing challenges to this assumption, claiming that immigration policy should further serve to promote global justice and rectify global injustice.

The panel will explore how should immigration policy be affected by domestic and global principles of justice—which type of duties should the principle of corrective / distributive justice impose on states in regulating immigration? Should immigration law merely maximize national interests, or should it also be a device to mitigate global injustice and promote moral duties, such as severe poverty and human rights violations? What purposes and means of immigration policy are just? Does the principle of justice enable states to establish priorities between different kinds of immigrants? And should there be different justice-based obligations toward labor and family immigrants, temporary and permanent immigrants, and legal and undocumented immigrants?

PANEL 2 | IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION AND EDUCATION

The manner in which new citizens are created is one of the most complex questions in political theory. At stake is the regulation of one of the most important political decisions: how to define who belongs. The law of naturalization functions as one gatekeeper—it is designed to include the desirable people and exclude the undesirable ones. In so doing, it provides a unique platform to reflect on three fundamental issues: [1] defining the “We”—who “we” are, and what kind of nation “we” want to be; [2] setting criteria for identifying the desired “They”—who is, in the state’s view, a “good citizen,” and the current understanding of what it means to become a citizen; [3] finding the core to which “they” should subscribe in order to become part of “us.”

The panel will address empirical and normative questions relating to integration. What is the range of meanings of the term “integration”? What level of integration may/should/must not a state require from an immigrant who is seeking entry/naturalization? Which integration goals and means are justified (and why)? What is a “citizenship test” and what purpose(s) should it serve? And which types of integration duties can the state demand of newcomers based upon justice?

PANEL 3 | GLOBAL MIGRATION GOVERNANCE

International law does not generally regulate immigration or protect the rights of immigrants. The lack of global migration governance creates three difficulties. First, a human rights approach: an international regime should prevent the mistreatment of immigrants. Second, state interests: the question whom to admit, according to what criteria, and under which selection procedures is a global dilemma. With the growing number of immigrants, it is sometimes in the interest of states to have some guidance on the legitimate goals and means to restrict immigration without being condemned for human rights violations. And third, as with other transnational issues, the global movement of people requires some level of international framework and cooperation.

The panel will explore how should international law govern migration, institutionally and normatively. Should there be an international regime of “burden-sharing” for forced migration and “benefit-sharing” for labor migration? Should international law regulate integration? And how the European Union can increase refugee protection and should govern the current crisis?

PANEL 4 | MEMBERSHIP AND BELONGING IN TRANSITION

Recent years have witnessed fundamental changes in the concepts of membership and belonging. One example is the devaluation of citizenship; it expresses itself in the conditions for citizenship. One expression of this is the emergence of “citizenship-for-sale” policies. A second example is the liberalization in access to citizenship. This trend is evident by the creation of a legal option for naturalization in most countries; the decline of the principle of *jus sanguinis* as the sole criterion in determining access to citizenship; the growing appeal to the principle of *jus soli* in citizenship acquisition; the shortening of the residency requirement period; the decline of group-based racial and ethnic discrimination; and the increasing toleration of dual citizenship.

Citizenship as a legal status and normative conception has undergone far-reaching changes. The panel will revisit the concepts of membership and belonging: What role should ideas of identity, active participation, and loyalty play in defining citizenship? Should states tolerate dual citizenship? What grounds (if any) are justified in the revocation of citizenship? Should citizenship be for sale? And how will technological changes affect the concept of citizenship?

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