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**Workshop-Abstract:**

*Citizenship is clearly an ambivalent concept. On the one hand, it is a concept of domination, of disposing subjects and groups in hierarchical, national and statist orders. Citizenship is though a product of power, a mode of differential inclusion/exclusion, a technology of governing subjects and populations. On the other hand, citizenship is also understood as a concept of political acts that break with the dominant order. In this way citizenship can be seen as a potentially progressive and emancipatory practice.*

*Given that the 'active citizen' takes only part in an already given order, 'activist citizens' introduce a creative break with this fixed order. However, what makes of a political struggle a form of citizenship? What are the targets of the "acts of citizenship" and to whom are they addressed? And why should we actually refer to a political practice as citizenship?"*

*In this workshop we will pick up these among other questions in two different sessions: In the first session, each invited guest will give us a short presentation which will be followed by a closing general discussion. In the second session, the workshop will be divided into smaller groups, who will discuss some questions that may have remained open from the first session or others, which have not already been posed.*