

Webinar

Citizenship and Territorial Rescaling

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Scientific organiser: [Jo Shaw](#) | GLOBALCIT co-director, University of Edinburgh/Tampere University**Introduction**

The relationship between citizenship and territory is as long as the history of political organisation. The idea of membership instantly triggers the question of ‘membership of what?’, and organisation of human communities into polities has long (although not exclusively) been dominated by territorial principles. The ‘bordering’ effects of territory raise important questions about all of the dimensions of citizenship, including the legal status, the operation of rights and duties, and the question of how far citizenship also translates into a principle of belonging.

This webinar will explore the interface and processes of territorial rescaling. Rescaling processes include the emergence of new states, contestation over territory and the creation of polities with liminal status within international society, the emergence of subnational movements pushing for devolution and even secession, the creation of supranational and international communities of states, as well as processes of interconnection between states enhanced, in particular, by the intensification of human mobility.

From their research, three speakers (Stephen Coutts, Gëzim Krasniqi and Christina Zuber) will present short case studies highlighting some of the citizenship implications of territorial rescaling. In a second part, Jelena Džankić will develop these case studies into a broader conversation about territorial rescaling, offering reflections on how territorial rescaling operates as a framing for new articulations of citizenship.

The conversation will be moderated by Jo Shaw, who will also act as a conduit for questions and comments from the audience.



Programme

12.00 - 13.30 **Roundtable**

Moderator : [Jo Shaw](#) | GLOBALCIT Co-Director, University of Edinburgh/Tampere University

Commentator: [Jelena Džankić](#) | Part-time Professor, Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute and GLOBALCIT Co-Director

Speakers:

[Stephen Coutts](#) | Lecturer in Law, School of Law, University College Cork, Ireland

Stephen Coutts is a lecturer in the School of Law at UCC, Ireland. Prior to this he held a post at Dublin City University. He holds a PhD from the European University Institute and an LLM from the College of Europe (Bruges). His main research interests lie in European Union law, especially citizenship, constitutional law and the area of freedom, security and justice. He has taught and published widely in these fields and is a member of the editorial board of European Papers.

[Gëzim Krasniqi](#) | Lecturer in Nationalism Studies, School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh, UK

Gezim Krasniqi is a Lecturer in Nationalism and Political Sociology at the University of Edinburgh, UK. His research interests lie broadly in political sociology of nationalism, ethnicity and citizenship. His current research projects focus on the study of old and new state-nation configurations in South-East Europe and citizenship in contested/liminal polities.

[Christina Zuber](#) | Professor of German Politics, Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz, Germany

Christina Isabel Zuber is Professor for German Politics at the University of Konstanz, Germany. Her background is in comparative politics and her main sub-fields are comparative federalism, party politics and migration. She uses these perspectives to study how diverse cultural, ethnic, and national identities affect the functioning of democracy. Her current main research projects study nationalist mobilisation in Imperial Austria, and the politics of migration in European minority regions.