

Kick-off conference ERC-funded project “MiLifeStatus”

When: June 27, 9.00-17.30 hrs

Where: Maastricht University, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (Grote Gracht 80-82), Room 1.003 (Spiegelzaal)

Migrant Life Course and Legal Status Transition (MiLifeStatus)

When does citizenship provide a boost to migrant integration? A fast-track to citizenship can maximise the potential for settlement success, though too short a pathway can disincentivise integration. Not all migrants have an equal interest in naturalising and some are discouraged by restrictive policies. Yet little is known about why, how and for whom legal status transition matters and, especially, how policy variation impacts on this relation. Which migrants are most discouraged by stricter requirements for naturalisation? For whom carries citizenship the largest pay-off? Does it still matter if a migrant acquires citizenship after a long waiting period? This project combines for the first time the ideas that a) migrants have different motivations to naturalise; b) legal status transitions are conditioned by the institutional and socioeconomic contexts in origin and destination countries and c) the potential ‘integration premium’ associated with naturalisation is conditioned by the trajectory into citizenship.

In this one-day conference, during the morning the project members will discuss their research plans and share some first results with colleagues from Europe and North America who have been invited to act as commentators. In the afternoon there will be additional presentations by invited speakers.

More information about the MiLifeStatus project: www.milifestatus.com



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Program

- 9:00 **Arrival**
- 9:15-10:15 **Welcome and Presentation of the project by Maarten Vink**
Migrant Life Course and Legal Status Transition
Discussants: Michael Jones-Correa, Yoav Ben-Shlomo
- 10:15-10:30 **Coffee break**
- 10:30 – 11:30 **Presentation by Swantje Falcke**
Citizenship status transitions in the migrant life course: a typology
Discussants: Elina Kilpa-Jakonnen, Susanne Worbs
- 11:30-12:30 **Presentation by Floris Peters**
Naturalisation and immigrant earnings: why and to whom citizenship matters
Discussants: Pieter Bevelander, Eva Ersbøll
- 12:30-14:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00-14:45 **Presentation by Pieter Bevelander**
On statelessness status and economic integration in Sweden
Discussants: Marloes de Hoon, Gerard-René de Groot
- 14:45-15:30 **Presentation by Yoav Ben-Shlomo**
Frailty in older-age European migrants: cross-sectional and longitudinal analyses of the Survey of Health, Aging and Retirement in Europe (SHARE)
Discussants: Mark Levels, Floris Peters
- 15:30-15.45 **Tea break**
- 15:45-16:30 **Presentation by Michael Jones-Correa**
Overshadowed: Immigrant Legal Status and Local Contexts of Reception as Mediators to Intergroup Contact, Trust and Civic Engagement
Discussants: Hans Schmeets, Swantje Falcke



16:30 – 17:30 **Roundtable**

*Comparative Strategies in Citizenship and Immigration Integration Research
in Europe and North America*

End of Conference

List of participants

Ben-Shlomo	Yoav	University of Bristol
Bevelander	Pieter	Malmö Institute of Migration, Diversity and Welfare; Malmö University
Ersbøll	Eva	The Danish Institute for Human Rights
Falcke	Swantje	Maastricht University
de Groot	René	Maastricht University
de Hoon	Marloes	Maastricht University
Jones-Correa	Michael	University of Pennsylvania
Kilpi-Jakonen	Elina	University of Turku
Levels	Mark	Maastricht University
Peters	Floris	Maastricht University
Schmeets	Hans	Maastricht University
Vink	Maarten	Maastricht University
Worbs	Susanne	Federal Office for Migration and Refugees, Germany

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