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Rioting in France.

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Abstract

In November 2005, France has been the scene of three weeks of "riots". Youngsters originating from migration - but mostly French citizenship by law - were involved, and a curfew was ordered by the French government, after a law voted in 1955 which was originally aimed at stemming insurrection in Algeria. The riots revealed the importance of a global crisis of the French model of citizenship and integration. How is it possible to analyse the extent of these riots? What lessons can be learned? This presentation will address the main issues at stake in the French context as far as citizenship, integration and discrimination are concerned. It will also deal with the public response to the riots and assess how far it will be difficult to pursue classical integration policies in France, based on a theoretical conception of equality of rights and membership, after November 2005.

About the Author

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