Media and Citizenship: Transnational Television Cultures
Reshaping Political Identity in the European Union

Fact Sheet

Project information

**MEDIA & CITIZENSHIP**

Grant agreement ID: 217480

Project website

Status
Closed project

Start date
1 April 2008

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30 June 2011

Funded under:
FP7-SSH

Overall budget:
€ 1 485 689,92

EU contribution
€ 1 240 224

Coordinated by:
UNIVERSITEIT UTRECHT
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Objective

Media & Citizenship studies the ways transnational media, in particular Arabic language television, reshape the political landscapes of citizenship (Area 8.5.1) in the European Union. It provides the first European wide empirical research on the use of Arabic language television and its effect on integration in multicultural societies (Area 8.3.1). After collecting ratings data across 7 EU nations, focus group studies explore how Arabic speakers themselves construct citizenship in the light of their media use, and their adopted national cultures. Models of democratic participation continue to be based on the nation state, while political debate is no longer contained within its boundaries. Concerns around extreme expressions of Islamic fundamentalism on one hand, and the advance of moral panics around a threatening religious difference on the other, have brought Muslim communities into the core of political and media debates about citizenship in Europe. Those communities now have access to a shared 'public sphere', the space of Arabic language television. The project will gather quantitative and qualitative comparative empirical data on the use of Arabic language television in Europe, in order to deliver well founded policy advice on issues relating to the media and its regulation. The project works with Arabic speakers on their understandings of citizenship, derived from the media on the one hand and imposed by citizenship testing regimes on the other, in order to involve the community to influence policy at the national and European level. The project will be disseminated to the community through public meetings with stakeholders and a documentary.
Field of Science

/humanities/arts/modern and contemporary art/radio and television
/humanities/languages and literature/languages - general

Programme(s)

FP7-SSH - Specific Programme "Cooperation": Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities

Topic(s)

SSH-2007-3.1-01 - The impact of European demographic changes in Europe
SSH-2007-5.1-02 - Reassessing European Union citizenship

Call for proposal

FP7-SSH-2007-1

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Funding Scheme

CP-FP - Small or medium-scale focused research project

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Activity type
Higher or Secondary Education Establishments

EU Contribution
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