

Webinar

Citizenship Revocation: Comparative Perspectives and Challenges

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Scientific organiser: **Maarten Vink** | European University Institute

Introduction

In many countries across the world, citizenship revocation policies are back on the political agenda. While states have always had the power to revoke citizenship based on wide-ranging grounds, stripping persons of their citizenship is increasingly deployed by states as a counter-terrorism and deportation tool. Citizenship legislation is also used to exclude communities and restrict rights in the context of contestation of borders and national identity.

This webinar addresses the challenges that this revival raises for the study of citizenship as a secure and equal membership in a state. What is new about citizenship revocation practices? If citizenship can be, and is, more easily revoked by state authorities, does this imply a new conditional form of membership? How well can practices be compared between contexts? And, finally, how to ensure that international law obligations of states apply to all relevant situations in which states take or consider taking steps to deprive a person of citizenship as a national security measure.

The webinar brings together academics and practitioners in an effort to reflect both on the concrete policy implications of citizenship stripping and on its theoretical significance. The webinar takes a comparative perspective on this topic, with contributions that do not limit their focus to Western contexts.

The webinar is organised by the [Global Citizenship Observatory](#) and co-sponsored by the [Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion](#)

Programme

18.00 - 18.50 Chair: **Maarten Peter Vink** | European University Institute

Absent citizenship: a case study of the Rohingya in Myanmar

[Jasmine Burnley](#) | International Development Department, University of Birmingham

Citizenship deprivation and statelessness of Kurds in Syria

[M.Alashmar](#) | European University Institute

Why we need a Year of Action against citizenship stripping

[Laura van Waas](#) | Tilburg University & Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion

Q&A

18.50 -19.30

Chair: **Maarten Peter Vink** | European University Institute

Fraud-based citizenship deprivation in France and the UK

[Emilien Fargues](#) | European University Institute

How supranational and international laws impact, or not, upon constitutional and legislative choices in relation to matters of citizenship deprivation

[Jo Shaw](#) | Edinburgh University and Tampere University

Q&A