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Citizenship, Complexity and Reconciliation

During the twentieth century, citizenship was commonly understood as exclusive membership of a sovereign nation state, and the exclusivity of the nation state was buttressed with a particularistic nationalism. The consequence was often to exaggerate national differences and sharpen international antagonisms. While this is being reversed in response to globalization, there is a counter tendency within domestic policy to use exclusivist classifications such as indigenous versus non-indigenous, and to exaggerate differences as in multi-culturalism.

Older and current notions of citizenship as membership of one of a number of human associations provide a richer conceptual structure for understanding citizenship. The paper argues that recognition of human complexity and multiple memberships of political and other associations provide a sounder basis for citizenship, peace and reconciliation.

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