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Openness, human rights, and equality: When and how they have been advanced in European migration policies

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THURSDAY 8 MAY 2025

- 12:30 snacks and welcome
- 13:15 – 14:15 **TRIADAFILOS TRIADAFILOPOULOS** (University of Toronto) &
KAREN SCHÖNWÄLDER (Max Planck
Institute Göttingen) Drivers of
diversity: How Germany became
more open
- 14:15 – 15:15 **KARIN BOREVI** (Södertörn University
Stockholm) Swedish immigration
policies in the wake of the
post-2015 restrictive turn: Historical
legacies of openness, human rights
and equality, and actors opposing
restrictive trends
- coffee break*
- 15:45 – 16:45 **CLAUDIA FINOTELLI** (Universidad
Complutense de Madrid)
From human rights universalism
to selective openness: Refugee
protection in Spain
- 16:45 – 17:45 **FREDERIK VON HARBOU**
(Ernst-Abbe-Hochschule Jena)
The role of Human Rights in
German migration legislation and
jurisprudence from 1993 to 2023

FRIDAY 9 MAY 2025

- 9:00 – 10:00 **MARA JUNGE** (Dezim Berlin/Bremen)
“Just making the system a bit
better?”: Civil society organizations
and incremental change from below
- 10:00 – 11:00 **KAMIL MATUSZCZYK** (Centre of
Migration Research, University of
Warsaw) A shift towards fairness
and inclusion? Private migration
intermediaries in migration policy in
Poland
- coffee break*
- 11:30 – 12:30 **JAMES HAMPSHIRE** (University of
Sussex) Revisiting client politics:
business power, migrant labour, and
the state
- lunch break*
- 13:30 - 14:30 **JENNIFER ELRICK** (McGill University
Montréal) Policy implementation
as a potential site of openness
- 14:30 – 15:30 **ALEXANDER KUSTOV** (University of
North Carolina at Charlotte)
In our interest: How democracies
can make immigration popular
- 15:30 – 16:00 Concluding Discussion



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