

**Fact Sheet:**

*Multiculturalism and Religious Identity: Perspectives from Ottawa and Delhi*

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**Event Description:**

This workshop, “Multiculturalism and Religious Identity,” funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Aid to Workshops Program, Carleton University's Centre for Values and Ethics and The Religion and Diversity Project (SSHRC Major Collaborative Research Initiative), brought together scholars from India and Canada to explore the ways in which religious diversity is imagined and practised in their respective countries. It is increasingly being recognized that the place of religion within the multicultural political model urgently requires greater attention than it has received to date. We need to consider more carefully,

whether, how and to what extent religious identities should be included within political practices designed to allow citizens to retain and express their distinct cultural identities while participating in the common public life of a wider society. Our interdisciplinary workshop takes up this issue in relation to two nations, Canada and India, both of which have struggled to find viable political frameworks for governing religious diversity. Leading scholars from India and Canada, whose research engages with questions of multiculturalism and religious diversity and aims to facilitate comparative discussions connecting theoretical analysis with policy considerations, met at the University of Ottawa in September, 2010.

**Results Dissemination:**

*Multiculturalism and Religious Identity: Perspectives from Ottawa and India*, ed. S. Sikka and L. Beaman, McGill-Queens' University Press, 2014.

“Living with Religious Diversity,” February 18-19, 2013, India International Centre, Delhi, India (organized by S. Sikka, L. Beaman, B. Puri).