

**Webinar**

# The Citizenship-Migration-Mobility Nexus

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Online - Zoom

Scientific organiser: [Jelena Džankić](#) | European University Institute**Introduction**

What are the linkages between citizenship, migration and mobility? We often study citizenship as the tool for social closure and look at laws through which states regulate the acquisition and loss of the legal status of nationality; we study it as a hierarchy of entitlements and prospects within and across states, as well as a structure through which individuals construct and articulate their identities and belonging. Far less frequently is citizenship examined as a powerful push and pull factor of migratory patterns and global mobilities. Some citizenships enable privileged, others economic, or even forced mobilities or migration. The increasing acceptance of dual citizenship is a major facilitating factor for migrants' mobility between host and origin countries.

Migration, in turn, has an impact on how states regulate the access to and loss of citizenship, as well as the associated privileges of citizens. Traditional immigration countries in the Americas and Oceania, for instance, transmit citizenship mainly through *ius soli* at birth; emigrant countries seek to maintain links with the diaspora and tolerate dual citizenship; countries experiencing recent waves of migration articulate the tension between their cultural identities and economic benefits of migration through stricter naturalisation conditions.

Mobilities are premised on citizenship and can turn into settlement and lead to migration, or eventually a new citizenship. They are limited or enabled through a plethora of legal statuses that exist across, within, and among countries. They play out in different ways in different corners of the world.

This webinar will be organised in a roundtable format with four speakers who are asked to address three sets of questions, using insights from their own research. In the first round, we discuss the role of citizenship as an enabling factor for mobility and migration in different geographic, political and social contexts. We look at how different legal arrangements - such as supranational agreements, economic conditions - such as wealth, or political circumstances - political contestation have impacted on the citizenship-migration-mobility nexus. In the second round, we explore, in turn, how different migrant trajectories and new forms of mobility have affected the notion of citizenship, understood primarily as political membership. In the final round of questions, we discuss the global governance of citizenship, mobility and migration and the avenues that it may take in the post-pandemic world.

There will be time for Q&A from the audience.

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



## Programme

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18.00 - 19.30 **Roundtable**

Chair: [Jelena Džankić](#) | European University Institute

Speakers:

[Yossi Harpaz](#) | Tel Aviv University

Yossi Harpaz is Assistant Professor of Sociology at Tel-Aviv University. His research interests include globalization, citizenship, immigration, national identity and social theory. Harpaz has earned his Ph.D. in Sociology from Princeton University, and was a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard University. His book, *Citizenship 2.0: Dual Nationality as a Global Asset* (Princeton University Press), explores the growing global toleration of dual citizenship, focusing on three case studies in Serbia, Israel and Mexico. Harpaz's research has also been published in the *International Migration Review*, the *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* and other journals

[Janine Dahinden](#) | University of Neuchâtel

Janine Dahinden is Professor of Transnational Studies, director of the MAPS (Maison d'analyse des processus sociaux) and project leader in the nccr-on the move, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland. She is interested in understanding processes of mobility, transnationalisation and boundary and border making, and their concomitant production of inequalities linked to ethnicity, race, class, religion or gender. She is also the co-director of the Standing Committee of "Reflexivities in migration studies" of IMISCOE. Please consult <https://www.janinedahinden.net> for more details.

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Caroline is a postdoctoral research fellow working on the European Research Council Funded project 'Refugees are Migrants: Refugee Mobility, Recognition and Rights'. Her areas of expertise and interest include: public international law, human rights law, regional economic communities, citizenship and migration law, refugee law, international criminal law; legal and policy analysis.

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Diego Acosta is Professor in European and Migration Law at the University of Bristol. He has more than 50 publications and his latest book *The National versus the Foreigner in South America. 200 Years of Migration and Citizenship Law* is now considered to be the key reference for the study of citizenship, nationality and migration in South America from a legal, comparative and historical perspective.