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For the past 15 years, Dr. Kazemipur has been studying the socio-economic integration of immigrants in Canada, as well as the socio-cultural trends in the Middle East. He has recently finished writing a book on the experiences of Muslim immigrants in Canada – entitled *The Crescent and the Maple Leaf: On the 'Muslim Question' in Canada* – which is currently under review at UBC Press. Currently, he is working on a new book entitled *Iran's Great Transformation: Secularization under the Islamic Republic*. Dr. Kazemipur was a research affiliate of the Metropolis Project for the past 15 years, and is now one of the co-investigators of the new SSHRC-funded project, *Pathways to Prosperity*.

A Life in Paradox : The Socio-Economic Experiences of Muslims in Canada

In recent debates about Multiculturalism policies, some have argued that such policies have weakened immigrants' attachment to, and identification with, host countries; Muslims are quite often cited as a case supporting such an argument. In this presentation, the validity of this argument is examined in the case of Canada and its Muslim population, using the empirical data from a variety of large-scale nation-wide surveys. The findings show a smooth integration of Muslims in the institutional space of Canada, and a relatively high level of satisfaction with their lives in the country. However, the data also show that there are serious challenges faced by Muslims in both economic and social domains, and that they have serious concerns about their place in Canada in the future. Those challenges are discussed, along with their possible causes, consequences, and some possible ways to ameliorate them.

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