



Multiculturalism v. Diversity

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Karl Polanyi (1944) described the crisis of his time in terms of a “double movement”, the rise of “self-regulating markets” being accompanied by a protectionist counter-movement of its losers. Nancy Fraser (2017) pointed out that the current crisis is better conceptualized as a “triple movement”. That is, a new round of enhanced marketization and (this time around) ailing social protection has witnessed the arrival of a third player: “emancipation”, which is her word for the late 20th century minority rights movements growing out of the 1960s civil rights struggles. This is a good lens for reflecting on contemporary multiculturalism. I argue that under the flag of “diversity”, multiculturalism has taken a sharp neoliberal turn, which deviates in important respect from the “liberal multiculturalism” that Will Kymlicka had canonized in the early 1990s.



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