

Modern Metics.

EU Citizenship and the Boundaries of the Demos

Summary of the doctoral thesis

What comes first, the chicken or the egg? Democracy or the people?

After more than forty years of debate on the so-called boundary problem in democratic theory, the present academic world seems to be divided into two opposing, irreconcilable camps. While one group of scholars denies the democratic legitimacy of all existing borders and calls for a borderless world state, others defend the authority of the nation state and its principled right to exclude foreigners from the rights and resources it provides. The position defended