The course will examine some perspectives and debates on citizenship and identities in globalised world. The course intends to interrogate the everyday uses of “citizen” and “citizenship”, keeping in mind the immigration debate in global north and its implications to global south. The aim of this course is to provide an introduction to historical, socio-cultural, and political discussions of citizenship, identity formation and its link with local communities, community at large, and the nation-states.

Assessment:

4 -5 Short notes of 3-4 pages on specific theme(s) and readings
Term paper (topic to be determined after discussion).

Disclaimer: more readings may be added after consultation with students

Themes:

1. Understanding Identity and Ethnicity
2. The Social Construction of Identity and Ethnicity

3. Situational and Multiple Identities
   - Hutchinson John, Ethnicity and modern nations Ethnic and Racial Studies, 23:4, 651-669,

4. Conceptualizing immigration and citizenship debates
   - Asylum and the Common: Mediations between Foucault, Agamben and Esposito Serene John-Richards
   - The Principle of Hospitality, Jacques Derrida: Interview
5. Why do People Move and Seek Membership Elsewhere?

6. Membership, Belonging and Legal Status – Refugees

7. Contesting Citizenship I

8. Contesting Citizenship II