

WORKSHOP 25

25. Practices of citizenship and the politics of (in)security

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Citizenship and security are not only two words that are pervading contemporary discussions around the globe but two central concepts in political science. Both citizenship and security are key concepts to comprehend how political communities are performed as well as to analyse what are the ways by which such communities are delineated, whether through discourses or political practices and institutions.

The workshop's principal aim is **to analyse the *interplays* at work between practices of citizenship and politics of (in)security**, both of which are at the heart of the constitution of contemporary political communities. Such a project requires **bringing together scholars from the widest possible range of political science sub-disciplines**. Both citizenship and security are central issues of empirical, theoretical and normative work in political science but security analysts are mostly not talking to citizenship scholars and vice versa.

The need for a reflection on the interplays between security and citizenship is however much needed as it goes beyond its academic value; daily and institutional practices, whether related to demands for recognition of specific groups, practices of ascription upon specific groups, or definition of (potentially) threatening or subversive groups – have concrete effects upon the everyday of citizens and non-citizens alike throughout the globe. To provide for a discussion and an analysis of these interplays and their potential or concrete effects in modern polities is thus to address important and contemporary empirical, theoretical and normative issues – such as immigration, cultural and ethnic minorities rights, civil rights and liberties, terrorism and counter-terrorism, global mobility – that are now driving concrete policies whether touching questions of security, citizenship or governance.