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Why Not Be Multicultural? Second-Generation Sri Lankan Tamil Hindus in Denmark

'I will take the good things from both cultures, and in relation to Hinduism I would like to understand it more before I choose what to give my children from it' (Sri Lankan Tamil Hindu, Male, 27 years old).

The above statement touches upon the relation between preservation and adaption when second-generation Sri Lankan Tamil Hindus try to find new ways of constructing meaning in a Danish setting. This is an on-going process of negotiation during which new circumstances and the understanding of belonging are being redefined. This negotiation between being Hindu and Tamil, as

well as being a Danish citizen, is constantly present and shapes their particular understanding of belonging, not only to a place in history or in the world but also to a sense of belonging in their minds. They do not seem to want to surrender any of these anchoring points, and they appreciate this form of cultural hybridity, although in a form that links them to a sense of belonging they share with their parents. My paper will focus on what kind of negotiations seem to be involved in this process.