

International Postgraduate School: Citizenship and Orientalism

4-5 March 2014
Senate House, London

This two-day postgraduate school is offered as part of the final conference of Citizenship after Orientalism (Oecumene) project that takes place on 6-7 March 2014 in Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes. Those who are registered for the school are expected to attend both the school and the conference for the entire experience. The school features four three-hour seminars over two days as follows.

To register for both the school and the conference, please email: Oecumene-Project@open.ac.uk
Please note that attendance at both the international school and the conference are free. However, places at the international school are limited, so please register as soon as possible.

Tuesday 4th March 2014: Thinking about Citizenship Critically

Seminar 1:

10:00-13:00 *Citizenship's Domestic Others* by Engin Isin

This seminar provides a broad overview of the constitution of citizenship as political subjectivity in the West. It surveys resources available to think critically and historically about citizenship and illustrates how it contributed to the creation of the space that came to be known as 'the West.' This seminar traces several meanings and trajectories of the institution of citizenship through the creation of its *domestic* others: women, workers, queer, blacks, and multicultural.

Lunch 13:00-14:00

Seminar 2:

14:00-17:00 *Genealogy and cultural difference* by Deena Dajani and Zaki Nahaboo

This seminar begins by reflecting on genealogy as mode of writing history, its relationship to history, and the ways genealogy may also be historicist. It explores this through the writings of Nietzsche and Foucault and their critical interlocutors. We discuss whether it is possible for a critical understanding of genealogy to account for, and move beyond, its orientalist limits. This endeavour is contextualized by moving beyond Marxist and postcolonial genealogies of multiculturalism to historicise the taken for granted role cultural difference plays in these genealogical critiques.

Wednesday 5th March 2014: Citizenship, Empire, and Colonialism

Seminar 3:

10:00-13:00 *Citizenship's Foreign Others* by Engin Isin

This seminar surveys how the concept of citizenship was instituted by not only through the creation of domestic others but also foreign others (e.g., non-Western peoples and indigenous peoples). But it specifically illustrates the creation of foreign others was connected with projects of imperialism and colonialism and worked together with the creation of *domestic* others. This relationship between domestic and foreigner and its function becomes the focus of discussion.

Lunch 13:00-14:00

Seminar 4:

14:00-17:00 *Citizenship and Settler Colonialism* by Jack Harrington and Dana Rubin

This seminar analyses and compares past and present typologies of settler-colonialism and the citizenship discourses they have produced. Jack Harrington explores how the citizen was conceived in nineteenth century French and British settler colonies. In such colonies, genocide, racial segregation, displacement of indigenous peoples and wealth inequality were not simply accidents of history, they were often tools of social engineering and a means of deciding who could and who could not be a citizen. Dana Rubin examines the contemporary case of Zionist settler-colonialism. Focusing on various articulations of current West Bank settler groups regarding their position on the frontier, she attends to the religious, economic and political aspects that underline them.