



Migration, Religious Security, and Public Schooling within the Liberal Democratic State

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To what degree might public schools play positive and supporting roles among migrant communities within which religion provides a sense of security? What do these roles look like? What defines the limitations that schools in liberal democratic states face in specifying and fulfilling these roles? In this talk I examine religion, culture, and the self within the liberal democratic state, with particular emphasis on examining the relationship between autonomy and religious affiliation. I then move to an overview of the social science literature on migration and religion, and the role of religion in integration. Finally, I synthesize the first two parts of the talk by examining lessons public schools might draw from what the social sciences tell us regarding religious security amongst migrant communities, and how school policies might be informed by this work while still remaining true to core liberal democratic principles.

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