# Programme Overview

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| 10:30-12:30   | Workshops                                    |                  |                            |                                     | **Workshop 1**<br>Room CMR 6<br>**Citizenship, migration, mobilities and borders**<br>This panel explores contemporary mobilities and migrations through the experiences of refugees and migrants, as well as non-migrants. Looking at the interrelation between security, terrorism and migration, as well as the violence experienced by refugees it interrogates the critical power of acts of citizenship. Furthermore it looks at how dialogic and participatory engagements about migration and mobility can create novel ways of enacting citizenship.  
**Organiser:** Umut Erel  
**Speakers:** Jef Huysmans, Vicki Squire, Evgenia Iliadou, Kesi Mahendran, Umut Erel  
*See abstracts below*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 12:30-14:00   | Lunch                                        | Room CMR11       |                            |                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 14:00-15:30   | Plenary                                      | Room CMR11       | **Moderated** by Elizabeth Silva (Director of the Centre for Citizenship, Identity and Governance - CCIG) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 15:30-16:30   | From Empire to Commonwealth to Anglosphere (with an EU diversion) | Room CMR11       | **Speaker:** Engin Isin | **From Empire to Commonwealth to Anglosphere (with an EU diversion)**<br>This panel will explore practices of citizenship in everyday life. It will draw on work from sociology and social psychology to discuss how citizenship is enacted and experienced in everyday social relations, such as intimate relations. The panel will also explore the connections the between public and the private and between the everyday and the political.  
**Organiser:** Eleni Andreouli  
**Speakers:** Paul Stenner, Johanna Motzkau, Jacqui Gabb, Darren Langdridge  
*See abstracts below*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
The UK referendum to leave the European Union may well become one of the defining moments of our times not only in the UK but also in Europe. But how defining it is and how to define it are more difficult than I imagined. Thinking historically about this moment forced me to revisit the periods in which the British Empire reorganised itself as a commonwealth, roughly between 1916 to 1948. This was followed by the rapid decline of the idea between 1948 and 1973. During the same period Great Britain applied to and was rejected twice to the European Economic Community. The postwar migration policy increasingly clashed with the freedom of movement policy of the European Union especially during 2004 enlargement. Throughout these periods British citizenship and nationality have been defined and redefined in paradoxical but indelible ways that are now driving an ideology of Anglosphere that is every bit experimental as were empire and commonwealth.

**Workshops: Detailed Programme**

**Workshop 1 Citizenship, migration, mobilities and borders. Organiser: Umut Erel**

**Room CMR 6**

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**Titles and Abstracts:**

**Violent democracy and the critical power of ‘acts of citizenship**

*Jef Huysmans, Professor of International Politics, Queen Mary University*

The paper starts from the political linking of refugees and terrorism in the autumn of 2015. It reads the connection as a symptom of an intensified organisation of politics in democracy around and through the fact and prospect of violence. The paper argues that ‘acts of citizenship’ are a timely analytical and political device challenging the conditions creating violent democracy.

**Dr Vicki Squire, Reader in International Security, Warwick University**

In my current research I examine the failings of current policy agendas in relation to the so-called refugee or migration ‘crisis’. I suggest that such failings have a productive dimension of the most tragic kind – namely in the process of governing through death – and that this reflects a further crisis of modern humanism and the discourse of dignity on which this is grounded. My research also examines interventions that challenge such developments, and that present alternative practical interventions as well as philosophical perspectives on the current situation in the Mediterranean specifically. A common theme throughout my research is a concern with the ways in which governing practices reflect exclusionary citizenship regimes and with the ways in which these are contested on the ground.

**Exploring everyday violence in the lives of irregular migrants in Lesvos Island/ Greece**

*Evgenia Iliadou, The Open University*

In my research I explore how irregular migrants, asylum seekers and refugees moving through Lesvos experience violence in their everyday lives. In this perspective, I am exploring irregular migrants’ lived experiences and personal accounts concerning violence, social harm and suffering, which mainly takes place “quietly” through legal,
administrative procedures and structures in such an extent that becomes normal, unnoticeable and therefore it cannot be perceived as violence.

How the public dialogically counters technocratic and humanitarian refugee narratives with a ‘one world’ solidarity narrative.

Kesi Mahendran, The Open University

This paper articulates a one world narrative (OWN) which reconfigures human mobility and the ideational borders of the European Union. 52 semi-structured interviews, in Scotland and Sweden, brought participants, ranging from people with ‘refugee/IDP status’ to the generationally non-mobile, into dialogue with the integration ideals of the EU. Publics articulating a ‘one world’ narrative seek to re-ideologize depoliticized technocratic reasoning on human mobility as a political act of dissent. Understanding public opinion formation on vexed political questions such as immigration requires engagement with our dialogical capability to actively construct a globalized world.

Migration, Care and Creative Interventions into Citizenship

Umut Erel, The Open University

Racialized migrant mothers are often cast as marginal to theoretical and political debates of citizenship, yet by taking seriously the contributions to cultural and caring citizenship made by racialized migrant mothers, the paper challenges the racialized boundaries of citizenship across temporal change and spatial mobility. Challenging hegemonic narratives of who can legitimately claim to contribute to citizenship, the paper explores migrant women’s mothering through participatory theatre methods. Based on a participatory action research project with a group of migrant mothers in London, it explores the significance of embodied and affective meanings of challenging racialized citizenship. The theatre techniques allow participants to develop collective subjugated knowledges which challenges racialized, gendered and classed stratifications of caring citizenship. The theatre scenes are conceptualized as creative interventions into cultural citizenship where racialized migrant mothers claim the right to undistorted representation.

Workshop 2: Local and global practices of citizenship. Organiser: Sara de Jong
Room CMR 7

This panel collects studies on local, transnational and global practices of citizenship which map the transgressions as well as limitations of the framework of citizenship. With reference to various concrete acts as well as discursive articulations, this panel interrogates the political potentiality of citizenship as strategy and possibility.

Titles and Abstracts:

British-Muslim family law as a site of citizenship

Lisa Pilgram, POLIS PhD student and research manager SRA International Development and Inclusive Innovation.

Lisa will give a short presentation of her PhD project in which she looks at transnational practices of citizenship in the realm of family law. Muslims in the UK marry, bring up children, get divorced and arrange inheritance drawing on various normative sources not limited to English law. These emerging British-Muslims practices and subjectivities challenge dominant concepts of citizenship as nationally bounded and of law as a static field. Her work argues that this new field of British-Muslim family law is emerging as a field of law, which solves everyday problems of Muslim citizens living in the UK today. This field can only be understood if we look at local as well as global and transnational practices because many sources of Muslim law are from outside the UK and because everyday problems often involve international legal experiences of individuals. British-Muslim family law may therefore be an interesting case of how justice is enacted across the borders of nation-states as family arrangements are not contained within one single jurisdiction. At the same time this field of law poses interesting questions to how justice is interpreted as existing only within a state-based framework of rights and law. Practices in the British-Muslim legal field arguably enact justice ‘below’ or ‘outside’ the borders of the nation state as these legal practices are often not considered ‘law’ as such by the state.

Active solidarity, citizenship in Europe and beyond

Helen Yanacopulos, Professor of International Politics and Development and Head of Development Policy and Practice, The Open University.

While the European Union has been in many ways a success, Europe is also not without its problems: dealing with the ‘refugee crisis’, Brexit and ‘austerity politics’, and the rise populist political parties. There have been increasing
protests on the continent, occupations of spaces and other forms of dissent. This paper will explore some of the following questions: How have some forms of resistance operated across Europe? How have protesting groups and citizens worked together? And more importantly, what are the factors contributing to the prospects of European citizens/non-citizens working in solidarity. By exploring some forms of resistance and mobilization both across Europe but also internationally, some lessons may be gleaned around collective action framing, the development of multi-scalar networks and the employment of social media as a mobilization tool. Such lessons may be useful in the development of a transnational active solidarity movement.

**Citizenship, Deportation Class and the Datafication of Everything**

**Stephan Scheel, Post-doctoral Researcher on the ERC-funded project "ARITHMUS - How data make a people" at Goldsmiths, University of London.**

In his contribution Stephan will reflect on how the ongoing research of the ARITHMUS project on methodological changes in population statistics relates to questions of citizenship, understood as both status and practice. He will pay particular attention to the question how the move from survey-based methods to transactional data-sources like government registers also implies a move from the citizen as a self-informing subject to the citizen as a data-constituted subject. In the second part of his intervention Stephan will reflect on his ongoing uneasiness about citizenship, illustrated through a planned research project on illegalised migrants’s struggles against deportations. Basically, this uneasiness comes down to the following question: Can we appropriate citizenship as a vehicle for emancipatory politics, or is this political strategy doomed to fail from the outset as it will always be haunted by the oppressive and exclusionary dimensions of citizenship as status?

**Notes on interactions between migrants and guards in the Calais ‘Jungle’**

**Zaki Nahaboo, Lecturer in Sociology within the Department of Social Science at Liverpool Hope University and member of the Archbishop Desmond Tutu Centre for War and Peace Studies.**

This presentation offers a preliminary reflection on fieldwork conducted in Calais during the final ‘official’ days of the Jungle (October, 2016). It explores how security guards interacted with migrants and migrant responses to the police. First, I highlight how security guards departed from their assigned role of preventing unauthorized migrants from entering the on-site containers. I explore how security guards allowed migrants access to containers, but only if they crawled through the mud. The informal prescription for migrants highlights how humiliation and racism became multi-layered in conflicting ways through the ‘Jungle’. Not only does the racialization of migrants operate at indirect bureaucratic levels of rights of passage, its personal manifestation (via the guards) can conflict with the internal borders of the camp. Second, I outline the repertoires of action that were adopted by migrants in their attempts to board lorries heading for the UK. I document their collaborative efforts at evading the police. This work in progress allows for greater consideration of how migrants negotiated their formal position as ‘non-citizens’, assembling themselves as rights-claiming subjects. *This presentation is based on aspects a co-authored article with Hayatte Lakraa. The ethnographic data has been collected by Hayatte Lakraa.*

**Workshop 3: Everyday citizenship. Organiser: Eleni Andreouli**

**Room CMR 14**

This panel will explore practices of citizenship from the perspectives of ‘lay’ citizens. It will draw on work from sociology and social psychology to discuss how citizenship is enacted and experienced in everyday social relations, such as intimate relations. The panel will also explore the connections the between public and the private and between the everyday and the political.

**Titles and Abstracts:**

**I, Daniel Blake and the sense of citizenship**

**Paul Stenner, The Open University**

This presentation will discuss the problem of how to study the ‘sense’ that people have of their citizenship. This involves approaching citizenship from a social psychological vantage point as something fundamentally experiential. I will use G.H. Mead’s ideas about the 'sense of citizenship' to articulate an account of the always social nature of human self-experience. Arguably, this basic sociality-of-self underpins any extant citizenship arrangements and any emergent acts of citizenship. The next phase of this research is to develop a Q sort instrument to study the sense of citizenship empirically, in rich variety.
Improvising citizenship in child protection practice? Social workers and police officers as conduits of citizenship
Johanna Motzkau, The Open University
Children are ambiguous citizens. In some contexts considered ‘apprentice-citizens’ with limited rights, they are elsewhere constituted as full citizens with respective responsibilities. Tracing an ongoing research project into ‘Cultures of Listening in Child Protection’ this paper will consider citizenship as a relational practice. By exploring musical concepts of improvisation and the artistic practice of dark listening (Greenlaw) alongside child protection practices, the paper will show how we can capture processes of ‘listening’ (e.g. workers listening to children/families) as constitutive and creative acts of citizenship. Here social workers and police officers are the live interface between governance, policy and social/personal life, i.e. they are conduits of citizenship, acting vis-à-vis children/families, mutually creating citizenship. They do this in a fast changing society in the grip of austerity, migration and threats of radicalisation, while facing increased scrutiny of their professional practice. By researching their experience, and cultures of listening, and collaboratively challenging dominant listening practices, the project contributes to a transdisciplinary social psychology of citizenship, and adds to debates around citizenship more generally.

Revealing Sex
Jacqui Gabb, The Open University
‘Revealing Sex’ aims to explore how experiences of sexual intimacy are manifest in long-term relationships. This will enable us to inform the ways that policy and relationship support organisations can speak to the diverse experience and needs of people in contemporary Britain, and to produce robust research-based resources that are targeted to the particular needs of different populations. In particular, the project aims to investigate: Everyday experience (understand sexual practice – what counts as sex; where and when sexual intimacy occurs; the pleasures, principles and pains of experience); Life course (investigate the experience of four age cohorts 18-34; 35-49; 50-64; 65+ – temporality and the patterning of sex within and across generations; young people and ‘first sex’; mid-life; ageing society and changes in intimacy); Biography (explore how demographic variables impact on experiences and understandings of sex – parenthood; education; health; faith/religion); Sexual citizenship (examine the meanings of sex – how public-private-policy arenas intersect; conjugality and coupledom; consent, sex and the law)

Sexual citizenship and the boundaries of belonging
Darren Langdridge, The Open University
I have conducted empirical and theoretical work on sexual/intimate citizenship across a number of topics including BDSM, gay parenthood and HIV. My focus has been in exploring the boundaries of belonging and the way that ‘progress’ is often more complex and troubling than it seems, serving to close down possibilities as much as open them up. I am currently bringing some of the different strands of this work together in a monograph for Oxford University Press provisionally titled: Sex-Sexuality-Citizenship. In this book I argue that there is not a simple enlightenment march of progress when it comes to sexual citizenship, in spite of the apparent progress with regard to claims for equality in many areas. Instead, I suggest that there is an ongoing battle on the margins of sexual citizenship in which apparent gains and new claims are actually as much a retreat or accession to authority as they are an advance.