

Jean Monnet Lecture Series Presents

Multi-level Citizenship in the Age of Brexit

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Citizenship is today usually conceived as a unitary and exclusive relationship between an individual and a sovereign state, but this dominant view sanitizes a complex history and ignores important developments both 'above' and 'below' the state. For example, the rise of European Union citizenship inspires other regional integration efforts to develop common rights as a form of supranational 'citizenship' while many states, particularly federal ones, face growing demands for special regional or group-based statuses. Similarly, cities sometimes reassert what citizenship meant until current forms of statehood crowded out alternatives: a member of a city entitled to the privileges and rights of that city. If only sovereign states can confer citizenship, then cities, provinces, nations (to the extent they do not coincide with a state), or supranational entities like the European Union cannot do so. But this view of citizenship obscures historical and emerging forms of multilevel citizenship that span the world.



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