Against the backdrop of globalization and the re-scaling of politics, cities have become crucial sites for the negotiation of conflicts over inclusion and exclusion, participation and power, belonging, difference and identity. However, the role of urban politics is ambivalent. Progressive politics and social movements as well as new forms of governance that produce specific dynamics of social, political and cultural exclusion are grounded in the city. The concept of citizenship is an indispensable tool for the understanding of these processes and for a critical analysis of the local codification and institutionalization of rights and recognition.

The symposium will analyze and theorize current practices of urban citizenship through a comparative and multidisciplinary survey of two cities: Berlin and Tel Aviv. Despite their different histories and national contexts, both cities share many similarities – with each other and with other cities. They both portray themselves as global cities and struggle with urban problems such as rising rents, gentrification and neighborhood change, the contested use of public space, politics of privatization, and questions around minority politics and the incorporation of immigrants. International scholars will present cutting-edge research from Berlin and Tel Aviv and discuss the theoretical implications and political perspectives concerning the concept of urban citizenship.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

9:30 – 10:00h  WELCOME SPEECH & OPENING REMARKS
   > TALJA BLOKLAND Humboldt-University Berlin

10:00 – 12:00h  KEYNOTE LECTURE
   URBAN CITIZENSHIP IN THE 21ST CENTURY:
   BETWEEN PRIVATIZING DEMOCRACY AND CREEPING APARTHEID
   > OREN YIFTACHEL Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
   CHAIR: Ina Kerner Humboldt-University Berlin

12:00 – 13:30h  Lunchbreak

13:30 – 15:30h  PANEL I: PUBLIC SPACE, URBAN CULTURE, AND THE RIGHT TO DIVERSITY
   Do minorities and subcultures enjoy a moral and/or legal right to the city in Berlin and Tel Aviv? Through which local practices, institutions and discourses are collective identities negotiated and recognized? How do discriminatory discourses and practices relate to place-specific history? And how do national discourses and practices manifest themselves locally in both cities?
   CHAIR: Christine Hentschel Humboldt-University Berlin

   NEW CITIZENS, OLD DIVERSITY:
   LABOR MIGRANTS AND NETWORKED SPACES IN TEL AVIV
   > NIR COHEN Ruppin Academic Center & TALIA MARGALIT Tel Aviv University

   CONFLICTING DIVERSITIES:
   URBAN LEISURE PUBLICS AND STRUGGLES OVER SPACE IN THE NEOLIBERAL CITY
   > KIRA KOSNICK Goethe-University Frankfurt/Main

   KANAKattaK INVADES THE CITY:
   CHALLENGING CITIZENSHIP AND INTEGRATION POLICIES
   > DUYGU GÜRSEL & GÖKCE YURDAKUL Humboldt-University Berlin

15:30 – 16:00h  Coffeebreak

16:00 – 18:00h  PANEL II: HUMAN SECURITY AS A LOCAL PUBLIC GOOD
   Are Berlin and Tel Aviv “livable cities”? How are problems of housing, healthcare, education, mobility, etc. addressed? How are goods and services distributed socially and spatially in both cities? What are the place-specific mechanisms of inclusion and exclusion from resources, and what can we learn from recent experiences with area-based programs and policies in Berlin and Tel Aviv?
   CHAIR: Talia Margalit Tel Aviv University

   CONFRONTING SOCIAL EXCLUSION IN DEPRIVED NEIGHBOURHOODS:
   SUCCESSES AND FAILURES IN BERLIN
   > BRITTA GRELL Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin/WZB

   AFFORDABILITY AND CITIZENSHIP:
   CONTESTED MEANINGS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THE STRUGGLE OVER URBAN CITIZENSHIP IN TEL AVIV
   > YISHAI BLANK Tel Aviv University

   EXCLUDED BERLIN:
   HOUSING AT THE MARGINS OF URBAN CITIZENSHIP
   > ANDREJ HOLM Humboldt-University Berlin
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

9:00 – 11:00h PANEL III: PARTICIPATION IN URBAN POLITICS
Which rights and practices and which institutional landscapes allow residents in Berlin and Tel Aviv to participate in local politics? To which degree is political power distributed unequally? How do new forms of urban governance reshape the notion of political participation? What forms of “insurgent citizenship” do residents of Berlin and Tel Aviv practice, and how do minorities participate in local politics?

CHAIR: Henrik Lebuhn Humboldt-University Berlin

THE MAKING OF PARTNERSHIP AND ‘NETWORKED EXPERTS’. URBAN RENEWAL AND PARTICIPATION IN YAFFO GIMMEL
> ADRIANA KEMP & GALIA RATTNER Tel Aviv University

FROM CITIZENSHIP TO SOCIAL STRUGGLE. PARTICIPATION MECHANISMS AS A POINT OF REFERENCE FOR PROTEST AND SELF-ORGANIZATION IN BERLIN
> ARMIN KUHN Potsdam University

BE BERLIN! GOVERNING THE CITY THROUGH CITIZENSHIP
> STEPHAN LANZ Viadrina-University Frankfurt/Oder

11:00 – 11:30h Coffeebreak
11:30 - 13:00h Continuation of Panel-Discussions in Workshops
WORKSHOP I
PUBLIC SPACE, URBAN CULTURE, AND THE RIGHT TO DIVERSITY
WORKSHOP II
HUMAN SECURITY AS A LOCAL PUBLIC GOOD
WORKSHOP III
PARTICIPATION IN URBAN POLITICS

13:00 - 14:30h Lunchbreak
14:30 - 16:00h REPORTS FROM THE WORKSHOPS
CHAIR: Talja Blokland (Humboldt-University Berlin)

16:00 – 16:30h Coffeebreak
16:30 – 18:00h CLOSING REMARKS AND FINAL DISCUSSION
> ROLAND ROTH (Hochschule Magdeburg)

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