CALL FOR PAPERS: SPECIAL ISSUE ON CITIZENSHIP UNDER TRANSFORMATION

Distinktion: Scandinavian Journal of Social Theory invites papers for a special issue on 'Citizenship under Transformation' to be published in December 2011.

Citizenship is a much contested concept which has undergone numerous transformations. Historically, the concept has been closely connected to the city state and later to the rise of the nation state. Conceptually, classical legal-political notions of citizenship have been supplemented by notions of social membership that address the relationship between universal rights and social equality. More recently, new concepts of cultural citizenship have added gender, sexuality, ethnicity, or other group-related characteristics to classical notions of citizenship. Indeed, in the wake of social, economic, political, as well as cultural and technological changes, the notion of citizenship has been increasingly contested. In particular, poststructuralist approaches have questioned the conceptualization of citizen subjectivity, just as globalization, migration, and the influence of transnational institutions have stimulated theories of cosmopolitanism and post-national citizenship which have cast doubt on classical universalism and advocated for more contextualized frameworks. Similarly, consumerist approaches to welfare have demonstrated how reforms of Western welfare states have transformed citizens from being political subjects to becoming welfare users/consumers, meaning that a new figure has entered the stage: the citizen qualified by interests. How is citizenship to be understood under these conditions? Is citizenship still a relevant category? How is citizenship currently being undermined, transformed, adapted?

With this call for papers we invite contributions that investigate transformations of citizenship. The topic can be approached from a variety of disciplinary perspectives such as political philosophy, sociology, and social history. Papers may approach citizenship from a theoretical point of view or by working through empirical cases, but empirical work should contain distinct contributions to social theory.

Possible realms of interest include:
- Participation and identity related to citizenship
- Ethnicity and citizenship in multiethnic societies
- Gender and citizenship
- Consumer identity in present welfare societies
- Health and citizenship
- Citizenship and social cohesion
Submission guidelines
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