

*Park*, plus particulièrement de la caricature du Prophète de l'Islam dans les épisodes « 200 » et « 201 » suite à la profération de menace à l'égard des créateurs. Le choix de représenter Muhammad par un rectangle noir où il y est inscrit « censored », autrement dit cette caricature—et autocensure—permet selon l'auteur d'aller plus loin que le classique dualisme opposant le respect de la religion et la défense de la liberté d'expression. La partie 2 se clôt par une étude de cas sur les satiristes de l'infodivertissement via l'analyse de l'émission *Last Week Tonight* avec John Oliver. À l'aide des concepts de champs, de violence symbolique, d'habitus et de capitaux, les auteurs illustrent que *Last Week Tonight* participe à la « guerre culturelle » à travers la performance d'un *Average Joe*. Ils montrent aussi que le satiriste participe à la reproduction de la violence symbolique, mais qu'une relation de type parrésiastique comme conceptualisée par Michel Foucault entre l'auditoire et l'*infotainer* pourrait permettre de « forger des alliés aux dominés sans-voix » (217).

Soulignons qu'un problème de mise en page semble s'être glissé dans l'ouvrage, où on ne trouve aucun chapitre 6, mais deux chapitres 8. Cette erreur ne nuit en rien à l'originalité de l'ouvrage qui fait la lumière sur les côtés plus sombres de l'humour, un élément essentiel vu la prépondérance des études sur ses effets positifs. Si l'humour permet de remettre en question les rapports de domination et de révéler la violence symbolique omniprésente dans nos sociétés, n'oubliions pas que cet art est toujours à même de la reproduire.

## Queering Multiculturalism: Liberal Theory, Ethnic Pluralism, and the Problem of Minorities-within-Minorities

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As scholars of gender and sexuality know well, homonationalism has grown central to our time. Coined by Jasbir Puar (2007), the term describes the strategic deployment of so-called gay rights in opposition to the “cultural particularity” of Muslims and racialized Others. A signifier of liberal tolerance cloaked in white respectability, homonationalism emerged as the conceptual steward of Western imperialism in the context of the global war on terror. Indeed, we need look no further than the relatively recent upswell in LGB(TQ+?) inclusion on commemorative coins and stamps, in Team Canada branding at international sporting events, and in Canada’s own citizenship guide, for instance, to see examples of homonationalism at work in our own backyard.

Though oddly unconcerned with homonationalism—as with other Canadian particularities —Aret Karademir’s *Queering Multiculturalism* focuses on questions of gender, sexuality and ethno-cultural pluralism in liberal-democratic states. Following Will Kymlicka, he begins his introduction by observing that “modern societies are characterized by ethno-cultural diversity” (xi) before sketching how proponents of various liberalisms have responded to this fact. The following four chapters revisit the thought of John Rawls, Michael Walzer, Will Kymlicka, Joseph Raz, Avishai Margalit, Yael Tamir and David Miller, setting the stage for the development of what Karademir calls an “emancipationist model” of minority rights—a framework focused on cultural dialogue that takes the freedom to choose and revise one’s choices as its starting point (146).

Before developing this model, however, Karademir returns us to a well-rehearsed debate: whereas orthodox liberals seek justice bereft of concern for the arguably parochial attachments

of ethno-cultural minorities, supporters of liberal multiculturalism stress group-differentiated rights, asserting culture as the contextual category through which individual choices acquire meaning. But in their insistence on such rights as safeguards for minority cultures, backers of liberal multiculturalism are insufficiently attentive to cultural heterogeneity, remaining largely unable to avoid disadvantaging unorthodox internal minorities living within such groups. The problem, then, of internal minorities—one of secondary marginalization, in Cathy Cohen's (1997) terms—raises a whole host of issues for liberals and non-liberals alike. Remedyng these issues by rendering the non-liberal theories of Judith Butler and Martin Heidegger conversant with Kymlicka's liberal multiculturalism is Karademir's main objective in this monograph.

One of the book's strengths derives from its author's willingness to address an elephant in the proverbial room of political theory. Indeed, though liberal-feminist scholars concerned with gender and culture have shed some light on women's experiences with patriarchy, their analyses have remained mostly binary. As Karademir rightly points out, "even when (ethnic) multiculturalism is questioned regarding its capacity to accommodate the needs and concerns of minorities-within-minorities, such questioning has almost exclusively focused on women in patriarchal communities, disregarding the specific ways in which ethno-cultural minority rights might disadvantage ethnic gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people" (xvi). What emerges from these observations is a carefully argued work of liberal social ontology that seeks to understand how multiculturalism might distribute group-specific rights to ethno-cultural minorities without simultaneously endangering the freedoms of their non-normative (sexual) internal minority members.

To help develop said understanding, chapter 5 reads Butler and Kymlicka side by side. It argues that while choice and identity are equally contextual for both thinkers, only Butler conceives of one's context of choice as bounded by the unintelligible (129–36). Karademir is successful in showing how Butler's account of identity as formed through processes of citation, abjection and interpellation exposes the precise limits of Kymlicka's "societal culture" as distinct, discrete and complete (142–48). But for Karademir, neither Butler's project of troubling norms nor Kymlicka's project of affirming rights is adequate to the task of securing the freedoms of ethno-sexual internal minorities, who are too often unable to carve out safe spaces within the heterosexual matrix of their particular cultural community. For as Karademir puts it, in an amusingly Kantian tongue, "the denaturalization of norms without rights is empty, rights without such denaturalization are blind" (149). Whatever your view of liberalism or the present state of minority rights, this remains a difficult claim to deny (Brown, 2000).

Karademir's sixth chapter proceeds with added care, expanding Kymlicka's conception of freedom by reading Heidegger from a liberal perspective (156). Drawing on some of Heidegger's core concepts, including anxiety, authenticity and, of course, *Dasein*, he subverts the German's philosophy, claiming that the visibility of non-normative minorities functions to decalcify the social norms held up by their majority counterparts. Accordingly, Karademir reasons that internal minorities can only become legitimate interlocutors, in both their cultural communities and society at large, following the establishment of an "authentic society," in Heidegger's terms (168–73).

A significant contribution to multiculturalism literature, Karademir's book provides an opportunity to think beyond the gender binary from within liberal thought. Yet, absent any attention to homonationalism, his argument risks eliding still-urgent consideration of race and class in discussions of multiculturalism. An added difficulty results from the fact that *queer* is neither historicized nor defined in the text. Had he begun, for example, by contextualizing the difficulties faced by so-called ethno-sexual internal minorities, based on the lived experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer and other non-normative groups, he may have been better equipped to address some of the more practical questions and criticisms that are inevitably raised by his project (Carens, 2004). Still, despite these omissions,

*Queering Multiculturalism* remains a worthwhile read. This is a helpful contribution to liberal debates about diversity, unity and minority rights, in which racialized LGBTQ+ people are too often ignored.

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## Le contrôle parlementaire des finances publiques dans les pays de la francophonie

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Les Presses de l'Université Laval publiaient en 2019 *Le contrôle parlementaire des finances publiques dans la francophonie* dans le cadre de sa collection démocratie et institutions parlementaires. Dans cet ouvrage, les auteurs Louis Imbeau et Rick Stapenhurst se donnent pour objectif d'examiner les déterminants du contrôle parlementaire des finances publiques et de proposer des indicateurs pour mesurer ce type de capacité de contrôle (20). Ils proposent d'inclure un plus grand nombre de pays francophones à l'échantillon des études précédentes réalisées par la Banque Mondiale, ce qui représente une contribution supplémentaire à ce champ de recherche. Pour y parvenir, les auteurs analysent l'information provenant de 119 questionnaires remplis par les fonctionnaires de gouvernements nationaux et d'organisations internationales.

L'ouvrage se divise en six chapitres. Un court chapitre d'introduction explique la structure de l'ouvrage. Le second chapitre met ensuite la table en résumant les principaux constats de la littérature comparative sur les formes de contrôle législatif des processus budgétaires. Les auteurs distinguent deux formes de contrôle législatif *ex ante*—qui s'appliquent aux phases d'élaboration—et *ex post*, qui concernent les phases d'exécution et de mise en œuvre des décisions budgétaires. Cette distinction débouche sur une grille d'analyse utile qui permet de classer les systèmes politiques selon la force de leurs capacités de contrôle. Le modèle parlementaire de Westminster, par exemple, est caractérisé par de faibles capacités *ex ante* et un contrôle *ex post* plus fort. En revanche, le système français hérité de la tradition napoléonienne comporte des capacités *ex ante* moyennes et *ex post* fortes (13).

Le troisième chapitre élabore le cadre théorique de l'enquête en mobilisant la théorie classique du principal-agent pour expliquer la relation de contrôle entre les institutions législatives et la branche exécutive du pouvoir. Cette conceptualisation des moyens de contrôle parlementaire amène les auteurs à formuler quatre hypothèses sur la nature des instruments de contrôle dans les assemblées législatives et les pays francophones. Les auteurs abordent également les diverses étapes de construction de leurs enquêtes en insistant sur les processus de collecte d'information dans les pays francophones.