

Identifying Minorities Workshop

Wednesday 2nd July 2025, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam

Roeterseilandcampus (B Building), Nieuwe Achtergracht 166, 1018WV Amsterdam

Room REC B9.22 (Political Science Common Room)

Hosted by Dr. Imke Harbers (University of Amsterdam), Assoc. Professor Sam Balaton-Chrimes (Deakin University) and Dr Christoph Sperfeldt (Macquarie University)

Wednesday 2 July

9.00 - 9.30: Welcome coffee

9.30 - 10.15: Introduction

Imke Harbers, Sam Balaton-Chrimes and Christoph Sperfeldt

10.30 - 11.30: Session 1 (Chair: Sam Balaton-Chrimes)

Humera Iqbal (and colleagues),
Digitisation and Experiences of Non-Citizenship among Pakistani Bengali Youth

Thomas McGee

Unpacking Identity (Card)-Based Killing (Qatil 'ala al-hawiya): In Light of Recent Sectarian Violence in Syria

11.30 - 11.45: Break

11.45 -12.45: Session 2 (Chair: Andres Sandoval)

Joshua Castellino

The Bases of Minority Identity: Seven Arguments for a Different Approach

Amanda Cheong

Birth and Death Off the Record

12.45 - 1.45: Lunch*

1.45 - 3.30: Session 3 (hybrid session) (Chair: Christoph Sperfeldt)

Luis Garcia

Ethnicity, Representative Bureaucracy, and Information State Capacity: Evidence from Peru

Byron Villacis

Regressive Identification: The Role of National ID in the 2022 Ecuadorian Census

Laura Lambert

The Absent Presence of 'Tribe' and 'Nationality' in Sierra Leone's Digital Civil Register

3.30 – 4.00: Afternoon tea*

4.00-4.45: Concluding reflections

4.45 – 5.30: Drinks and soft book launch*

Sam Balaton-Chrimes

Knowing Ethnicity: The Politics of Classification and Pluralism in Kenya, CUP

6.30 onwards Dinner*

Informal dinner at Sham Oost

Borneosteiger 1, Amsterdam (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/5ysQnnwXz2FJq9r87>)

* Meals are sponsored by the CitizenGap Project, with funding from the European Research Council (Grant agreement No. 949795). Please let Imke know whether you plan to join for dinner on Wednesday and/or lunch on Thursday, and if you have any dietary requirements or allergies (i.harbers@uva.nl).

Optional follow-up activities

Thursday 3 July

12:30 – 1:00pm: Lunch*

1.00 - 4.00pm: Studying Patterns of Document Acquisition and Possession among Marginalized Populations: A Methods Workshop

Room REC B9.22 (Political Science Common Room)

With Amanda Cheong and members of the CitizenGap Project

4.30pm Film screening – *Bhahaili / Adrift*, by the Partition of Identity research project (including Humera Iqbal)

Room B5.12 (Anthropology Common Room), Roeterseilandcampus - building B

Informal drinks at campus pub afterward (thanks to Migration Studies Centre, UvA)

More information can be found [here](#).

Monday 8th September

Part II of the *Identifying Minorities* workshop will be held at Deakin University, Naarm / Melbourne. Please reach out to Sam if you would like to attend – all are welcome.

This program is supported by the CitizenGap Project, with funding from the European Research Council (Grant agreement No. 949795); Deakin University; and the Australian Research Council Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (project number DE240100636).