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The Immigration Footprint

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ABSTRACT The migration spheres in Canada have been transformed over the last decade. Legislative changes have overhauled refugee determination processes, immigration category streams, and citizenship rules. These changes have been accompanied by rhetorical messages about loyalty and deserving citizens. This lecture explores the idea that the immigration, citizenship, and integration spheres are connected. This connection is partly due to political and demographic constraints. The unity of these spheres is traced through several pieces of legislation and court cases in each sphere, focusing on the figure of the recent female immigrant. Her 'multidirectional identity' presents a challenge to the conception of equality promoted in government initiatives. Following the recent female immigrant through the spheres illuminates the migration footprint. Immigration leaves its footprint on the citizenship and integration spheres, webbing them together and marking the figure of the recent female immigrant as she travels through the nation-state.

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