

Citizenship in an Era of Fragility:

Identities, Inequalities and Imaginations

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Citizenship remains contested both in terms of what it confers and who it is granted to (and by whom). It confers access to justice, recognition and resources, while its denial has material and socio-cultural consequences for both equality and identity.

A range of groups are finding themselves under suspicion that they do not belong, or they are not doing enough to earn the rights of citizenship. At the same time, new voices, coalitions and strategies are emerging, which call for alternative imaginaries of how societies can be expansive and inclusive.

The symposium seeks to address these issues, asking both why citizenship has become so fragile an ideal and limited in scope, and also how it could be broadened and redefined to offer something of value to those currently rejected and denied access to it.

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