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The Trouble with Collective Religious Freedom

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Canadian courts and scholars have recognized the deep linkages between religious belief and the communal institutions and practices through which it manifests. At the same time, we have not worked out the legal or practical consequences of giving collective religious freedom a place within our constitutional structure. Collective religious freedom claims are tricky for courts: collectivities are difficult to define, and their legal arguments often incorporate claims about political pluralism, sovereignty and jurisdiction. In this presentation I discuss the “trouble(s) with collective religious freedom”, and consider how we might develop a principled response to its challenges.

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