

Multiculturalism, Democracy and the Politics of Backlash

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Workshop Outline

In his workshop, Dr. Banting will explore the historical underpinnings of multiculturalism policy in the Canadian federation, broadly comparing it to other complex and diverse democratic societies. He will take participants through the many challenges and road blocks that this country has faced over the last 150 years in terms of managing diversity through public policy: what has gone wrong? And what has gone right?

He will also explore with participants the many ways in which an ever diversifying society might cope with the upcoming challenges our democracy will face in the future, the politics of backlash and the uniqueness of the Canadian context. He will explore the types of policy responses that governments in Canada can implement to ease into the next 150 years.

Required Readings

Keith Banting, "Transatlantic Convergence? The Archaeology of Immigrant Integration in Canada and Europe", *International Journal*, vol. 69(1) 2014: 66-84. <http://0-dx.doi.org/mercury.concordia.ca/10.1177/0020702013518177>

Keith Banting and Will Kymlicka, "Is There Really a Retreat From Multiculturalism Policies? New Evidence from the Multiculturalism Policy Index", *Comparative European Politics*, vol. 11(5) 2013: 577-598. <http://0-search.proquest.com/mercury.concordia.ca/docview/1418297391/fulltextPDF/E816E44BC514358PQ/3?accountid=10246>

Yasmeen Abu-Laban, "Reform by Stealth: The Harper Conservatives and Canadian Multiculturalism" in Jack Jedwab, ed., *The Multiculturalism Question: Debating Identity in 21st Century Canada*. McGill-Queen's University Press, 2014. <http://reserves.concordia.ca/ares/ares.dll/plink?14EEF881>

Jeffrey Reitz, "Multiculturalism Policies and Popular Multiculturalism in the Development of Canadian Immigration", in Jack Jedwab, ed., *The Multiculturalism Question: Debating Identity in 21st Century Canada*. McGill-Queen's University Press, 2014. <http://reserves.concordia.ca/ares/ares.dll/plink?14EEF882>

