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Civic Turn or Renationalization? Recent Trends in German Citizenship and Immigration Policies

Due to its notorious *ius sanguinis* citizenship law, Germany has often been viewed as the prototype of the so-called “ethnic nation”. In 2000, Germany adopted a new citizenship law which includes one of Europe’s most encompassing *ius soli* provisions that automatically grants citizenship to children born to non-nationals on German soil. Five years later, in 2005, Germany went even one step further and enacted its first post-war immigration law. Some commentators have argued that by means of these reforms, Germany overcame its decade-long rejection of seeing itself as an “immigration country” and travelled, legally, all the way “from ethnic to civic nation”. This talk adopts a more skeptical perspective: lowering the citizenship threshold in 2001 has necessitated defining which values and competences characterize a truly democratic citizen and screening out intruders who do not possess them. This paper is part of a new research project, which examines how the new integration and citizenship policies in selected European countries approach the challenge of promoting both pluralism and immigrant’s social and economic inclusion.

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When: Friday March 13th, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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