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2015 EUDO Dissemination Conference



The European Union Democracy Observatory (EUDO) is an independent and interdisciplinary academic organisation whose goal is to produce a permanent and periodic assessment of democratic practices in the EU and beyond. Every year, EUDO organises a Conference with the aim of disseminating research results and policy expertise in the field of EU Democracy.

The 2015 EUDO conference **will compare access to citizenship and the franchise in Europe and the Americas**. The [EUDO Observatory on Citizenship](#), which has recently expanded its geographical scope to North and South America, provides a wealth of data for transatlantic comparative research on these topics. The conference will specifically focus on regional and global processes of norm diffusion. Questions that will be addressed include the following:

Are the rules for acquisition and loss of citizenship status and access to the franchise converging on a global scale? What is the role of domestic, transnational and international factors in citizenship and electoral reforms? Are citizenship policies driven by concerns about immigrants and indigenous minorities or about emigrant and kin minorities abroad? Are there also regional trends in electoral behaviour

among 'atypical' voters, such as non-resident citizens and noncitizen residents?

Paper Proposals

Interested academics and practitioners are invited to submit a paper proposal related to the overall theme of the conference. Preference will be given to proposals dealing specifically with the following topics:

- The politics of citizenship and franchise reform
- Franchise and representation in supranational parliaments
- Electoral behaviour and participation of foreign residents and expatriates
- Political incorporation of immigrants - diffusionist perspectives
- Political incorporation of emigrants - diffusionist perspectives
- Political participation and representation of indigenous minorities

As an interdisciplinary research centre, EUDO welcomes applicants from a variety of academic backgrounds including law, political science, political theory, political geography, history, sociology or anthropology.

Applicants are also strongly encouraged to make use of the data generated by [EUDO CITIZENSHIP](#) and the other EUDO Observatories. [EUDO CITIZENSHIP databases](#) on [National Citizenship Laws](#), [National Electoral Laws](#), Modes of [Acquisition](#) and [Loss](#) of Citizenship, and [Country Profiles](#) now cover all states in Europe and nearly all the Americas.

Important Dates

The deadline for receiving paper proposals is 25 June 2015, 24:00 CET. The selection will be made by 25 July 2015. Full draft papers should be submitted by 10 November 2015.

A proposal should include the names and institutional affiliations of author(s), the title of the paper, an abstract of no more than 300 words

and a short biographical statement. Proposals must be submitted through [the online application form](#).

The best papers will be offered publication in the EUI/RSCAS Working papers Series. Although no formal arrangement has been made yet, we expect the conference to result in at least one special issue in a relevant academic journal.

Financing

Participants will be offered accommodation in a hotel in Florence and a financial contribution towards their travel expenses. In addition, lunches at the EUI and a conference dinner will be covered by EUDO. For more information about the conference, please contact: jean-thomas.arrighi@eui.eu

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