

# The Politics of Ethnicity, Nationality and Citizenship

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Recent years have seen an explosion of empirical and normative scholarly interest in citizenship across many disciplines. This course seeks to provide an overview of some of the main topical issues and scholarly perspectives in citizenship studies, with a special emphasis on the legal and political aspects of citizenship policies in the European Union member states. Given the special circumstances of new state formation and state succession in large parts of Eastern Europe after 1989, special attention will be given to problems of membership, ethnic selectivity, transnational and dual citizenship with their implications on the de- or re-ethnicization of citizenship. In addition, the course will also focus on the debates related to the inclusion and exclusion of immigrants. These processes will be examined from comparative and normative perspectives within the larger European context that connects citizenship of the Member States of the EU through a common citizenship of the Union and its associated rights of free movement.

Several course faculty are members of the European Commission funded EUDO Citizenship project, a research network which focuses on the citizenship policies in the EU member states and Eastern and Southern borderlines (fSU, Turkey, fRY) of the Union. The

research group offers the most comprehensive comparative analysis of European citizenship regimes. The summer course will concentrate on some specific issues that dominate the debate in the old and the new EU states and have to do with the potential re-ethnicization of citizenship through the instrument of non-resident dual citizenship for ethnic kins. It will also disseminate the recent and not yet published novel findings of the project (concluded in June, 2010). The faculty will draw intensively on the unique research materials of the project such as citizenship statistics, comparative database on modes of acquisition and loss of citizenship in the European Union member states, collection of laws related to external citizenship, compilation of citizenship related international norms, EU citizenship case law, available online at <http://eudo-citizenship.eu/>.