Gender (In)Security and Citizenship: Making National and Transnational Connections
Part I: Introduction

- Gap widening between citizenship theories & practices due to:
  i) intensified patterns of im/migration
  ii) states’ response to 9/11, “war on terror” (then, Bali, Spain, Britain etc.)

This paper’s focus= securitization vis-à-vis Canada and Britain
Part II: Context, Conceptual Clarifications & Central Premises

- Citizenship theories and discourses have deepened and widened
  - e.g. cosmopolitan/post-national citizenship theorization
  - e.g. discourses of states
  But both do not acknowledge reality re: contradictory roles of contemporary states re: inclusion/exclusion
Securitization

- Refers to adoption of more conventional notions of security where primary concern= protecting the nation state, with force if need be
- “State-centred” approach as opposed to “People-centred” approach

Thus, “national security” the primary concern, “human security” sidelined
Marketization

- Refers to ever more forceful push and pull of market logic/forces
- Most explicit with rise of neo-liberalism; more implicit but nonetheless apparent with “Canadian way”/ “Third Way” and advocacy of “social investment”
- *Marketization* and *Securitization* increasingly go hand in hand
Racialization

- Longstanding proclivities exacerbated
- Old/new forms of *racialization* with certain racial/ethnic/religious groups singled out, profiled, presumed guilty given the combination of *racialization* and *securitization*
- Explicit and implicit cases in Canada & Britain
Invisibilization of women

- Foregoing trends serve to render women and their concerns invisible
- National security = *male-only* event; both decision-makers & stereotypical terrorist = male
- Women’s concerns linked to a human *security* agenda (e.g. human rights, equality, economic security) that is now eclipsed
- beyond *securitization, marketization* and *racialization* affect women as well
Citizenship Regime I

*Jane Jenson’s* conceptual framework
(see Jenson and Phillips 1996; Dobrowolsky and Jenson 2004, 2005)

Encompassing:

4 interrelated sectors, conceived of as
4 points of a diamond:

*state; market; family; community*
Citizenship Regime II

- **Responsibility mix**: basic values, key boundaries of state responsibilities, differentiated from markets, families & communities

- **Rights & duties**: different rights bundles, individual & collective

- **Governance**: political practices, routes to representation; participation

- **Belonging**: identity and membership, boundaries of inclusion & exclusion
**Belonging**

*Shamit Saggar:*

“Blair has been encouraging, indirectly, the debate about what it means to be British for four years, but now...he’ll want to lead it quite openly...We will want to pin down, in policy terms, whether we have been encouraging an excess of diverse attitudes and identities which inadvertently have loosened the bonds or cement that are meant to tie us together in British society.”
Part IV: Conclusions

Janine Brodie:

“any meaningful pursuit of human security in a globalizing era will require the redistribution of income and opportunity, both horizontally, through borders and across geographic and cultural expanse, and vertically from those who have benefited disproportionately from globalism to those it has forgotten.”