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Religious Diversity in Multiculturalist or Interculturalists Contexts: A Political Framework for Ethnic conscienciousness

Building from an interdisciplinary research aiming at discovering the role of religion in the process of identity recomposition inside present day Québec society, this paper will explore the dialectical representation of self and of the majority present amongst men and women belonging to four ethno denominational groups recently arrived in the Montréal region. It will then present the two competing framework of integration of immigration that are at work in the Canadian political space, the federal multicultural principle and the Québec intercultural one. Given the particular historical dy-

namics of the Quebec society, a comparative and prospective evaluation of the function of these policies in managing religious diversity will be offered for discussion.