

Webinar

Investor Citizenship: a Challenge for Citizenship or a Sign of Its Transformation?

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Introduction

Investor citizenship programmes have sparked much controversy over the last decade, not the least due to corruption and scandals that surrounded the sale of passports around the world, but also because they challenge our understanding of who is and could be recognised as a citizen. Reflecting a combination of different disciplinary approaches and policy insights, this webinar gathers six speakers in roundtable discussions on the opportunities and challenges of investor citizenship in a globalising world. The webinar is divided in two parts: it first addresses investor citizenship in the context of the much-debated notion of 'genuine link'; it then explores the benefits and drawbacks of the sale of passports for different stakeholders, and from different perspectives.

The webinar is organised by the [Global Citizenship Observatory](#)

Programme

- 16.00 - 16.40 **The sale of passports and the question of 'genuine link'**
*What does the principle of 'genuine link' represent in the context of citizenship?
What constitutes a link, and how can we determine if and when a link is 'genuine'?*
- Martijn van der Brink** | Oxford University
Lior Erez | University of Haifa
Ayelet Shachar | Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity in Göttingen and University of Toronto
- 16.40 - 17.20 **Benefits and drawbacks of investor citizenship**
*What kind of benefits can investor citizenship bring to individuals, states, the 'industry'?
What are the problematic aspects of these programmes?*
- Kristin Surak** | London School of Economics
Laure Brillaud | Transparency International
Manuela Boatcă | Albert-Ludwigs University, Freiburg
- 17.20 - 17.30 **Wrap-up**

