**Religion and immigration – Israel in a comparative perspective**

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Religion has become an increasingly important topic in Western immigration studies. However, the current research literature falls short of providing a perspective broad enough to encompass its complexity, as it is based on a presumed dichotomy between religion and secularism, either ignoring the importance of religion or overestimating it. Therefore, the current research proposes a simultaneous outlook, suggesting that *formal-civic* citizenship in the West has indeed undergone intense secularization processes, while *social* integration and *cultural citizenship* are still strongly influenced by religion.

Shedding light on Israel's unearthed "non-Jewish Jews"' immigration policies in the past one hundred years, the research further illustrates these simultaneous processes. Israel's secular immigration policy, which has allowed for the immigration of hundreds of thousands of non-Jews, collides with its religious policy of not recognizing these immigrants as Jews and even encouraging them to convert to Judaism, illuminating the fragmental processes of simultaneous secularization and religionization of civic and social immigration policies.

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