



# Expanding and restricting the franchise: How do liberal democracies determine who can vote?

EUI interdepartmental workshop

27 May 2011, 9:00 – 18:00

Sala Emeroteca, Badia Fiesolana

This workshop will examine deviations from the standard assumption that all adult citizen residents and only these enjoy voting rights.

Contributions address three topics:

- (1) Access to the franchise for non-residents and non-citizens: through absentee voting for citizens abroad, through voting rights for foreign residents and through acquisition of citizenship
- (2) Access to voting rights for non-adult citizens: through lowering the age of majority or through indirect representation via additional votes for parents
- (3) Exclusion from the franchise of resident citizens: mentally handicapped citizens and prisoners

Program Schedule

Opening Session

09:00 – 09:15 Rainer Bauböck: Welcome

09:15 – 09:45 Rainer Bauböck: Democratic Citizenship and the Franchise

09:45 – 10:15 Derek Hutcheson: Measuring non-citizen and non-resident franchise in the EU: Some methodological considerations ([Abstract](#))

10:15 – 10:30 Discussant: Richard Rose

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

## **Panel 1 Voting Rights for Non-Citizen Residents**

11:30 – 11:45 Federico Fabbrini: Voting Rights for Non-Citizens: The European Multilevel and the US Federal Constitutional Systems Compared ([Abstract](#))

11:45 – 12:15 Lucy Pedroza: But don't mention migration! Explaining the "failed" denizen enfranchisement reforms in Germany ([Abstract](#))

12:15 – 12:30 Discussant: Asli Selin Okyay

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break



## **Panel 2 Voting Rights for Irregular Migrants and External Citizens**

14:00 – 14:30 Andrei Stavila: Voting Rights for Irregular Migrants?

14:30 – 15:00 Costica Dumbrava: Citizenship for co-ethnics. Does external voting make a difference?  
([Abstract](#))

15:00 – 15:15 Discussant: Kristian Voss

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee break

## **Panel 3 Voting Rights for Minor Children, Handicapped and Prisoners**

16:00 – 16:30 Bosko Tripkovic: Expanding or Limiting the Demos: Should Children Have a Right to Political Participation? ([Abstract](#))

16:30 – 17:00 Danai Angeli: Collective exclusions by act or omission: a human rights perspective  
([Abstract](#))

17:00 – 17:30 Milena Tripkovic: Criminal Disenfranchisement: Regimes and Rationales ([Abstract](#))

17:30 – 17:45 Discussant: Jonathan Zaragoza

18:15 End of Workshop

If you want to attend the workshop or participate as a discussant, please register with  
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