

WSSR WORKSHOPS ON SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

Invigorating Citizenship in Deeply Diverse Societies

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Summary

We may hear the words “multiculturalism”, “citizenship” and “justice” thrown around in political discourse but do we know what they mean, and do we know what’s involved?

In this workshop, Dr. Gianni will tackle some of the controversies about the accommodation of minority groups in Europe and North-America. In particular, he will explore the main empirical, analytical, and normative issues related to the challenges multiculturalism entails for citizenship, democracy and justice, and will focus on the modalities through which specific public policies are mobilized, legitimized, and debated in the public space. In particular, he will focus on approaches, as deliberative citizenship, which may invigorate citizenship (and make it more legitimate) in diverse societies. He will also address the implications that such policies have on the recognition / misrecognition of “other”, and their normative implications for culturally divided societies. The case study of Muslim integration in Europe will be taken as a guiding example in the discussion.

Workshop Overview

Questions and (normative) Theories

Understanding citizenship, democracy, politics and justice: Theories and concepts

- The liberal perspective
- The communitarian perspective
- The republican perspective
- The post-structuralist perspective
- Invigorating citizenship? Deliberative citizenship as a possible solution?

Analysis and Implications

The challenge of cultural difference and of mobility for citizenship, democracy and justice

- Epistemological / ontological aspects: what is cultural difference? What is the political?
- How are cultural differences to be accommodated? Multiculturalism, interculturalism, republicanism
- Which are the challenges of cultural differences over citizenship?

Normative issues and empirical cases

Democratic equality as a fair principle for the accommodation of cultural difference? The case of the **integration** of Muslims in Western polities.



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Required Readings

- Gianni, Matteo (2017) "The Migration-Mobility Nexus: Rethinking Citizenship and Integration as Processes". In: Anna Triandafyllidou (Ed.). *Multicultural Governance in a Mobile World*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, pp. 205-224. <http://reserves.concordia.ca/ares/ares.dll/plink?14EF267E>
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