

Cultural Difference and Political indifference: towards an alternative critique to the multicultural model of integration

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"[When referring to indifference to difference]... I by far do not want to diminish the importance of the claims for social modernization present in demands for the recognition of diversity, habits and cultures. These are larger questions, for they touch directly the life of individuals in its singularity. It does not mean to go back to politics of differences and the defense of minorities. We aim to go beyond that.

When I affirm that we should be indifferent towards difference, it is to defend that social life must reach a stage in which the difference of the other is indifferent to me. That, in order to reach this stage we shall pass through processes of aperture of social life towards multiplicity, such as the positive discrimination laws. This does not change the fact that we do not want a society in which the subjects have atomized themselves in unchangeable and defensive identities. We want a post-identitary politics, one which is radically open to the other."