



## PUBLIC LECTURE

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### **Discrepant Electorates: The Inclusiveness of Electorates and Its Impact on the Representation of Citizens**

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The inclusiveness of electorates and of its impact on citizens' representation is a democratically fundamental question. While the literature has focussed on the congruence between voters and representatives, it has neglected congruence issues between citizens and representatives. The talk investigates comparatively this bias and source of newly disenfranchised citizens in a globalised society of increasing mobility. On the one hand, electoral laws vary in their inclusion or exclusion of expatriates (emigrants) and in the right to vote to non-national residents (immigrants). On the other hand, naturalisation laws vary in the maintenance of nationality for expatriates and in their inclusion of non-national residents. The talk illustrates levels of "discrepancy" between electorate and citizenship in 22 OECD countries qualitatively, by presenting differences of electoral and nationality laws, and quantitatively, by comparing the size of citizenship with that of the electorate, and the national and resident populations. It shows that shifts between political and national communities are primarily due to naturalisation laws and that electoral laws have so far been unable to correct for the discrepancy.

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