

May 21st/22nd, 2026 in Cologne (Germany)

Social Citizenship on the Move

Arenas, Actors and Practices of Social Rights within and beyond the State

Organizers: Matthias Otten, Catharina Peeck-Ho, Oleksandra Tarkhanova
Venue: Technische Hochschule Köln, Institute for Migration and Diversity
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Thursday 21.05.2026 (room 115)

13.00	Arrival / Check-in
13.30	Matthias Otten (Köln) & Oleksandra Tarkahnova (St Gallen) & Catharina Peeck-Ho (Hannover) Welcome by the DGS section speakers Introduction
14.00	Helge Schwiertz (Hamburg, Germany): Keynote 1: Horizontal Citizenship: A Revision of Political Subjectivity Based on Urban Social Movements
15.00	Break
15.30	Panel 1: Solidarity practices beyond the state <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oluwasinmisade Akin-Aina (Bielefeld, Germany): Dissent, Dissonance, and Dis-Identification: the Acts of Citizenship and Political Claimsmaking of Burundian Refugees in Transnational Social Spaces• Hanna Zaremba-Kosovych (NAS, Ukraine): Negotiating Social Citizenship through Care and Services: Internally Displaced People with Intellectual Disabilities in Wartime Ukraine• Lea Volmari (Köln, Germany): Practices of Governance from Below: Refugee-Led Disability Organizations
16.45	Short break
17.00	Panel 2: Activism and the state <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anke Freuwört (xxx, Germany): Acts Without Votes: Migrant Advisory Councils and the Democratic Deficit• Lisa Meyer (Hannover, Germany): Social Citizenship in Latin American Cities of Solidarity• Oleksandra Tarkhanova (St. Gallen, Switzerland): School as an arena for citizenship reconfigurations in wartime Ukraine
18.30	Dinner Buffet at TH Köln. (room: Bildungswerkstatt, groundfloor)

Friday 22.05.2026 (room 115)

08.45	Intro 2nd day
09.00	Tetyana Lokot (Dublin, Ireland) Keynote 2: Networked Citizenship in Flux: Identity, Belonging and Participatory Knowledge Production in Translocal Digital Spaces
10.00 (hybrid)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nora Ratzmann (Berlin, Germany): Integrating while on the Move? Subjective Experiences of Ukrainian Protection-Holders with Local Jobcentres in Germany• Lidia Kuzemska (NAS, Ukraine): 'Pension tourism' of IDPs in Ukraine: designing 'deservingness' for state help during the first wave of displacement (2014-2021))• Tinashe Chimbizikai (Leiden, NL/Göttingen, Germany): Doing Citizenship from the Pulpit: Pentecostal Churches as New Arenas for Social Citizenship and Care Economies in Migrant South Africa
11.00	Break
11.30	Panel 3: Negotiating social rights in institutional sub-settings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Olena Stelnyk (NAS, Ukraine): "Well, there's what we call the 'human factor'": IDP offices as an arena of state-citizen micro-interaction• Christina Biel (Berlin, Germany): Negotiating the social right to education within refugee camps• Ángeles Escrivá (Huelva, Spain): Migrant Farmworkers in a European Sacrifice Zone: Rights, Access, and Everyday Negotiations in Huelva Spain
12.40	Panel 4: Margins and boundaries of belonging <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Atefeh Ramsari (Bielefeld, Germany): Boundaries of Belonging: Social Rights Negotiation in Sub-state Systems• Stella Rüger & Cornelius Lätzsch (Leipzig/Köln, Germany): Uncertain prospects: Reflections on social citizenship, vulnerability and asylum policy before and during the CEAS
13.30	Wrap-Up / Outlook
14.00	End of the Conference

Information and Registration (until 05.05.2026):

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