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Resolving the paradox of the liberal paradox: Immigration and citizenship policies in 23 democracies 1980-2010

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Abstract:

In this lecture, Samuel D. Schmid argues that immigration and citizenship policies configure along two independent dimensions that can be combined in various ways across space and over time. He proposes a typology – *the fruits of immigration* – as a fruitful metaphor to describe the different ideal-typical policy configurations of *immigration regime openness* and *citizenship regime inclusiveness*. Based on an original combination of new datasets covering 23 democracies from 1980 to 2010, the empirical analysis validates the typology and reveals that overall immigration regimes have become more open, and citizenship regimes more inclusive. Indeed, most cases can be classified as *blueberry regimes* that are relatively soft both on the outside and the inside. The investigation therefore shows that many states have escaped what has been described in the literature as the “liberal paradox” – a notion that, as Sam will argue, is in fact paradoxical in itself and can be resolved by the fruits of immigration typology.