

The Warsaw Branch of the Polish Political Science Association

Research Committee 14: Ethnicity and Politics, International Political Science Association

are delighted to invite to

Extraterritorial Citizenship in Postcommunist Europe

Book launch and Workshop

Saturday December 12, 2015

Old Library Building, Room 114, Central Campus, University of Warsaw,

ul. Krakowskie Przedmieście 3, 00-927 Warszawa,

09:30 – 14:00

We cordially invite you to the workshop and presentation of the book by **Timofey Agarin** and **Ireneusz Paweł Karolewski**. Dr Agarin is a Lecturer in comparative politics and ethnic conflict in Queen's University Belfast, UK. He is the head of Political Studies Association's Standing Group on Ethnopolitics and member of the board of the International Political Studies Association Research Committee on Politics and Ethnicity. Prof Ireneusz Paweł Karolewski is the Chair of Political Science at the Willy Brandt Centre for German and European Studies, University of Wroclaw and Adjunct Professor of Political Science at the University of Potsdam (Germany). He is co-convenor of the ECPR Standing Group "Identity", co-coordinates the UACES Collaborative Research Network (CRN) 'Centrifugal Europe' and is the managing editor of the "Annual of European and Global Studies"

The question of national minorities is often central to relations between states of residence and those states sharing ethnic, or cultural characteristics with the minority population of another state. The book "Extraterritorial citizenship" has covered sets of policies granting citizenship, or citizenship-like status to non-residents in postcommunist Europe and we invite scholars, students and interested public to join us in the discussion of reasons, policies and outcomes of "states throwing passports across their border" to residents of other states.

While citizenship remains a reserved domain of states' competence, it also impacts on international relations between countries and as can be currently seen in Ukraine, can have a destabilizing effect on regional politics. European Union encourages member-states to strike a fair balance when extending rights to, and protecting the interests of, their citizens on the territory of another sovereign state. In each case, naturally, states have a wide margin of appreciation, deciding on requirements for residency, language proficiency, or ancestral lineage. These topics sit at the core of much of the debate in our volume on how to improve democratic accountability of states and their institutions to publics these serve.

What role does the protection of citizens abroad play in motivating states' policies? How does citizenship of non-residents map onto domestic nation-building projects? And in what ways do extraterritorial citizenship issues differ from those related to diaspora and migration? Our workshop

invites participants to reflect on the role of ethnic diversity and state-building, societal cohesion and elite legitimacy, and cooperation between individuals through social, political, and cultural networks in a context of state building and consolidation in the postcommunist area of Europe. We welcome reflections upon local, domestic, and regional dynamics of the state practices of ‘throwing passports across the border’ that take our book’s conceptual framework as a starting point, especially as is outlined in the Introduction. Seven original research chapters look at the effects of institution-building on the relationship between citizens residing beyond the borders of “their” state and the political processes taking place both in their countries of residence and in their kin states.

Programme outline:

09.30 Welcome – Dr Przemyslaw Biskup (University of Warsaw)

09.45–11.30 Review of the argument and policy implications

Dr Timofey Agarin and **Prof Ireneusz Paweł Karolewski** – What we mean by “extraterritorial citizenship”?

Prof Ireneusz Karolewski – *Karta Polaka* as an example of extraterritorial citizenship practice

Dr Timofey Agarin – Should we worry about states throwing passports across their borders?

Dr Boris Cilevičs (Member of the Latvian Parliament) – Commentary: Setting the book’s argument in the context of contemporary politics

11.45-13.15 Making sense of extraterritorial citizenship arrangements in postcommunism

Prof Szabolcs Pogony (Central European University, Budapest) – Hungarian citizens across borders in the context of regional geopolitical and social dynamics

Prof Andrzej Pukszto (Vytautas Magnus University Kaunas) – The impact on Polish minority in Lithuania

Prof Dovile Budryte (Georgia Gwinnett College, Atlanta) – The impact of nation-building on societal relations in the Baltic States

Prof Adam Szymanski (University of Warsaw) – Problematizing the Issue of Urban Citizenship: The Case of Warsaw

13.30-14.00 Citizenship across borders and what can we learn about relationship between nations and states in the postcommunist region

Panel discussion with participants led by **Dr Przemyslaw Biskup** and **Dr Bartłomiej Zdaniuk** (University of Warsaw), **Prof Paweł Hut** (PAN)