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Forthcoming special issue *Comparative Sociology*

Comparative Perspectives on Social Integration in Pluralistic Societies: Thick Norms versus Thin

How is broadly consensual social policy possible in pluralistic societies with diverse moral values held by heterogeneous populations? In particular, does public policy suffer when politics are laden with moral doctrines? Can a liberal democratic political process succeed even if based on “thickly” moral public philosophies? How plausible is a “thin” model of political decision-making that brackets moral questions within the public sphere, deliberately working around them whenever possible? Even if mutual accommodation is a goal more realistic than political consensus, is it more desirable?

Submissions for this special issue remain open; send expressions of interest, abstracts or manuscripts to Benjamin Gregg at bgregg@austin.utexas.edu. For one approach, see Gregg, 2003. *Thick Moralities, Thin Politics: Social Integration across Communities of Belief* (Duke University Press).