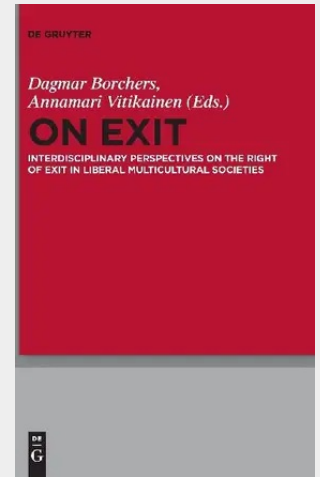


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Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Right of Exit in Liberal Multicultural Societies

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