'Belonging, social justice and social cohesion'

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'I am not 34 years old, my ability in this country is like a 14 year old person'

"...many challenges, put them back, they are useless..."

'I follow some of the Australian culture, but sometimes very hard for me to forget Burma, my own Culture'

'so I little bit demoted myself. It is hard to feel you belong here in Australia if you feel demoted you see'

'Waste of talent...'

'...destroy too many people coming to this country'

'I have to study again. My hair already grey!'

"...they go back into their own detention because of that drop down"

'It is not my field but I am trying'

'It is like jumping from a ten-story building'

'[I went] from one detention to another detention'

'Some men end up with this mental issue, frustration with life, they can't get a job'

Social cohesion continuum

Social chaos

Social harmony

Social harmony continuum



'Facets of belonging' (Nira Yuval-Davis)

- Emotional attachment and identification
- Social location
- Ethical and political values

'Politics of belonging' (Nira Yuval-Davis)

Ethical and political values



- Boundaries
- Hierarchies
- Exclusions

Social injustices

'Parity of participation' (Nancy Fraser)

Social injustices =

- Misrecognition (cultural)
- Maldistribution (economical)
- Misrepresentation (political)

'Parity of belonging'

Social justice [Parity of participation]



Sense of belonging [emotional attachment and identification]

Parity of belonging continuum

Boundaries
Hierarchies

Social justice A sense of belonging

Social cohesion continuum

Social chaos Disharmony Recognitive justice
Distributive justice
Representative justice
+
Emotional attachment
and identification

Parity of belonging

Thank you

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