



Online Workshop

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Wednesday, 27 January 2021 Voting Rights and Migration

15:00 – 18:30 h
Online Meeting on Zoom

Participation in the workshop is free. Please register until **20 January 2020** with katrin.sontag@unibas.ch and we will send you the Zoom link before the workshop.

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About the Online Workshop

Who should have the right to vote where? In the context of migration and mobility, rules of democratic participation are increasingly discussed, as in some places high percentages of residents, who do not hold the national citizenship, are not eligible to vote. The debates address the eligibility to vote for migrants, but also for those living abroad, as well as notions and processes of citizenship.

Several researchers within the nccr – on the move are working on this topic from different perspectives and disciplines, such as political science, economics and anthropology. They shed light on the issue of voting rights at different political levels, such as national, regional, or local levels. They also complement each other as some are showing the “bigger picture” of e.g. attitudes towards more or less inclusive political rights using quantitative data, while others focus on policy changes, or on the local level of activism. This workshop will bring together some of these perspectives.

Aim of the Online Workshop

The workshop will bring together current research on voting rights in the context of migration within and beyond the nccr – on the move. The aim is to present research and to discuss and exchange ideas with researchers, engaged citizens and interested participants.

Organizer

Katrin Sontag (University of Basel | nccr – on the move)

Program

- 15:00 **Welcome and Introduction**
- 15:30 **How Do Non-Citizen Voting Rights Affect Naturalisation in Sweden?**
Michaela Slotwinski, Alois Stutzer (University of Basel), Pieter Bevelander (Malmö University)
- 15:45 Questions
- 15:55 **Expanding National Electorates: Migration and Beyond**
Joachim Blatter, Elie Michel (University of Lucerne)
- 16:10 Questions
- 16:20 Break
- 16:30 **Multilevel Strategies of Political Inclusion. The Contestation of Voting Rights for Foreign Residents by Regional Assemblies**
Lorenzo Piccoli (GLOBALCIT | University of Neuchâtel)
- 16:45 Questions
- 16:55 **Struggles for Democracy: Initiatives for Non-Citizen Voting Rights on Local Levels**
Metka Hercog, Katrin Sontag, Silva Lässer, Selina Reusser (University of Basel)
- 17:10 Questions
- 17:20 Break
- 17:30 **Discussion**
- 18:30 End