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Theme Description

Transnationalization (“transnationalism”) and diaspora are widely-used concepts in academic as well as political discourses. Such an inflation of meanings goes hand in hand with a danger of essentialising collective identities. This course therefore presents diaspora and transnationalization as research perspectives rather than as characteristics of particular social groups and social formations. It focuses on the implications of such perspectives for membership in political communities – citizenship. Is citizenship transnationalizing or still primarily bound to the national? At the core is the disaggregation of citizenship, namely the decoupling of territory, authority, people which signal far-reaching social and political transformations of national societies. Disaggregation can be observed in processes of international migration and its consequences. The ongoing reassemblage of citizenship is analyzed on the local, national, transnational and global realms. The issues discussed, among others, concern transnational elements of citizenship, such as dual citizenship, political participation within and across the borders of national states, efforts at local development involving transnational agents, and the prospects for global social citizenship. The discussion of substantive topics is embedded in methodological reflections and the question of how to apply methods appropriate to avoid methodological nationalism.

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