

Conference

Contestations of citizenship in contexts of democratic backsliding: lessons from post-communist Europe

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Sala Triaria - Villa Schifanoia, Via Boccaccio 121 - Florence

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Introduction

While post-communist European countries have been the site of stalling democratisation and rising backsliding, the consequences of backsliding on the evolution of citizenship regimes have remained largely unexplored. This event is based on the collaborative CIVICA project on Contestations of citizenship in contexts of democratic backsliding: lessons from post-communist Europe, and brings together EUI, LSE and CEU, together with associates from other institutions. Case-studies and comparative interdisciplinary research unpack how citizenship regimes change when democratic governance becomes a façade veiling populist and authoritarian political objectives. The event will conclude with a roundtable on Eleanor Knott's book *Kin Majorities: Identity and Citizenship in Crimea and Moldova*.

Draft Programme

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09: 50 - 18:00 *Welcome*

10:00 - 11:30 **Contestations of citizenship in contexts of democratic backsliding: preliminary project findings**

Moderator: Filip Kostelka | European University Institute

• **Szabolcs Pogonyi | Central European University**

Democratic backsliding in post-communist Europe: theory and implications for citizenship regimes

• **Jelena Dzankic | European University Institute**

Citizenship in post-communist Europe: dataset presentation

• **Eleanor Knott | London School of Economics**

Trends in citizenship and democracy: an empirical analysis

11:30 – 12:00 *Coffee Break*

12:00 – 13:30 **Case studies**

Moderator: Daniel Bochsler | EUI and CEU

• **Gezim Krasniqi | University of Edinburgh**

Albanian citizenship constellations in Southeastern Europe

• **Licia Cianetti | University of Birmingham**

Democratic backsliding in Central and Eastern Europe – impact on inclusion and exclusion

13:30 – 15:00 *Lunch break*

15:00 – 16:30 **Book presentation**

Speaker: Eleanor Knott | London School of Economics

Kin Majorities: Identity and Citizenship in Crimea and Moldova

16:30 – 17:00 *Coffee Break*

17:00 – 18:00 **Project meeting for Special Issue and grant application planning**