



Mercator Dialogue on
Asylum and Migration

MEDAM Seminar

More than just a passport: Does access to citizenship accelerate the social integration of immigrants?

Date and time: Wednesday, 8 November 2017, 17:00 - 18:30

Venue: CEPS, 1 Place du Congr s, 1000 Brussels

Policymakers often emphasise the importance of socially integrating immigrants into their new environment in order to promote cohesion within society and, hence, to foster public acceptance of immigration. For researchers, however, the social integration of immigrants represents a challenging field. What does the concept of social integration actually mean? How can we measure the outcomes? Which policies can accelerate the social integration of immigrants?

These questions will be addressed at the next MEDAM Seminar with Christina Gathmann, Professor of Economics at the University of Heidelberg. Prof. Gathmann will present findings of her recent research on access to citizenship and the social integration of immigrants, focusing on marriage decisions, divorce rates and fertility. Her empirical analysis draws on two immigration reforms in Germany, which made some immigrant cohorts eligible to acquire citizenship earlier than others.

The presentation will be followed by a more general discussion of the drivers of social integration and possible lessons for the EU and national policymakers.

Agenda

16:30 – 17:00 Registration and coffee

17:00 – 17:45 Access to Citizenship and the Social Integration of Immigrants
Presentation by Prof. Christina Gathmann, University of Heidelberg

17:45 – 18:00 Discussion of the paper and implications for policymaking

18:00 – 18:30 Questions and answers

18:30 – 19:30 Networking drinks

This MEDAM Seminar is organised by CEPS.

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About MEDAM

The Mercator Dialogue on Asylum and Migration is a practical research project aimed at producing informed economic perspectives on migration. With a view to strengthening Europe's ability to act in this field, MEDAM intends to fill the gaps in policy research on asylum and migration and to develop recommendations for decision-makers at the national and European levels. Funded by Stiftung Mercator, the project brings together researchers from the Kiel Institute for the World Economy, the Migration Policy Centre at the European University Institute in Florence and the Centre for European Policy Studies in Brussels. More information can be found at <http://www.medam-migration.eu/>.

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