

ISSUES ON CITIZENSHIP, NATIONAL IDENTITY AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THEM ON CONTEXT OF GLOBALIZATION

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Abstract

All countries face new challenges about the way we understand national identity now days, and the importance of taking national identity in context of global citizenship. Conflicts between different groups and relations of power that dominate them-some of which are found in national base- are part of the everyday reality of all countries. Regional and global integration processes lead us toward redesigning the positions of individual and collective identity. The issue of citizenship is a serious problem, which becomes even more problematic day to day, while theorists reflect on the multiple crises that are making citizenship increasingly problematic. Nationalism, ethnic conflict, division of multinational ethnic communities like Former Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, etc., raise the issue of citizenship at the center of theoretical debates. Due to the importance of the debate over citizenship and national identity, this paper intend to do a treatment of the relationship between them trying to argue whether the development of citizenship in the context of globalization and demand for multiculturalism, can stand on the foundations of nationality. It has been found that there is a significant need to recognize and clarify the notion of citizenship and identity in order to understand the relationship between them correctly. This knowledge will be valuable to avoid misuses of the terms and misunderstandings that lead to the wrong impression that the development of citizenship and education with citizenship values becomes at the expense of national identity and national identity on the other hand hinders the development of citizenship. The main question that arises today in context of globalization and transformation of states in multicultural communities is: “Does national identity still remain a key component of citizenship?”

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