Please submit an abstract of your proposed paper with at least three substantial sources. The abstract should be 350 words or less. By substantial sources I mean ones that identify key issues in your projected field of inquiry or review available evidence. These are not afterthoughts to be tacked on to the end of the abstract, but a beginning point in the conceptualization of your study. Abstracts are generally written after a paper is completed, but they can also help distill thoughts on a project in anticipation of its completion. With this in mind, below are key elements of an informative abstract.1

**OBJECTIVE**
State the core issue, question, or objective of your proposed paper. To help you think about this, consider the 4 key questions that have organized our discussion of citizenship so far:

1. How and why is citizenship constituted? How do states make citizens and how do citizens make states?
2. How have states managed and controlled citizens? How have citizens engaged the state?
3. How do states keep up with citizens when political and economic circumstances change?
4. Where does citizenship stand after recent waves of marketization?

To be clear, I'm not suggesting your paper should answer these questions per se, but ones that are theoretically or thematically related.

**METHODS**
How will you go about answering your question or illustrating your paper's core issue? Briefly describe the methods including specifics about the evidence on which you will rely and its interpretation.

**RESULTS**
What are the anticipated outcomes of your research?

**CONCLUSIONS and IMPLICATIONS**
Do you anticipate that results will support or call into question your theory or hypothesis? What are the implications of each scenario?

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1 Here I am following the ASA's *Writing An Informative Abstract* ([http://www.asanet.org/cs/root/leftnav/publications/journals/writing_an_informative_abstract](http://www.asanet.org/cs/root/leftnav/publications/journals/writing_an_informative_abstract)). I strongly recommend perusing this resource for concrete examples.