
Odysseus PhD Seminar

The Migration Red Carpet: naturalization for highly-skilled and investors

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Research Question

How do investment and highly skilled migration policies impact the concept of belonging in naturalization laws?

The three fields

1) Highly-skilled migration

Germany, EU Blue Card, Researchers Directive

2) Investment Migration (residence by investment + citizenship by investment)

Portugal, Malta

3) Citizenship

Literature Gap

- **Schachar, 2004**
- **Shachar, 2017 (The Birthright Lottery)**
- **Czaika, 2018 (highly-skilled migration)**
- **Erez, 2013 (highly-skilled migration + investment migration)**
- **Džankić, 2019 (citizenship by investment)**

1. Bases of acquisition of Citizenship in 3 different EU countries



Germany **Nationality Act / Blue Card**
Skill Criteria



Portugal **Golden Residence Permit**
Program (Residence by Investment)
Financial Investment



Malta **Individual Investor Program**
(Citizenhip by Investment)
Financial Investment

Key Concepts

- Equality, Loyalty (sincere cooperation) or Belonging?
- Belonging: Integration (Ganty, 2021) & Genuine Link
- Article 8 ECHR

Methodology

- Body of primary and secondary sources collected on investment migration/citizenship law and highly skilled migration/citizenship law.
- Information from the available government documents, government reports, third-party reports, and newspaper articles.

