

# Intercultural Citizenship in the Post-Multicultural Era

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This book explores the intercultural policy paradigm emerging within diversity and migration studies. Drawing on empirical studies of cultural diversity and placing a focus on the current crises of identity in Europe, Zapata-Barrero argues for an intercultural model of citizenship that prioritises contact between diverse people. In looking forward to a post-multicultural era, his analysis suggests how we can better manage the challenges presented by our increasingly complex, multifaceted societies. This thoughtful text will appeal to students and scholars across politics, sociology, anthropology and social psychology, as well as policy makers and social entrepreneurs around the world grappling with issues around migration, diversity and citizenship. **Ricard Zapata-Barrero** is a full Professor of

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“There is no doubt that we are living today in a period of hyper-connectivity and significant human mobility. Coming to grips with the consequent super diversity is emerging as a significant challenge for both academe and social policy-making circles. Zapata-Barrero’s book on Intercultural Citizenship framework situates this challenge expertly within its complex intellectual and political context charting how best to progress this agenda against a background of rising polarised intellectual contestation. This is a scholarly *tour de force* from one of the leading voices in the interculturalism field. This topical and timely book will have significant impact beyond its immediate European context.”

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