



## CITIZENS' (FREE) MOVEMENT AND THE EU NEIGHBOURHOOD- NORTHERN IRELAND (UK) AND UKRAINE

### CALL FOR PAPERS

Political events such as “Brexit” and the war in Ukraine highlight the **relevance of EU external law and policy**, in particular in its neighbourhood. **The effect of EU neighbourhood policy on citizens** is rarely at the front of attention, and few **compare the EU’s law and policy in its new Western neighbourhood with the equivalent in the Eastern neighbourhood**. UCC’s [JMCE EU Integration and Citizens’ Rights](#) plans to fill this gap in debate by an academic seminar on **5 July, with a focus on Ukraine (Eastern neighbourhood) and Northern Ireland/UK (Western neighbourhood)**. Recent events have highlighted **the relevance of movement of people** for both areas. The **UK** plans to introduce **visa requirements (ETA)** for non-Irish EU citizens if **travelling on the island of Ireland**, and **Ukrainian citizens move to the EU recently on the basis of refugee and asylum law**. Both instances evidence that the legal frames for the EU’s relationship with its neighbourhood have a very limited focus on rights for individuals: **neither can Ukrainians rely on rights to move into the EU, nor can EU citizens rely on continuity of rights to move across the island of Ireland**. **Association Agreements** with countries in the EU’s Eastern neighbourhood are much more detailed on enabling trade, including trade in services, than in relation to person movements, and this tendency has been copied into the relationship between the EU and the UK: the **Trade and Cooperation Agreement** foresees mutual visa requirements, while the **Protocol Ireland/Northern Ireland** as part of the Withdrawal Agreement only requires the UK to retain unaltered rights for citizens also protected under the Good Friday Agreement, i.e. UK and Irish citizens.

[Professor Dagmar Schiek](#) and [Dr Mary C. Murphy](#) (both University College Cork) will be chairing the Seminar. Keynote speakers include [Dr Anthony Soares](#) (Centre of Cross Border Studies and Queen’s University Belfast) and [Dr Oksana Holovko-Havrysheva](#) (associate Prof EU Law Department, Ivan Franko National University Lviv) Funding may be provided for one or more speakers to attend this event (It will also be in hybrid format). Participation is free of charge and the working language is English.

### Possible Topics

For this seminar we invite papers on all aspects of the theme outlined above. Questions to be considered include but are not limited to:

- Electronic Travel Authorisations on the island of Ireland and citizens’ rights under the Protocol and the Trade and Co-Operation Agreement
- Moving from the Ukraine to the EU- is the Association Agreement a sufficient basis for war refugees?
- How will future conflicts over dual Russian and Ukrainian citizenship and territory impact on Ukraine’s application to the European Union?
- Can the EU neighbourhood accommodate integration beyond trade?
- Movement based on trade in services and establishment- compromising or supporting citizens’ rights?

Selected papers will be edited and published in the centre’s online paper series.

### Submission Procedure

**Deadline for the submission of abstracts is 28 February 2023** and should be **up to 500 words in length**, clearly specifying the structure of the paper, core sources and any methods used, and accompanied by a short biographical note of 5-6 lines should be submitted by email to [cei@ucc.ie](mailto:cei@ucc.ie) with the subject line *Call for Papers- EU Neighbourhood Seminar*. All proposals will be reviewed, and the organisers will soon thereafter decide on selection. Papers by academics, civil society representatives, and of other interested individuals and/or organisations are most welcome.