Nationality and Citizenship: Who Are Given What Kind of Rights

Multi-Ethnic Society (7)

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Email assignment

- What is "equality"?
- What to do for the majority
- Pessimistic recognition, optimistic wish
- Multiculturalism as a useful tool, even though it is not an all-purpose drug

Why Nationality and Citizenship

- Through the examination of exceptional cases: nationality and citizenship should not be taken for granted → "decoupling of citizenship and identity" (p.307)
- Ascribed status and acquired rights

@What do you think about the Calderon family case (in Japan)?

What is (Practical) Citizenship

- Marshall divided citizenship into three categories: (civil rights, political, social)

→ what kind of status and rights are given to immigrants/refugees etc. Becomes the central issue of discussion

- What is 'pragmatic citizenship': there is no clear definition, similar to 'instrumental citizenship, 'flexible citizens', anything which practically serves those in diaspora to live in the host country (sense of security)

Nationality and Citizenship From the Viewpoints of State and Individuals/Groups

- Jus soli and jus sanguinis

→Those who are excluded from both (stateless) and those who have multiple nationalities

→ Multiple nationalities as resources: who can enjoy?

- Single nationality principle（国籍唯一の原則）: even if a person holds dual nationalities, he is treated as a single nationality holder in each country

http://www.sangiin.go.jp/japanese/annai/chousa/rippou_chousa/backnumber/2009pdf/20090801103.pdf

- Renunciation (deprivation) of nationality

→Principle of free determination of nationality, but no freedom to become stateless

Full Members (First Class Citizens) and non-full Members (Second Class Citizens)

- Gap by nationality (holder/non-holder)
- Three gates：denizens, long- and short-time residents, etc.

＠在留資格／Residence (visa) status

　＊Revision of the Immigration-Control and Refugee-Recognition Act of Japan（

http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/newimmiact_1/index.html）

　＊Introduction of point system

　(http://www.gov-online.go.jp/useful/article/201205/3.html)

＠Which gate is the most difficult to pass

Status of Palestinians

- In Jordan: given citizenship (exceptional: Nishikida 2012)

- In Israel: 20% of Israeli population

- 'Acquisition of non-Palestinian citizenship as politically disloyal': difficulty in decoupling citizenship and identity

- Two state solution: only those from the West Bank and Gaza (not historical Palestine) will be entitled citizenship → may lead to different ideas about the future statehood among Palestinians

- Difficult to choose whether to wait for the future of an independent country or to naturalize in the country of residence

@Case of stateless person in Japan (Chen 2005): Taiwanese descendent born in Japan

→ parents chose to become stateless after the establishment of Japan-China (mainland) relations in 1972

→ chose to naturalize for research convenience

Discussion

- What kind of possibilities do you find in 'pragmatic citizenship'?

- One-state solution come from whom, is it based on 'radical inclusiveness'?

- How do we balance between ascribed status and acquired rights?

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【Email assignment】

(A) If you would want to change your nationality or obtain a nationality (as a stateless person), what kind of rules would you like to request to the government?

(B) If you had multiple nationalities, what kind of merits would you like to utilize?

(C) If you were a government official, what kind of policy should be adopted for controlling nationality?

【Preparation】

Make a short presentation on an example of ethnic media: publisher, readers, form, contents, etc.

@For the definition of ethnic media, refer to: http://www.sagepub.com/upm-data/ 34989_1.pdf