



Symposium on Citizenship

May 15, 2009

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

MPI Conference Room, 1400 16th Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036

8:30 am Breakfast and Registration

9:00 am **Introduction and Presentation of *Delivering Citizenship: The Findings of the Transatlantic Council on Migration***

– **Demetrios G. Papademetriou**, President, MPI

9:30 am **Panel I - Policies and attitudes toward immigrant civic and political participation, and dual citizenship, in the European Union and North America.**

Citizenship policy is in many ways more dynamic in the European Union than in the United States. One key difference is that local voting rights for non-citizens are more accepted in the European Union. Another difference involves dual citizenship, for which the reverse is true.

This panel will examine the approaches to local voting rights across the Atlantic, including whether granting local voting rights increases integration and how state identity and political institutions are affected by the practice.

The panel will also address how the EU and the United States have approached the concept of dual citizenship and whether dual citizenship impedes immigrant integration by encouraging divided loyalties or simply allows citizens to play important roles in both their countries of birth and of choice.

Chair: **T. Alexander Aleinikoff**, Executive Vice President, Law Center Affairs and Dean of the Law Center, Georgetown University

Speakers: **Michael Jones-Correa**, Professor of Government and Director of the American Studies Program, Cornell University

Marc Morjé Howard, Associate Professor, Department of Government, Georgetown University

Noah Pickus, Nannerl O. Keohane Director of the Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University

Margaret Stock, Professor of Law, US Military Academy

Frank Schmiedel, First Secretary, Political, Justice, & Home Affairs, Delegation of the European Commission in Washington, DC

11:15 am Break

11:30 am **Panel II - The role of nationality and citizenship in immigrant integration**

The way in which states define themselves strongly influences how they view citizenship, and their views of citizenship influence the ability of immigrants to integrate. In the United States, differing notions of nationality underlie policy proposals as diverse as denying birthright citizenship to children of unauthorized immigrants to treating immigrants as “citizens in waiting” and thus initiating the integration process at the earliest possible point in the immigration process.

Panelists will examine the role citizenship policy plays in achieving integration and how the increasing reality of “transnational” lives redefines how “integration” will be understood in the future.

Chair: **Donald Kerwin**, Vice President of Programs, MPI

Speakers: **Hiroshi Motomura**, Professor of Law, University of California at Los Angeles

Randall Hansen, Research Chair on Migration, University of Toronto

Robert C. Smith, Associate Professor, Baruch College, City University of New York, CUNY

1:00 pm Networking Lunch

1:30-3:00 pm **Panel III - Citizenship policy in comparative perspective**

Chair: **Demetrios G. Papademetriou**, President, MPI

Speakers: **Renelle Forster**, Assistant Secretary, Citizenship Branch, Department of Immigration and Citizenship, Australia

Andrew Griffith, Director General for Citizenship and Multiculturalism, Citizenship and Immigration Canada

Chris Hedges, Assistant Director of the Immigration and Nationality Directorate, United Kingdom Border Agency, Home Office, United Kingdom and Chairman, European Committee on Migration

C. Joy McDowall, Manager, Regulatory Policy, Regulation & Compliance Branch, Department of Internal Affairs, New Zealand

Laura Patching, Acting Chief of the Office of Citizenship, US Citizenship and Immigration Services, US Department of Homeland Security