



### Legal Identity, Race and Belonging in the Dominican Republic

From Citizen to Foreigner

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This book provides a cautionary tale regarding legal identity practices as promulgated by the World Bank, UN and Inter-American Development Bank. It warns that policies encouraging the en masse registration of native-born migrant-descended populations can also force the thorny question of nationality, unsettling long-established identities and entitlements.

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- Offers much-needed empirical evidence of the potential for problems with en masse registration drives as promulgated by international organisations
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- Provides important analysis of legal identity and how the concept is currently being used in international development policy
- Raises questions that speak to issues concerning the expansion of legal identity practices and the role of documentation in including/excluding citizens (as opposed to migrants) from civil registries

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