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## EDITORIAL

This issue of *Australian-Canadian Studies* features the cross-disciplinary range of articles for which *Australian-Canadian Studies* is noted. This issue sustains a focus on social and political issues grounded in both empirical studies and theoretical analyses. It is also an issue that finds, in the fabric of all the articles, a strong emphasis on comparative work between Australia and Canada.

In *Violence Against Immigrant Women Knows No Religious Bounds*, Emerita Professor Helen Ralston argues persuasively that religious legitimization of violence against women is a concomitant feature of patriarchal power relations. In a comparative analysis based on the lived experiences of South Asian women in Australia, Canada and New Zealand, Ralston effectively illustrates the force of patriarchal ideology as a discursive system of representation in sustaining a value system that legitimates violence.

With breast cancer the most frequent type of cancer diagnosed in women in Canada, Australia and other Western countries, Dr Grace Johnston and Dr Stephanie Short study the phenomenon of the increased incidence of this disease against the backdrop of breast cancer initiatives in both countries. The authors provide a comparative analysis of the existing health care frameworks and examine the extent to which these initiatives challenge or reflect the health policies and the social influences they exert on health care in Canada and Australia.

Dr Paul Chantrill utilises a comparative two-country approach to better understand the evolution of social policy in Canada and Australia. With aspects of social policy under almost constant re-evaluation and restructuration, Chantrill's

insistence on an historical approach is timely. He can then argue persuasively that despite similar institutional features (federal institutions, Westminster governance and active federal bureaucracies), the cross-national differences in the social and political contexts of both countries denies any single causal determination to operate in the spheres of social policy.

In an article tracking the evolution of the Canadian Charter of Rights (Constitution Act of 1982), Dr Haig Patapan discusses the emergence of this document as a key historical moment of "negotiation" in Canadian politics. Significantly, Patapan argues that despite this document's contentious history within Canada, it forms a model for Australia's desire to constitutionally entrench a Bill of Rights. With the Republic a current concern within Australia, and Québec sovereignty still unresolved in Canada, Patapan's account of the Charter's trajectory is a timely reminder of the complexity and anxieties of such deliberations.

Finally, the work of R.M. Conlon and J.A. Perkins looks at the comparative development of the automobile industry in Australia and Canada with specific interests in geography, trade barriers and foreign ownership. The Holden is firmly ingrained as an Australian icon (mythically the "Australian indigenous automobile", despite being largely German and American in construction). As is often cited in other domains of social policy, the Australian automobile industry in the post-war period drew heavily on the Canada-US agreements but with mixed results. The centrality of automobile industry policy to the economies of Canada and Australia continues unabated and this article provides an excellent means of contextualising that policy development and the industry moves in both countries.

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