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## ***Cultural Expertise in Europe: What is it useful for?***

Respect for diversity has been at the forefront of political accession to the European Union since 1993 and socio-legal scholarship has developed articulated reflections on the accommodation of ethnic and religious minorities in Europe. Country experts have been instructed with increasing frequency in judicial and pre-judicial proceedings involving members of diasporic communities. In some common law countries the role of the expert witness has expanded to systematically assist the judge when litigants belong to minorities; in most civil law countries, similar roles are played by translators and cultural mediators, including notaries and lawyers. Cultural expertise is sometimes used in order to avoid excessive judicialisation. Notwithstanding, disbelief is developing around cultural expertise; and, escalations of violence and counter-violence signal that the European majority and the so-called minorities are drifting apart. Hence our question: *Cultural Expertise in Europe: What is it useful for?* The presenter will outline the genesis of this project, her theoretical approach, methods of data collections and deliverables.

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