

# Identifying Minorities Workshop

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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

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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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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