A EUROPE OF CULTURE

A scientific, historical and philosophical reflection
on the "cultural" meaning of Europe

3 Europe: A state of mind beyond cultures and identities
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What is Europe?

→ A geographical space or a civilization?

→ A market or a political project?

→ A new historical reality or a philosophical, normative construction?

A geographical reality and identity

Discourses of inclusion and exclusions

On Borders and/or boundaries

On the Enlargement

On politics of neighborhood

Europe : the future of politics?

"Europe – called our community of faith – does not emerge from the past which contradicts it. It emerges hardly from the present because it is imposed by the future". Edgar Morin, 1988

Europe - Globalization

"The crucial first insight is that without Europe there can be no response to globalization. What Europe is or should be, then cannot be conjured up from the past; it has to be developed as a political response to the questions of the future, in every field such as the labor market, ecology and the social state, international migration, political freedoms and basic rights". Ulrich Beck 2020

Debates

Questions around the implications of a new political space for identities that are national, regional, linguistic, religious and of a European identity that might encompass the whole.

Questions

- How can we combine the pluralistic and complex sense of belonging by individuals, groups, and peoples in order to construct a political identity that is purportedly European, or rather, to arouse identification with Europe as a new political space of action and demands?

- How can we manage to form a European public identity accompanied by an identification with a "European political culture" in which other identities – ethnic, religious, regional, even national – would be considered as private identities?

Outline

1) Construction of European Identity

2) Formation of a European public space

European identity?

How to articulate multiple and complex membership of individuals, groups, of peoples in order to form a common identification that would be European, rather how to create a new identification with Europe as a new space for mobilization and claim?

The European Political Project

- Definition of a new model of society – pluralist
  A model that "should be able to be reconciled with the plurality of national cultures." Ferry
- Formation of a public identity – a sense of "peoplehood"
- Formation of a "European Spirit"

Institutional construction of Europe

Juridical construction

ECJ, ECHR

Limits of Institutional construction: collective consciousness

Search of new affective anchors

New solidarities : Minorities – majorities

Citizenship and Participation

- EU citizenship : Legal definition
- Normative discussions
  - Post-national Jean Luc Ferry
  - Constitutional patriotism Habermas

- Formation of a European citizen culture
- Political acculturation of states

European Public Space

- Transnational Space of controversies

- Transnational Space of political participation

- Transnational Space of claims and fights

Towards a European Multiculturalism?

Facing challenges:

- Immigration and asylum
- Politics of integration and discrimination
- Confrontation of transnational identities and nationalist agendas
- Populist discourses and exclusions