

Call for papers: *Open Citizenship – The Journal*

Dear friends and colleagues,

We invite academics and researchers to send in their scientific articles for the upcoming first edition of *Open Citizenship – The Journal*, to be published in November 2010. The authors of the best articles will also be invited to the conference “looking for European citizenship” taking place in Berlin from November 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>.

Both the journal and the conference are projects of Citizens For Europe e.V. More information can be found at [www.citizensforeurope.org](http://www.citizensforeurope.org).

***Open Citizenship – The Journal* purpose statement:**

The reviewed journal combines scientific discourses on the subject of European citizenship with articles and reports on positive and negative effects of its current legal definition. The journal’s objective is to contribute to the development of a new and modern concept of European citizenship, to serve as a platform for the exchange of knowledge and opinions and to compare experiences from both private European citizens and from European political, social and cultural actors. Thus, it includes articles about and insights from the European Union and its citizens’ everyday lives.

The articles published in this journal will reflect the scope and complexity of the issue of citizenship in Europe today. The basis for accepting papers for publication is the agreement among a committee of reviewers that the article makes a new, definitive, important or developmental contribution to the discourse on European citizenship.

**About the first edition – Citizens for Europe**

The ongoing integration process of the European Union and the increasing cross-border mobility of its peoples challenge the traditional legal definition and political construction of citizenship as national identity. As increasingly more people in the Union choose a transnational lifestyle, and with an increasing rate of residency outside the country of citizenship (at present: 11 million EU citizens), the social contract as represented by national citizenship loses the ability to fully delineate individuals’ roles, rights and responsibilities.

Such residency patterns and the current model of citizenship have a significant impact on individuals’ participation in political society. As a result, many European expatriates are disenfranchised at the regional (county, state or provincial) and national levels. Moreover, non-European expatriates can find themselves excluded from all political participation. Unfortunately, the Treaty of Lisbon enhanced this discrimination. Consequently, the central theme of the first edition of *Open Citizenship* is “European citizenship”.

Research articles/submissions should discuss one of three areas:

- 1) Theories, models, arguments or perspectives concerning European citizenship, its content, construction or elements and consequences for citizens;
- 2) The perspective of EU supranational institutions or EU Member States and their interests and arguments concerning European citizenship and consequences for citizens;
- 3) Citizenship in other continents, regions, countries and societies and what can we learn from them.

**Important Dates**

Draft submission deadline: July 25

Notification of acceptance: August 8

Final submission: September 8

**Guidelines for the authors**

Articles should be no longer than 38,500 characters (11 A4 pages, written in Times New Roman, 12-point font, single-spaced). All articles should be submitted as Microsoft Word documents (\*.doc or \*.docx).

Please send your article contribution to [bernhardt@citizensforeurope.org](mailto:bernhardt@citizensforeurope.org) for review. Should your article be selected, we will inform you by August 8, at which time further information will be provided.

For more information, please visit the website [www.citizensforeurope.org](http://www.citizensforeurope.org)

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