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#### **The Rise of Cohabitation in Quebec: Power of Religion and Power over Religion** by *Benoît Laplante*

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*Abstract:* The author develops the hypothesis that the rise of cohabitation in Quebec can be explained by the fact that almost all of its French speaking population was Catholic, and that the Church's refusal to change its doctrine on marriage and sexuality, and to allow laity to play a decisional role in the definition of doctrine, provided Quebec Catholics with the motive to abandon the traditional Christian norms in these matters; the local Catholic authorities' withdrawal from the institutions that framed people's lives "from cradle to grave" made it possible to actually abandon these norms. This case study allows the author to argue that the speed with which each society proceeds along this path should be studied by analyzing the political, legal, and institutional contexts within which the changes constituting the second demographic transition occur in each society.

#### **Refeudalizing the Public Sphere: 'Manipulated Publicity' in the Canadian Debate on GM Foods**

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*Abstract:* This article develops Habermas' concept of refeudalization in a critical assessment of the public debate surrounding genetically modified (GM) food in Canada. A recent initiative by the Canadian Biotechnology Advisory Committee, a federal consultative body, is evaluated according to the normative criteria of Habermas' ideal-typical public sphere. In turn, the case study uses Habermas' account of the structural transformation of the public sphere to examine ways in which political-economic conditions under globalization impinge upon the prospects for rational-critical public debate. I argue that external economic pressure associated with the drive for international competitiveness in an increasingly globalized economy has spurred the Canadian state to embrace contradictory roles vis à vis GM food. Given the state's role in regulating and actively promoting the technology, government-sponsored public consultations have taken on the aura of public relations and have risked foreclosing meaningful opportunities for debate.

## **Tears, Fears and Careers: Anti-racism and Emotion in Social Movement Organizations**

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**Abstract:** Debates about anti-racism in many organizations often collapse into emotional and turbulent scenes characterized by anger and tears. The central concerns of this paper are the practices and discourses of emotional expression that shape what can be said in these organizational debates about racism and anti-racism. A predominant mode of discussion in many social movement organizations, particularly those inspired by feminist and collectivist histories, is one that privileges the disclosure of personal experiences and emotion. I demonstrate that this wide-spread mode of discussion, which I refer to as the "let's talk" approach, also produces a tightly controlled space for the expression and suppression of knowledge and feelings about racism. In particular, interviews with feminists active in anti-racist efforts shows that this "let's talk" approach often deflects and personalizes attempts at organizational change. The implication of this research is that simply "adding" feelings to organizational efforts, as some sociologists of emotion, feminist scholars and activists have suggested, is an enterprise that must be carefully interpreted. This paper suggests we should be re-thinking not only the practices of emotion in organizations, but also the historical relations of power that prompt emotional resistance to discussions of race.

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