

Workshop

(Dis)enfranchising migrants. Patterns and politics of granting voting rights to non-citizen residents and non-resident citizens in contemporary democracies

6 -7 December 2021

Sala Europa (+ online participation of a limited number of invited external speakers) - Villa Schifanoia, Via Boccaccio 121 - Florence

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Introduction

What conditions facilitate the political incorporation of immigrants and non-residents in the age of mass migration and unequal democracy? Non-citizen and non-resident voting rights have been documented by separate datasets and studied in disconnected literatures. By contrast, at this workshop we consider these phenomena together, as they concern the same population seen from the perspective of different states. We focus on two interrelated questions: (1) What patterns of non-resident citizen and non-citizen resident voting rights exist across countries and what associations exist between them within countries? (2) Has the expansion or restriction of voting rights for non-resident citizens and non-citizen residents been politically contested and what were the political constellations and actors that have driven policy reform?

We consider both their connection in domestic policy contexts as well as international processes of diffusion and interaction. The question of enfranchisement of migrants has also been separated from that of citizenship status. However, the size and composition of non-resident citizens depends on citizenship laws regulating the acquisition, retention, intergenerational transmission, or loss of citizenship outside the territory. Apart from analysing the patterns of franchise expansion for a large number of countries, we want to explore the politics of franchise expansion or restrictions in a series of regional and country case studies. We focus on case studies in Asia, Europe and Latin America. We are interested in finding out which political interests and actors have driven either kind of franchise expansion/restriction and will put a particular focus on how political polarization and democratic backlashes or deconsolidation affect the politics of the franchise for migrants.

The workshop is jointly organized by the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy, the Graduate Institute Geneva and the Global Citizenship Observatory, European University Institute (part of the Global Governance Programme at the Robert Schuman Centre) and co-financed by the Graduate Institute Geneva and the European University Institute.

Programme

6 December

12.00 - 13.00 Lunch

13.00 - 13.15 Welcome

Erik Jones | European University Institute

Christine Lutringer | AHCD, Graduate Institute Geneva

Maarten Vink | European University Institute

13.15 - 14.45 Session 1 – Global patterns and trends

Chair/Rapporteur: **Christine Lutringer** | AHCD, Graduate Institute Geneva

Missing Links in Im/Emigrant Enfranchisement Studies

Victoria Finn | European University Institute

A global longitudinal dataset on migrant electoral rights

Rainer Bauböck | European University Institute

Migrant electoral rights in Europe and the Americas

Sebastián Umpierrez de Reguero | European University Institute

14.45 - 15.15 Coffee break

15.15 - 16.45 Session 2 – Latin American cases: Ecuador and Uruguay

Chair/Rapporteur: **Yanina Welp** | AHCD, Graduate Institute Geneva

Why didn't Uruguay extend the franchise to non-residents?

Matias López | AHCD, Graduate Institute Geneva

One way or another: pathways of migrant enfranchisement in South America

Sebastián Umpierrez de Reguero | European University Institute

16.45 - 18.00 Soft authoritarianism: keynote interview with **Shalini Randeria** | President, CEU

Interviewer: **Rainer Bauböck** | European University Institute

Plenary discussion

19.30 Dinner at Il Vezzo, Via Guelfa, 58, R Florence

7 December

09.00 - 10.30 Session 3 – European cases: Switzerland and Austria

Chair/Rapporteur: **Maria Mexi** | AHCD, Graduate Institute Geneva

Migrant enfranchisement in Switzerland

Klaudia Wegschaider | Oxford University and European University Institute

Political exclusion of migrants in an immigration country – the curious case of Austria
Rainer Bauböck | European University Institute

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 - 12.30 Session 4 – The Indian case

Chair/Rapporteur: **Jelena Dzankic** | European University Institute

Enfranchisement, exclusion, and political contestation: the new citizenship regime of India
Lipin Ram | AHCD, Graduate Institute Geneva

Voting rights and the (un)making of citizens in India
Lucy Dubochet | AHCD, Graduate Institute Geneva

12.30 - 13.15 Concluding reflections

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

Rapporteur reports on the 4 sessions

Discussion

13.15 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 15.00 Consortium meeting – [workshop organisers only]

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