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Soft Law and EU Citizenship



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- A presentation by Jo Shaw and Igor Štiks, School of Law, University of Edinburgh
- Draws both on general research on citizenship undertaken by Jo Shaw and on the first results of the collective research project CITSEE (The Europeanisation of Citizenship in the Successor States of the Former Yugoslavia)
- Individual and collective coordinates to be found on the last slide



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Citizenship: just hard law?



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- EU citizenship in Articles 17-22 EC (etc.), in EU legislation, and in case law
- Two areas of ‘soft effects’ (‘Europeanisation’)?
 - Status of TCNs under EU law – status of ‘civic citizenship’ proposed after Treaty of Amsterdam
 - Impact on national law governing acquisition and loss of national citizenship and associated rights
 - Member States: *Rottmann* case



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What is CITSEE?



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- The Europeanisation of Citizenship in the Successor States of the Former Yugoslavia (CITSEE) is a study of the citizenship regimes of the seven successor states of the former Yugoslavia (Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia)
- The case of multi-level governance of citizenship in the context of a region which was familiar with such a concept in an earlier time
- And where there are perspectives for **all** 'former Yugoslav' states to become EU Member States



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After 1991, as Yugoslavia began to disintegrate, new states emerged alongside each other, each with their own citizenship regimes determining who was a 'citizen' and therefore who had the privileges of citizenship (residence rights, welfare rights, property rights, political rights, etc.).



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A map for all seasons....



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CITSEE examines these regimes as they developed in the last two decades, against the background of Europeanisation, as a variety of European perspectives develops for each of these states.



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EU influence on citizenship policies in the new Balkan states



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- EU Member
 - Slovenia
- Direct influence of EU and other intl bodies
 - Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia (candidate country)
- Partial influence of EU
 - Croatia (candidate country), Montenegro
- No influence
 - Serbia



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- Collect one of our leaflets at this conference
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