

## **The Dialectic of Culture and Autonomy**

Abstract: Within the liberal variant of multiculturalism, the dialectic of culture and autonomy has been generated. In parallel to it, within feminism this link between culture and autonomy has been challenged. By way of reconstructing the cumulative arguments that have brought this dialectic to completion, this article argues, the relevant resources from multiculturalism ought to be brought to bear upon feminism. In so doing, and specifically by working out the significance of this dialectic, what emerges most importantly is not only the rationale for the state's expanded role and the design of public institutions, which provide the legal basis and objective resources for preventative prescriptions capable of tackling violence against women in actual terms, but also the contours of a vision of justice toward, and the agenda that follows from, furthering women's autonomy.

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