The Boundaries of Cosmopolitan Europe

Are the EU norms and values integral to its migrations policies?

4-5 May 2021, Online
Final Conference

Background and Justification

The reactions to the arrival of 1.25 million refugees in 2015 called into question the idea(l) of a unified Europe guaranteeing the rights of refugees and implementing norms and values many see contained in the Community acquis. With a unique combination of social scientific analysis, as well as legal and philosophical normative reconstruction, the research project NoVaMiGRA [2019-2021] has developed a descriptive and normative understanding of the current “value crisis” and considered Europe’s future in light of rights, norms, and values that could contribute to overcoming the crisis. Participants can find more about the project at https://novamigra.eu/

The goal of this final conference is to present the scientific insights gained throughout the research project and to further discuss their relevance for the future of the European Union with some distinguished scholars in the fields of border, migration, and European studies. This will allow us not only to take stock of and assess what has been achieved over the past three years within the research consortium but also to suggest new directions in which this research effort could be continued.

Our scientific goal is not to settle the political issue of which cosmopolitan model Europe should draw its inspiration from (let alone to decide whether Europe should be cosmopolitan). But it is to provide a synthetic overview of the distinct models of cosmopolitanism that could be applied to the European Union, and more specifically to its migration policies.
Format and Agenda

Given the current circumstances, the final conference of the NoVaMigra project will be organized as an online event. Over the course of two days, we will have a different panel every day from 1.30 to 5.30 pm addressing a distinct aspect of the project’s results.

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Registration

To register for the event, click on the following link and submit your information on the Evento platform:
https://evento.renater.fr/survey/the-boundaries-of-cosmopolitan-europe-jyke7771

Attendees are free to join for the whole event or just for a single panel.

The online event will be held through zoom. The dial-in information will be communicated shortly before the meeting.
Useful Advice

- Please use your clear name when logging into the zoom webinar.
- Please note, if you log in before the webinar starts (13:30 CET) you will be directed to the waiting room. You will be directed to the webinar automatically as soon as it begins.
- We recommend to start the zoom application 5 minutes before the start of the webinar.
- For further information on how to participate in video meetings with zoom please have a look on: https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-meeting.
- As attendee, you will be able to see and hear the talk but you will not be able to turn on your video/microphone. However, you will be able to write questions on the Q&A function.
- Please write your questions as the talks are progressing. We will gather them and the chair of the session will then moderate them after the talks.
- Please keep the questions short and to the point and indicate which panelist you are addressing.
- Please do not record the event.

Contact information

For any question before or after the event, please contact Martin Deleixhe, Université Paris 1 - Panthéon-Sorbonne, martin_deleixhe@hotmail.com.

During the webinar you may pose your questions through Q&A function.

About NoVaMIGRA

Several, partly interconnected crises have profoundly challenged the European project in recent years. In particular, reactions to the arrival of 1.25 million refugees in 2015 called into question the idea(l) of a unified Europe. What is the impact of the so-called migration and refugee crisis on the normative foundations and values of the European Union? And what will the EU stand for in the future?

NOVA-MIGRA studies these questions with a unique combination of social scientific analysis, legal and philosophical normative reconstruction and theory.

This project:

- Develops a precise descriptive and normative understanding of the current “value crisis”;  
- Assesses possible evolutions of European values; and  
- Considers Europe’s future in light of rights, norms and values that could contribute to overcoming the crises.

The project is funded with around 2.5 million Euros under the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme for a period of three years.

For more information on the NoVaMigra project please visit www.novamigra.eu or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.