

Unsere Zeit

Call for Essays

This Call for Essays by Unsere Zeit magazine encourages students, scholars, and other folks to compose analytically sound and stylistically engaging essays on the relationship of citizenship and territoriality. Bridging the gap between academic and public discourse, the CfE aims at laying intellectual groundwork for progressive politics and activism.

Citizenship and Territoriality

We live in the age of globalisation – but also in an age of walls. While international migration is at an all-time high, we observe a new trend of enforcing political borders to block people from seeking their fortunes elsewhere in the world. Walls – increasingly visible and solid – are only the most obvious manifestation of this development. This leads us to fundamental questions on the relationship between the geographical and the political order of our world: How, why, and to what extent is citizenship of modern states connected to and defined by territorial boundaries? And is this a necessary conjunction?

Public debates often assume a natural relationship between citizenship and territoriality, but both reality and theory are much murkier. We invite people from all disciplines to share their analysis of the status quo and vision for the future regarding our relationship with the world we live in. We strongly believe in the possibility and necessity for an overarching conversation between the humanities, the natural sciences, digital pioneers and artists about where we are at and where we want to go. We aim for an open and multifaceted, intelligent and intelligible debate about what citizenship means and could mean in our and future times.