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space where worlds converge new realities emerge and transcendence is possible rarely surfaces Instead the border as a physical manifestation of divisiveness is repeatedly explored In a passionate statement of solidarity with the Palestinians Lavalette describes the construction of the apartheid wall The wall is eight feet high and has a watchtower every three hundred metres Although there are no maps it is thought it could end up being close to one thousand kilometres in length by the time it is completed p 18 Yndigegn shows how spatial borders gradually become mental borders such that as visual borders disappear new invisible borders appear p 33 The article explores the dualism of borders simultaneously protecting those inside from external threats while also preventing those inside from reaching or engaging with the outside world Ni Eigartaigh takes up the duality theme in the exploration of individualism as a process either of liberation or one of alienation Taking the title from an aphorism of Kafka's *My Prison Cell My Fortress* she explores a view of contemporary society as repressive and of its inhabitants as complicit in the repression Drawing on a wide span of literature and disciplines she teases through the paradox of contemporary society that the freedom gained from the liberation of the individual from communal obligations and repression has resulted in a loss of identity and an overwhelming sense of isolation and powerlessness She concludes that in the absence of a restrictive system of social control the individual is forced to take responsibility for his own actions It is to avoid this responsibility that many choose the security of the prison cell above the hardship of the outside world Her paper does not go on to look at the potential role of the State or of fundamentalist movements in playing on the fear and disconnectedness of the citizenry as an equally likely outcome to that of a stronger capability for personal responsibility One could argue for instance that the European Fascist movement and the Nationalist movement of the early to mid twentieth century were both based precisely on the dislocation at personal and social level resulting from the breakdown of pre industrial communitarian ties While there is no attempt in the book to elucidate any particular developmental relationship between the different contributors two broad themes may be detected a concern with borders as socio political and geographical constructs on the one hand and a concern with the formation of identity in the individual's relationship to the wider society on the other Some light is cast on the latter issue by de Gregorio Godeo who posits discourse as a core concept in identity formation This leads to the conclusion that individual identity in this case individualism is in fact socially constructed in a dialectical interplay between the discursive and the social identities included so that they are mutually shaped by each other p 93 Using critical discourse analysis he goes on to explore changing notions of masculinity as evidenced in the Health sections of men's magazines

Changing Politics of Canadian Social Policy

Michael J. Prince, James J. Rice, 2000-03-18 No one is content with the state of health and social programs in Canada today The Right thinks that there is too much government involvement and the Left thinks there is not enough In *Changing Politics of Canadian Social Policy* James Rice and Michael Prince track the history of the welfare state from its establishment in the 1940s through its development in the mid 1970s to the period of deficit crisis and restraint that followed in the late 1970s

and 1980s Taking a historical perspective the authors grapple with the politics of social policy in the 1990s Globalization and the concomitant corporate mobility affect government's ability to regulate the distribution of wealth while the increasing diversity of the population puts increasingly complex demands on an already overstressed system Yet in the face of these constraints the system still endures and is far from irrelevant Some social programs have been dismantled but the government has organized and maintained others Greater democratization of welfare programs and social policy agencies could make the system thrive again Changing Politics provides the much needed groundwork for students and policy makers while also proposing real solutions for the future Sociology and Social Work Jo Cunningham, Steve

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