

## CALL FOR PAPERS

Deportation and the Development of Citizenship  
An International Conference

Organised by Centre on Policy, Migration and Society (COMPAS)  
and the Refugee Studies Centre (RSC)  
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Over the last decade many states across the world have boosted their legal and institutional capacity to deport noncitizens residing on their territory including failed asylum seekers, illegal migrants, and convicted criminals. Scholars have analysed this development primarily through the lens of immigration control. Deportation has been viewed as one amongst a range of measures designed to control entrance, distinguished primarily by the fact that it is exercised inside the territory of the state. But deportation also has broader social and political effects. The practice provides a powerful way in which the state reminds noncitizens that their presence in the polity is contingent upon acceptable behaviour. Furthermore, immunity from deportation is increasingly one of the few privileges that citizens enjoy that distinguishes them from permanent residents in the polity.

The **aim** of this conference is to encourage interdisciplinary and comparative scholarship on deportation, broadly conceived as the lawful expulsion power of states, both as immigration control and as a social control mechanism. The conference is intended to serve as a vehicle for bringing together scholars from a range of disciplines including politics, sociology, history, international relations, law and anthropology from around the world interested in the study of deportation.

We particularly welcome papers on the following **themes**:

***Pre-History***

What kinds of historical practices (e.g., banishment, expulsion, and exile) should be seen as the forerunners of deportation? What roles did these practices serve in the reproduction of political community and maintenance of social and political order?

***Subjects***

Who are the main subjects of deportation power and how have they changed over time and as a result of political and social concerns? In what ways does subjection to deportation power map on to patterns of race, gender, and age?

***Contestation***

What legal, political and social constraints confront states in the attempt to use deportation? How do individuals and social and community groups go about the task of challenging deportation power? How do prevalent (and conflicting) conceptions of membership (official, legal, and popular) influence the state's ability to use deportation as a membership defining tool?

### ***Consequences***

How does the practice of deportation affect the way non-citizens see membership in the states in which they live? What are the effects of deportation upon the families of the deported left behind and the societies to which deported people are sent? What are the consequences of deportation for those who return home? How does the threat of deportation affect the volume and character of illegal residence in modern polities? How does deportation influence inter-state relations?

### **Submission of Proposed Papers**

Those interested in presenting a paper at this conference should send a title, abstract of 300 words, and a short biographical outline/CV to the conference organizer, Dr Emanuela Paoletti, at [emanuela.paoletti@qeh.ox.ac.uk](mailto:emanuela.paoletti@qeh.ox.ac.uk) by 20 September 2009. Prospective paper givers will be informed if their paper has been accepted by 30 September 2009. Full written papers must be submitted by 1 December.

The **conveners** are Dr Bridget Anderson (COMPAS), Dr Matthew Gibney (RSC) and Dr Emanuela Paoletti (RSC)

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