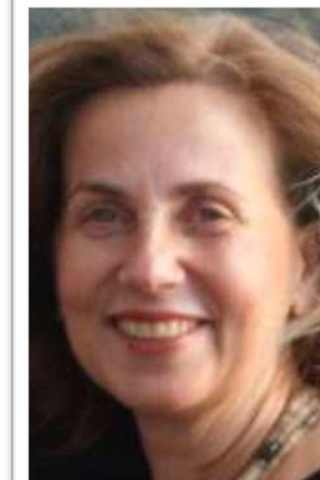


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### Exaltations of a Shrinking Citizenship: Depoliticizing and Disciplining Citizenship in the New Hard Times

In referring to the fact that citizenship rights only apply to those considered to be members of a political community, some scholars have argued that citizenship is “hard on the outside, soft in the inside”. The presentation will argue that the present historical moment is one of hardening of both the inside, and outside of citizenship. As neoliberalism, austerity and securitization of the state help shrink rights and liberties typically associated with post WWII notions of citizenship, there are simultaneously moves in policy and discourse to scarify citizenship through restrictive immigration/refugee policies, expansion of categories and numbers of non-citizen residents, and more restrictive citizenship laws and regulations. The irony of the current moment is that discourses and practices exalting citizenship often go hand in hand with efforts, in Canada, as in many other self-defined liberal democracies, to shrink and thin citizenship. The presentation will explore the contradictory state of citizenship when the discourse and policies that treat citizenship as a privilege gain strength precisely as privileges of citizenship become more precarious. In addition to highlighting this contradiction, it will focus on its implications for the politics of citizenship.

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