

Multinational Federalism

Problems and Prospects

What are the promises of multinational federalism? What are the issues raised by the presence of several peoples within a federal state? Is federalism an ideal for managing national diversity? Which countries can serve as models and deserve to be carefully examined? And is Europe a good laboratory to explore whether the federal model can be adapted to allow for national diversity? This book offers state-of-the-art reflections on these questions by 13 leading experts in the field of multinational federalism. It gathers contributions from philosophers, political scientists and jurists dealing with the accommodation of peoples in countries like Belgium, Canada, Europe, Great Britain, India and Spain. The authors examine the institutional design and the formulation of principles governing the political organisation of a society when it is constituted by groups of different nationalities