

CALL FOR PAPERS

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“Beyond Citizenship and the Nation-State”

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“This is my home/this thin edge of/barbwire,” Gloria Anzaldúa writes, “the U.S.-Mexican border *es una herida abierta* where the Third World grates against the first and bleeds” (*Borderlands/La Frontera*, 2007). That border today is symptomatic of a global tension between a push for boundaries clearly defining nation-states and who “legitimately” belongs in them with the pull away from citizenship as capturing what membership in a political community looks like in the twenty-first century. We live in a world marked by the highest number of displaced persons in recorded history. Refugee camps such as Daadab in Kenya constitute *de facto* nation-states. Migration is a pattern of life shared by many across the world. Virtual lives and communities characterize contemporary human experience. Aligning citizenship with nation-state certainly seems contestable given this context. And, yet, forces such as white nationalists, native populists, and authoritarian leaders mount serious challenges to this shifting reality often calling for stronger borders by building walls and “sending back” those who they deem do not belong. This December 2020 Special Issue of *New Political Science* will engage the question, what does citizenship mean in this age of securitization and globalization as the nation-state appears simultaneously to decline and ascend?

This question is one endemic to political science. The current context, however, intensifies the relevance of engaging with these concepts as critical to navigating, much less surviving, these dynamic and often dueling forces shaping our everyday lives, particularly those of the most vulnerable from Syria and South Sudan to Guatemala and Myanmar. Scholars have engaged this question by revising and modifying citizenship, moving toward other concepts such as home and belonging, and eradicating the concept. Centralizing the nation-state in relation to citizenship to interrogate its viability for the twenty-first century moves globalization squarely into the field of analysis and drives the line of inquiry for this December 2020 Special Issue.

We welcome papers for this Special Issue of *New Political Science* that leverage the full diversity of disciplinary approaches to consider this question within, but not limited to, the following areas: capitalism and globalization; the state and political power; class and class conflict; race and ethnicity; gender, sex, and sexuality; political ecology and the environment; social movements and protest politics; ideology and culture. Areas of engagement may include: the contradiction of neoliberalism between the free flow of capital and restricted flow of labor; borderlands or gray zones as liminal states with unique concerns of securitization and migration flows; the impact of climate change on migration met with eco-nationalisms to protect homelands; the super-elites’ purchase of citizenship as protection from ecological and/political catastrophe; home, belonging, and other concepts as alternatives to citizenship that signal how to revision the nation-state; and shifting discourses around “refugee,” “migrant,” and migration.

The following timeline will be followed for considering manuscripts:

- March 15, 2020:** Full manuscripts of 8,000 words due for consideration for blind peer-review
- May 1, 2020:** Authors notified of decision to send out for blind peer review or rejection
- June 15, 2020:** Comments from editors and reviewers returned to authors
- August 1, 2020:** Final papers due to *New Political Science*

This issue follows the standard double-blind peer review process for special issue papers. Two reviewers are selected and asked to evaluate all of the articles individually under consideration for the special issue. Manuscripts should be submitted to *New Political Science* via the following link: <http://www.tandfonline.com/loi/cnps20>.