Chicago Style

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- Place the superscript number at the end of the cited material and after all punctuation marks except the dash.

For example:

According to Bhikhu Parekh, any society that includes two or more cultural communities is multicultural; however, he argues that only those societies that “make [multiculturalism] central to its understanding” and that “respect the cultural demands of its constituent communities” are multiculturalist.¹

II. Notes

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3. Ibid., 1473.

4. Parekh, Rethinking Multiculturalism, 10-11.

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