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Congress Information



International Congress
Chemnitz University of Technology
Germany, 6 - 9 May, 2009

Under the patronage of the President of the
European Commission, Mr. José Manuel Barroso

The notion of Europe is associated with a vast range of intellectual, cultural, and political possibilities. Research on Europe tends to invoke biases and a high degree of ideological reductionism that undermines efforts to pursue nuanced and productive forms of reflection.

The congress organisers ask whether there is a way of approaching the essence of the European character without reducing the discussion to essentialism. Is there a way of navigating the mazes that separate questions from answers when we think about Europe?

The aim of the international congress, **Ideas of Europe / Ideas for Europe**, is precisely to map a better and deeper understanding of Europe, without relinquishing reasoned discourse and ethical dialogue.

The congress will address the double meaning of its title, bearing in mind that the object of reflection intersects with multiple fields of theoretical representation.

The congress will take place in Chemnitz, 6–9 May 2009, under the patronage of the President of the European Commission, Mr José Manuel Barroso. Mr Barroso will be honoured with the doctorate degree Honoris Causa of the Chemnitz University of Technology and address the audience with a lecture on "Global Challenges and European Identity".

Prof. Dr. Viriato Soromenho–Marques
President of the Scientific Committee

Scope:

1. Research Focus

On September 29 in 1953 José Ortega y Gasset held a lecture in Munich entitled “Is there a European Consciousness?”. There were specific reasons for this question. A number of European states appeared to be determined to enforce the European Unification process on the debris of World War II. On May 9 in 1950 Robert Schuman had laid the stepping stone for a European integration with the European Coal and Steel Community. In the early days of the political project called Europe José Ortega y Gasset held the opinion that there could not be unification without a firm base, a unifying idea: “this capital stock can only consist of a shared cultural consciousness which must exist.” (Ortega y Gasset 1954: 6).

40 years later, during another important turning point of the European integration process, in February 1992 after the signing of the Treaty of Maastricht, the president of the EU commission Jacques Delors commented on the future of Europe: „If in the ten years ahead of us we do not succeed in giving Europe its soul, a spiritual dimension, true significance, then we will have been wasting our time [...] The potential of the Maastricht Treaty will not be realized without some form of inspiration“ (Delors 1992). He shared Ortega y Gasset’s opinion that the European Union cannot be reduced to a solely political and economic partnership of convenience. There is the necessity of a shared understanding that can only be achieved when grounded in a common European identity. Furthermore this “European soul” is something that not only needs to exist but needs to be brought into existence at first by the political agents and the European institutions.

The contemporary course of history promotes again an intensified engagement in questioning the European identity. At the beginning of the 21st century the European Union has achieved an unprecedented integration. This process is marked by the enlargement by 12 new member states in three years, the parallel legal and institutional rearrangement based on the Treaty of Lisbon and the prospect of further important member states. These recent developments in the unifying process may have some believe that Europe has reached both its geographical borders as well as its institutional and geographical limits.

The lack of acceptance towards the proposed constitution in Europe among the people as expressed by polls and votes is interpreted as a lack of

identification with Europe. The renunciation of the European constitution in 2005 by France and the Netherlands as well as that of the Lisbon Treaty by the Irish in 2008 initiated a stronger urge to further push the European identity among supporters of the integration process. After 50 years of European institutions there were many signs that a European consciousness is still missing which could provide life support for said institutions. Yet exactly this consciousness is a prerequisite for Europeans, aided by the institutions, can tackle global challenges such as climate change, global labour distribution, unsafe financial markets and demographic changes and can defend Europe's global position.

The political construction of Europe is accompanied by a special interest in the collective identity which makes Europe a so-called "imagined community" (see Anderson 1983). In 2007 the Italian political scientist Gian Enrico Rusconi asked for the active construction of such an identity since this, similar to national identities, does not come about by itself but is necessary for the consolidation of the European Union (Rusconi 2007). In the same year and one after another initiatives were founded that consider the creation of a common European identity as necessary for the future of Europe. There is an initiative called „A Soul for Europe“ (cf. Berliner Initiative 2008) and the book *Eine Seele für Europa* a.k.a. *A Soul for Europe* (cf. Busek 2008)

2. Scientific Aims

The congress aims at result-oriented debates of concepts of a unified Europe between political integration and cultural identity that came about in different ages. The main focus is on semantic fields of the name or term "Europe" as well as iconographic representations at a certain point in time of European history. The discourse may be expanded to cover neighbouring or competing terms such as "The old Europe", "Occident", "Nation" or "Christianity".

Embedding the discourse on Europe into the respective historical context allows working out the historical details of images of Europe. European wars, cultural and religious counterparts and the comparison with non-European alterity influenced the creation and the imprint of ideas of Europe. Historical concepts of Europe had been based on religion yet detached itself from religion which raises the question if there are any values and in case which substituted the religious ones in a secularized Europe. Images of Europe came about out of Europe, too. What is the context of their emergence? What are they like in character? The same questions appeal to the current discourses on Europe. What are their traits of character? How does the political context influence their profile?

The chosen ideas of Europe are to be analysed from a historical, a non-European and a prospective perspective.

The idea of a unified Europe is far older than the European Community. Therefore one focus of the congress is on a respective view aimed at the presentation and discussion of historical concepts of Europe. This may range from the ancient world until the recent past. The historical comparison allows finding parallels or differences between diverse concepts. At the same time it enables the recognition of how this is entangled in the historical context and the possibility of cyclical or constant developments. Historical drafts may help to find outlines and profiles of today's concepts for a European identity.

A view from the outside of Europe may stick to characteristics which cannot be seen from the inside. Montesquieu's *Lettres persanes* from 1721 were a rhetorical attempt to assume an outsiders perspective to show Europe's advantages and disadvantages. Yet there exist testimonials by African, American, Arab or Asian travellers and observers as well as those from people from the peripheries of Europe who came into the centres and wrote about their experiences. In this mirror ideas of Europe appear in an unknown perspective which may help to complement the insider view.

The reflection about the future of Europe is the third focus of the congress. Said reflection is not fulfilled in prognosing political and economic developments. Of special interest is the question of EU-citizens' identification with a unified Europe. This aims at the comparison, analysis and the discussion of prospective designs of a European identity as found in the European Commission, in national political institutions, in the media or among civil movements.

The congress is meant to encourage international and interdisciplinary dialogue. Constructivist, discursive, etymological and other approaches will be discussed for their usability in studying conceptions for Europe. The congress takes place in Chemnitz from 6–9 May 2009. Chemnitz is especially suitable because it is located in the heart of Europe. Furthermore, Chemnitz University of Technology has a research and teaching focus on European Studies with Middle and Central Europe being of special interest.

The results of the congress will be published. The broad historical range of the project, the great importance of the topic and the great expertise of participants will guarantee the publication to be of special interest to anyone interested in questions of a European identity.

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WEDNESDAY, 6 MAY

08.45 Official Opening (Lecture Theatre N112)

♪ Chamber choir of the Europäisches Gymnasium Waldenburg ♪
Conducted by Dipl.-Musikpädagogin Dagmar Hanf

Welcome Speeches by:
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Conducted by Dipl.-Musikpädagogin Dagmar Hanf

09.30 Opening Lecture (Lecture Theatre N112)

Germany, Spain, Europe
Walther Bernecker (University of Erlangen-Nürnberg)

10.30 Coffee Break

PROJECTS OF | FOR EUROPE
Opening of the students' exhibition in the foyer of Orangerie

11.00 1st Plenary Session (Lecture Theatre N112)

CONCEPTS OF EUROPE: HISTORICAL APPROACH
(Chair: Viriato Soromenho-Marques)

European Identity – A Generative Approach
Andrei Marga (Babes-Bolyai University, Romania)
Europe – Cartographical Concepts in the Middle Ages
Ingrid Baumgärtner (University of Kassel, Germany)
European Consciousness in the Early Modern Central and Eastern Europe
Janusz Tazbir (Polish Academy of Science, Poland)
Towards a New History of Modern Europe
Jean-Frédéric Schaub (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, France)

13.00 Lunch

14.30 2nd Plenary Session (Lecture Theatre N112)

EUROPEAN CULTURE: HISTORY AND MEMORY
(Chair: Vanessa Agnew)

International Conferences and the Formation of a European Political Culture

Günther Lottes (University of Potsdam, Germany)

Enlightenment's Wake and the Birth of Europe – The Condemnation to Modernity as the Only Exit for Identity

Onésimo T. Almeida (Brown University, USA)

Freemasonry, Pacifism and League of Nations

José A. Ferrer Benimeli (University of Zaragoza, Spain)

Europe and the Mediterranean Today – Geography and Geopolitics

Bodo Freund (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany)

16.30 Coffee Break

16.45 Parallel Sessions

Session A (Conference Room 2/N006)

IDEAS OF EUROPE IN THE ANCIENT WORLD

(Chair: Burkhard Müller)

Europe and the Other: Roots of a European Identity in Greco-Roman Antiquity

Andreas Hartmann (Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany)

The Classic European Foundations: From the Greek *Polis* to the Roman Empire

António Moniz (Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal)

The West and the East in Herodotus' Perception of His World

Ana Filipa Silva / Cristiana Lucas (CLEPUL, Portugal)

Strabo's *Geographika* in the Rome of Augustus

Paula Carreira / Susana Alves (CLEPUL, Portugal)

Session B (Conference Room 2/N001)

IDEAS OF EUROPE WITHIN NATIONAL CULTURES

(Chair: Susanne Günther)

Europeanism as a Strategy of Preserving National Cultures

Tadeusz Miczka (University of Silesia, Poland)

Spain in the Building of European History and Identity: Past and Future

Ignacio Pulido Serrano (University of Alcalá de Henares, Spain)

European Union and Turkey

Eduard A. Bulut (Nurol Holding & Cengiz Holding Joint Venture, Turkey)

The Idea of Europe in Galician National Literature

Carme Fernández Pérez-Sanjulián (University of A Coruña, Spain)

The Myth of the Harmoniously Co-Existing Europe and the Austro-Hungarian Theme in the Prose Works by Arnold Zweig

Zbigniew Kadłubek (University of Silesia)

Session C (Conference Room 2/N101)

LEGAL AND POLITICAL ASPECTS OF EUROPE

(Chair: Markus Hesse)

Euroscepticism in Europe

Florian Hartleb (Chemnitz University of Technology, Germany)

The Prospect of a Political Europe: A Matter of Political Regime or a Matter of System of Government?

Carlos Leone (Centro de História da Cultura, Universidade Nova de Lisboa)

The Principle of a Social Welfare State for the European Health Market – Legal-Economic Considerations on Healthcare-Related Orders Placed by the EU

Wilfried Janoska (Private Universität für Gesundheitswissenschaften, Medizinische Informatik und Technik, Austria)

EU's Restructuring – Assignment of a New Course and a New Meaning to European Integration

Grigore Silasi / Teodora Dogaru (West University of Timisoara, Romania)

Session D (Conference Room 2/NK004)

A COLLECTIVE MEMORY FOR EUROPE – I

(Chair: Günther Lottes)

Europe and a Memory out of Stone

Claudia Isep / Claudia Küttel (Alpen-Adria Universität Klagenfurt, Austria)

European Identity in Current Spanish Life: An Analysis of Various Examples of Holocaust Memory and Representation in Contemporary Spain

Luisa Juárez Hervás (University of Alcalá de Henares, Spain)

Today's Europe and Its Origins in the Versailles Order

Christian Blasberg (LUISS Guido Carli University, Italy)

One World, Two Philosophical Traditions: A Comparison of Maritain's and Kojève's Arguments for World Unification and European Integration

James Fetter (University of Notre Dame, USA)

Memories of *Mittelbau-Dora*: A Contribution to the 'Have-dones' and 'To-dos' in European Cultural Memory

Bruno Arich-Gerz (Technische Universität Darmstadt, Germany)

Session E (Conference Room 2/NK003)

QUESTIONING THE EUROPEAN IDENTITY – I

(Chair: Simone Ruth-Schumacher)

Postmodern Requirements of Identity for Europe

Matúš Halás (Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic)

'Old Europe' – Career, Misunderstandings and Potentials of a Concept

Hiram Kümper (University of Vechta, Germany)

From Exclusion to Hospitality, from Transgression to Cultural Difference, the European Pendulum

Nadja Stamselberg (Goldsmiths University of London, UK)

Abduction of Europe: A Matter in Transition

Olga Rusinova (European University at St. Petersburg, Russia)

From Europe towards the Universalisms of the Fifth Empire in the Work by Fernando Pessoa

Paulo Borges (University of Lisbon, Portugal)

19:00: Social Programme

CULTURAL EVENING AT THE UNIVERSITY'S CULTURE CLUB

THURSDAY, 7 MAY

08.45 3rd Plenary Session (Lecture Theatre N112)

THINKING EUROPE – FEELING EUROPE

(Chair: Margaret Tejerizo)

An Education for Europe?

António Nóvoa (University of Lisbon, Portugal)

Crisis, Economic Growth and Democracy. Europe at a Crossroads?

Bernhard Taureck (Technische Universität Carolo-Wilhelmina Braunschweig, Germany)

A Return to the Future: How will Europe be able to overcome its Present Crisis?

Frieder O. Wolf (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany)

A Culture for Europe?

Guilherme d'Oliveira Martins (Centro Nacional de Cultura, Portugal)

10.45 Coffee Break

11.00 Parallel Sessions

Session F (Conference Room 2/N001)

LITERARY CONCEPTS OF EUROPE – I

(Chair: Ulrike Brummert)

Discovering and Self-Discovering. European Literature and European Consciousness in the Early Modern Times

Peter Hanenberg (Catholic University, Portugal)

The Idea of Europe in the Period of Romanticism

Jacek Lyszczyna (University of Silesia, Poland)

The European Idea in Russian National Literature: Contexts and Discussions

Maria Kistereva / Mikhail Kabitskiy (Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia)

'SOS Europa' – Cultural Pessimism in the Early 20th Century Discourse on Europe

Verena Gutsche (Catholic University Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany)

Session G (Conference Room 2/N101)

IDEAS OF EUROPE IN MEDIEVAL AND MODERN EUROPE

(Chair: Beata Elżbieta Cieszyńska)

Medieval Europe – Object and Ideology

Klaus Oschema (Heidelberg University, Germany)

Mutual Wisdom – The Perception of the European Self in the Oriental Mirror as Found in the Provençal Version of the Novel *Barlaam et Josaphat*

Imre G. Majorossy (Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Hungary)

Confessionalisation Process and Proto-Nationalism in Spanish Monarchy – Study Through Military Orders (*Venerable Orden Tercera de San Francisco*) and University of Alcalá (1520-1680)

José Ignacio Ruiz Rodríguez / Pierluigi Nocella (University of Alcalá de Henares, Spain)

Being the Face of Europe or Bringing up the Rear: Ideas of Europe in Portugal, 16th to 18th Century

José Eduardo Franco / Teresa Pinheiro (University of Lisbon, Portugal / Chemnitz University of Technology, Germany)

Session H (Conference Room 2/NK004)

DREAMING OF ENLIGHTENED EUROPE

(Chair: Jörg Seidel)

Shadows, Relics, Mechanical Toys: Karamzin's View of Enlightened Europe as the Grand Bizarre

Sonja Koroliou (Martin-Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany)

'Barbarians in the Archive?' Constructions of the Other and the Self in the *Encyclopédie* of Diderot and d'Alembert

Karen Struve (University of Bremen, Germany)

Montesquieu and the Problem of Forming a European Spirit

Joshua Bandoch (University of Notre Dame, USA)

Christoph Martin Wieland – Cosmopolitan Perspectives on Europe before, during and after the French Revolution

Dominic Eggel (The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland)

Session I (Conference Room 2/NK003)

EUROPE OF REGIONS

(Chair: Peter Jurczek)

Province on a Hill: South Tyrol as a Microcosm of European Federalism

Phillip Alday (Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany)

Ideas of Europe in Madeiran Culture

Thierry Proença (Madeira University, Portugal)

The Route of Santiago – The First European Cultural Route and the Pilgrimage of Mythical Women in Medieval Europe (St. Elisabeth of Portugal, St. Bridgid of Sweden)

Isabel Morán Cabanas (University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain)

Santiago de Compostela: A Gateway for European Culture and Poetry

Yara F. Vieira (Campinas State University, Brazil)

Session J (Conference Room 2/N113)

EUROPEAN ELITE(S)

(Chair: Carlos Leone)

Les États-Unis d'Europe and *Le Lien des Peuples*. Ideas of/for Europe in the Fraternity of Freemasons, c. 1850-1930

Joachim Berger (Institute of European History, Germany)

Hubs of European Modernism 1890-1960

Cecilia Hansson (Malmö University, Sweden)

An Idea of Europe as an Elite Ideal for Portugal

Alexandre Honrado (Instituto Europeu de Cultura, Portugal)

Intellectual Elite and the European Idea in Post-Communist Romania

Ioan Horga / Cristina Dogot (University of Oradea, Romania)

13.00 Lunch

14.30 4th Plenary Session (Lecture Theatre N112)

LITERARY EUROPE

(Chair: János Riesz)

The Vision of Europe in Polish Literature Against a Background of Other Slavic Literatures and Its Consequences for the Future of the European Union

Halina Janaszek-Ivaničková (Commission for Comparative Studies of Slavic Literatures at the International Committee of Slavists, Poland)

Concepts of Europe in the Portuguese Literature from Romanticism to the Early 20th Century

Annabela Rita (University of Lisbon, Portugal)

Religion and Freedom, Civilisation and Justice – Some Elements of the Image of Europe from Novalis and Chateaubriand to Garrett and Hugo

Helmut Siepmann (RWTH Aachen University, Germany)

The future of Europe: How to overcome existing temptations? Reflections of an intellectual from the Balkans

Milan Gjurginov (International Committee of Slavists, Macedonia)

16.30 Coffee Break

16.45 Parallel Sessions

Session K (Conference Room 2/N001)

LITERARY CONCEPTS OF EUROPE – II

(Chair: Sonja Koroliov)

Europe Between Myth and Continental Allegory. Georg Kaiser's Play *Europe*

Almut Renger (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany)

Europe as Other in Contemporary Balkan Literatures

Anastasija Gjurginova (Ss. Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje, Macedonia)

The New Face of Europe – Images of a Post-Colonial Continent

Micaela Ramon (University of Minho, Portugal)

Is the Time Night? Visions of a 'New Europe' through the Writings of Liudmila Petrushevskaja and Carmen Martin Gaité

Margaret Tejerizo (University of Glasgow, Great Britain)

Session L (Conference Room 2/N101)

A COLLECTIVE MEMORY FOR EUROPE – II

(Chair: Bruno Arich-Gerz)

Oskar Schindler and Raoul Wallenberg – National, European and American Heroes in the Post-War Age of the Holocaust

Ulf Zander (Lund University, Sweden)

The Holocaust in European History Culture

Klas-Göran Karlsson (Lund University, Sweden)

Coming to Terms with Histories: Communism and Nazism in Trans-Boundary Historical Culture

Kristian Gerner (Lund University, Sweden)

Europe in the World: Playing Chess Games or Something Else?

Noémia Simões (High Institute of Engineering, Portugal)

Session M (Conference Room 2/NK004)

QUESTIONING THE EUROPEAN IDENTITY – II

(Chair: Peter Hanenberg)

The Ambiguity of the ‘Other Europe’: From a ‘Europe behind the Iron Curtain’ to ‘a Europe without the Iron Curtain’

Friederike Kind-Kovács (University of Regensburg, Germany)

The Idea of Europe in the Works by George Steiner and Bento XVI

Miguel Real (CLEPUL, Portugal)

Cultural Identity / Identities for Europe: Does It Serve for Anything?

Maria Manuel Baptista (University of Aveiro, Portugal)

An Unfinished Adventure Called ‘Europe’: Bauman, Kertész and Žižek on Europe’s Identity and Future

Mare Van Den Eeden (Central European University, Hungary)

Session N (Conference Room 2/NK003)

ENCOUNTERS WITH EUROPE AS SEEN BY THE OTHER – I

(Chair: Michael Harbsmeier)

Lusophone Africa and Europe: An Historical and Cultural Heritage

Muanamosi Matumona (Agostinho Neto University, Angola)

Wartime Europe as Seen by Others – Indian and African Soldiers in Europe in World War I

Christian Koller (Bangor University, UK)

European Myth in African Literature: *Les Soleils des Indépendances* by Ahmadou Kourouma and *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe

Paul Angoli (Université de Cocody-Abidjan, Ivory Coast)

Ideas of Europe in Post-Colonial African Lusophone Literature

Fernanda Santos (CLEPUL, Portugal)

Session O (Conference Room 2/N113)

IDEAS OF/FOR COMMON EUROPE

(Chair: Jesús García Gabaldón)

Back to the Roots – Emotionalising Europe

Martin Gerner (Technische Universität Dresden, Germany)

Recent Developments Concerning the Free Movement of Workers in Europe: The Principle of Non-Discrimination on the Grounds of Nationality

Daniela Rocha Brandão (University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain)

On Intergenerational Mobility in Europe

Ana Prokopyshyn / Paulo Delgado (CompaRes, Portugal)

Towards a More Inclusive European Immigration Policy

Alexej Ulbricht (Goldsmiths University of London, Great Britain)

How to Deal with European Integration: Writing nsd 68, New Evidence Reveals Internal Discords in the Nixon White House

Dimitri Grygowski (Rouen Business School, France)

FRIDAY, 8 MAY

08.45 5th Plenary Session (Lecture Theatre N112)

EUROPE AND ITS FUTURE PROSPECTS

(Chair: Onésimo T. Almeida)

Towards a Mythology of Europe

Eduardo Lourenço (University of Nice, France)

Education, Interculturalism and the New Europe

Steven Tötösy de Zepetnek (National Sun Yat-sen University / Martin-Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg, Germany)

The Missing Word in the Idea of Europe

Luís Machado de Abreu (University of Aveiro, Portugal)

Sentimental Europe

Pedro Barbas Homem (University of Lisbon, Portugal)

10.45 Coffee Break

11.00 Parallel Sessions

Session P (Conference Room 2/N006)

BETWEEN NATIONAL AND EUROPEAN IDENTITY – 20TH CENTURY ATTEMPTS

(Chair: Frank-Lothar Kroll)

Foundations of the Post-World War II European Order: The Europe Plans of the German, Italian, Dutch, French and Polish Resistance Against Hitler, 1940-1945

Ulrich Frisse (University of Western Ontario, Canada)

The ‘New Europe’ in the Discourse of Quisling and Governments In-Exile: The Greek Case, 1941–1944

Alexandra Patrikiou (Panteion University of Athens, Greece)

Visions of Europe and Revolution in the Intersecting Activist and Resistance Trajectories of Harro Schulze-Boysen and Alexandre Marc

Christian Roy (Université de Sherbrooke, Canada)

Archaeology and Political Agendas: The Making of Nationalism in Portugal (19th-20th Centuries)

Ana Cristina Martins (Tropical Research Institute, Portugal)

Session Q (Conference Room 2/N001)

EUROPE AS SEEN BY THE OTHER – II

(Chair: Teresa Pinheiro)

Ideas of Western Europe in Political Discussions of the Late Russian Empire (1905-1914)

Benjamin Beuerle (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany)

Seeing Oneself through Other Eyes? Anthropology and Non-European Civilizations from the Age of Discoveries to the 18th Century

Franz Obermeier (Christian-Albrechts Universität zu Kiel, Germany)

A Far Distant Glance at Europe: Critical Perspectives from Africa, India and China

Vittorio Cotesta (Roma Tre University, Italy)

A Global Power’s View on a Regional Player: Henry Kissinger’s Year of Europe

Judith Michel (University of Bonn, Germany)

Session R (Conference Room 2/NK003)

EUROPE: INTEGRITY AND DIVERSITY

(Chair: Luisa Juárez Hervás)

Europe: Unity and Multitude: *Kronika wszystkiego świata* by M. Bielski
as a Great Vision of an Old Continent

Ewa Cybulska-Bohuszewicz / Paweł Bohuszewicz (Polish Academy of Science /
Nicolaus Copernicus University, Poland)

Ideas of Europe Between Sarmatism and Sebastianism: A Comparative Perspective

Beata Elżbieta Cieszyńska (CLEPUL, CompaRes, Portugal / Kazimierz Wielki University,
Poland)

The Era of Sparta?

João Carreteiro (CLEPUL, Portugal)

Session S (Conference Room 2/N111)

EUROPE AND THE HUMAN UNIVERSE

(Chair: Margaret Tejerizo)

Globalization as Europeanisation

Peeter Mürsepp (Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia)

The Concept of Europe – and Beyond

Dieter Köhler (Universität Karlsruhe, Germany)

Is Transculturality a European Concept?

Ulrike Brummert (Chemnitz University of Technology, Germany)

The Principle of Transparency and the European Identity

Renato Gonçalves (University of Lisbon, Portugal)

Session T (Conference Room 2/N113)

EUROPE IN EDUCATION

(Chair: Matthias Niedobitek)

Why and How Should European Literature Be Taught in Europe? Some Ideas and a Modest
Proposal

Jesús García Gabaldón (Universidad Complutense Madrid, Spain)

The Future of European Languages in the Face of the Dominance of English. The role of
Portuguese and Bulgarian in the European and International Co-Operation Policies

Boyka G. Nédeva (St Cyril and St Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria)

13.00 Lunch

14.00 6th Plenary Session (Lecture Theatre N112)

POLITICS, IDENTITIES AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

(Chair: Beate Neuss)

The Nexus of European Integration and the Metamorphosis of International Relations:
Contemporary Dilemmas

Luís Lobo-Fernandes (University of Minho, Portugal)

Who Are We, Europeans? How Can Europeans Learn with Americans about Their Own Political
Identity?

Viriato Soromenho-Marques (University of Lisbon, Portugal)

What Does Europe Mean Now?

Erhard Busek (Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe, Austria)

15.30 Special Session (Aula Magna, N115)

CONFERMENT OF AN HONORARY DEGREE

Award of the degree of Doctor Honoris Causa to the President of the European Commission, Mr José Manuel Barroso

Mr Barroso will address the assembly with a lecture on "Global challenges and European identity"

18.00 Social Programme

ALTERNATIVE I: EUROPEAN CUP AT THE UNIVERSITY'S FOOTBALL PITCH

ALTERNATIVE II: GUIDED TOUR OF CHEMNITZ "20 YEARS AFTER THE PEACEFUL REVOLUTION"

20.00 Congress Dinner

SATURDAY, 9 MAY

08.45 7th Plenary Session (Lecture Theatre N112)

EUROPE AS SEEN BY THE OTHER

(Chair: Franz Obermeier)

Europe as Seen From Africa

János Riesz (Universität Bayreuth, Germany)

'Faked Europes' in Brazil during the 19th and 20th Century

Mary Del Priore (University Salgado de Oliveira, Brazil)

The Image of Europe in 19th and 20th Century's Brazil

Valmir Muraro (Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil)

10.15 8th Plenary Session (Lecture Theatre N112)

EUROPE IN TRAVEL LITERATURE

(Chair: Annabela Rita)

Travel Literature as a Source of Transformations in Europe

Fernando Cristóvão (Lisbon Science Academy, Portugal)

Europe Seen from afar: On Some Topics and Issues in the Accounts of Travellers from Other Parts of the World

Michael Harbsmeier (Roskilde University, Denmark)

11.15 Coffee Break

11.30 Closing Lecture (Lecture Theatre N112)

Making the Planet Hospitable to Europe

Zygmunt Bauman (University of Leeds, UK)

12.30 Closing Session (Lecture Theatre N112)

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Abstracts

THE MISSING WORD IN THE IDEA OF EUROPE

Luís Machado de Abreu

The construction of the European Union has made decisive progress in the economic, social and political fields. Nevertheless in the field of cultural politics there is still much to do. Cultural Europe is a territory full of contradictions and complexities, where the visionary intuition will have to challenge the strength of tradition and the egocentrism of national identities.

The aim of this contribution will be to reflect on some of the most enlightened ideas about the present and the future of Europe made during the 20th century. We will focus on the works of Paul Valéry, Ortega y Gasset and Peter Sloterdijk. More than simply utopias, Europe needs prophetic words, which criticise in the present day the errors and impasses of the past and show the way to more security and depth in Europe.

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PROVINCE ON A HILL: SOUTH TYROL AS A MICROCOSM OF EUROPEAN FEDERALISM

Phillip Alday

The promise of a unified, peaceful Europe realised through an already long envisioned Federalism often strikes the imagination as an unqualified positive, but beneath this happy hope looms a precarious problem. Supranational unity and national identity are locked in an apparent zero-sum game, and Europe must strike a balance. Fears of cultural loss have stopped the advancement of the dream, and a stalemate has developed, evident in the vacillating designs for a European constitution and calls for devolution.

The border area of South Tyrol functions as a microcosm of this federalist dilemma and shows how to strike a win for both unity and identity out of the current stagnation. Although the nationally dominant Italian culture and language had coexisted with the local Germanic in South Tyrol for centuries, the transformation of the region into a sub-entity of a larger (Italian) political framework following annexation ignited fears of cultural hegemony, which were very nearly realised during a programme of Italianisation under Mussolini. Attempts to statically balance Italian national unity with local identity left neither requirement satisfactorily met. The evolution of a 'dynamic autonomy' created a dynamic equilibrium, where both local and national concerns could be addressed effectively. Like all compromises, some aspects of each side were less than ideal, but the overall balance was much better than either extreme, and South Tyroleans increasingly recognise that peaceful community with another culture can lead

to enrichment instead of dissolution. The change to this optimistic perspective, i.e. embracing this situation as a net gain for both interests, provides a palatable solution to the dilemma.

The concerns about cultural hegemony, economic dominance, self-determination and national sovereignty in the European Union can be addressed by similar political processes. A dynamic equilibrium can satisfy the required balance of peaceful, supranational unity and national sovereignty and identity, with the result that both players in this zero-sum game tie for the win. In this way, this tiny agricultural area is leading the way into the common European future. Although we cannot yet see the final form, we already have a very good idea of how the long awaited European Federalism will look when we observe the success of South Tyrol and other border regions.

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ENLIGHTENMENT'S WAKE AND THE BIRTH OF EUROPE – THE CONDEMNATION TO MODERNITY AS THE ONLY EXIT FOR IDENTITY

Onésimo T. Almeida

Scholars of cultural identity often ignore an obviously very significant fact: that the word 'identity' is generally used mistakenly (in the classic sense of the Aristotelean origin of the word). This means the term is used both ways indiscriminately: identity as past and common cultural characteristics (sometimes considered as homogeneous) and unity regarding the future. Confusion and disagreement are inevitable if this mistake is not clarified. In the case of European identity it will be impossible, as has been reflected in debates about what constitutes the common past of Europe, to discover such a unity. The Greco-Roman world is not exactly the Christian world. Christianity itself has never been an identity (in the first meaning of the term) except during the long period of the Middle Ages. And even then divisions between Orthodox and Roman Christianity occurred at a very early stage. Afterwards, the Reformation and Counter-Reformation created a cleavage that lasted for at least 400 years. The debate on European identity should therefore focus on a kind of utopia or ideal unity for the future. Yet if we focus on the philosophical work of the past two centuries in the field of ethics, we can conclude that this utopia cannot go beyond a rather general set of ideals emerging from the Enlightenment, even if postmodernists refuse to recognise this fact. Essentially they refuse only the absolutism of modernity, not its basic axioms (see my essay 'Modernity, post modernity and other nubulos ideas' [Culture — History and Philosophy 22 (2006), pp. 29-69]).

Given this scenario it is inevitable to ignore the American model, which is based on the axioms of this paradigm. Many Europeans are horrified when faced with this possibility, but the only possible response seems to be to paraphrase a famous statement by Churchill: "Modernity (Enlightenment) is the most horrible of utopias" (see for example

John Gray, *Enlightenment's Wake*, Routledge, 1995 and *Black Mass. Apocalyptic Religion and the Death of Utopia*, Penguin Books, 2008)

Essential to this process is an inevitable dose of voluntarism that is not provided by the empirical-rationalist paradigm which is predominant in the currently Western ideology, but an emotional and volitional intervention of a collective project. The last resort of rationalism may not be given by Descartes but rather by Pascal.

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EUROPEAN MYTH IN AFRICAN LITERATURE: *LES SOLEILS DES INDEPENDANCES* BY AHMADOU KOUROUMA AND *THINGS FALL APART* BY CHINUA ACHEBE

Paul Angoli

Marked by the diversity of cultures, customs, traditions, languages, rhythms, oral literatures and in particular, a civilisation rich in human and mythical values, the African continent has been a target of radical transformation since the arrival of the Europeans. The destruction of the cultural values, the establishment of a strong administration for the exploration of the African culture influenced the emergence of a European myth in African literatures.

In the course of this essay, we shall analyse *Les Soleils des independances* by Ahmadou Kourouma and *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe. We will attach to the literary effects of the imposition of Christian religion and colonisation in Africa.

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MEMORIES OF MITTELBAU-DORA: A CONTRIBUTION TO THE 'HAVE-DONES' AND 'TO-DOS' IN EUROPEAN CULTURAL MEMORY

Bruno Arich-Gerz

Much like in any other concentration and extermination camp of the Nazi era, the *Häftlingsgesellschaft* (prisoner society) of the Mittelbau-Dora camp complex included Jews, Sinti and Roma, political opponents of the fascist regime and other individuals

such as ‘criminals’ Italian military internees or Jehovah’s witnesses. With the exception of one single internee – a Haitian – they were deported to the Harz region in Northern Thuringia from those nations which have in the meantime come to be members of the European Union or belong, as in the case of Russia and Ukraine, to the ring of adjacent countries. A look at the record of memoirs and accounts of those who survived the ordeals in the ‘Hell of Dora’ that existed from August 1943 until April 1945 reveals an extremely diverse picture. Belgian, French and Dutch survivors produced comparatively many of these reports after their liberation by outspokenly or implicitly betraying a great acceptance and honoration of their past endurances in a ‘système méritocratique’ (Chaumont). The reports from German political opponents, mostly communists, tell a different story if one re-inspects them through the optics of today: written after the war and published mainly in the Eastern part of Germany, these foreground the heroic fight against fascism even within the enemy’s camps, borne as it was by an adherence to those ideological tenets which would then become the state doctrine of the GDR, rendering their writers into worshipped examples of anti-fascist resistance. Yet another story – a mainly untold one – is that of the Russian and Ukrainian survivors: with the exception of some taped interviews conducted at the Mittelbau-Dora memorial site (*Gedenkstätte*), their postwar ordeals in the Gulags and the difficulties of re-integrating into their native societies have not yet reached a larger public either in the Western part of Europe or in their home countries.

Given this heterogenous picture of accounts which draw on a period in the past of Europe that was – and still is – all but ‘European’ in the sense of today’s political agenda of a consensus-orientated and ‘let’s grow together’ politics, the suggested contribution to the Ideas of Europe conference points at the to-dos in present-day memory culture. By recognising the disparate individual memories and collective (non-)remembrance in general as a prerequisite for the identity formation of a Europe as an eventual supranational entity which explicitly pays heed to its more painful and markedly ‘anti-European’ chapters in the past, the presentation wishes, firstly, to inspire more urgently needed data-collecting and research activities in countries such as Poland, Czechia or Slovakia and Slovenia. Once catching up with this and secondly, it proposes a considerate look at the entirety of European suffering in the Nazi Mittelbau-Dora camps, exemplary as they were for a distinctly chauvinistic politico-cultural approach to ‘unifying’ the continent, for the aim of creating a present that not only learns a lesson from its more recent past, but also finds a suitable equilibrium between governable unity and cultural diversity.

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Joshua Bandoch

To understand Europe and the Union it is forming, we must begin by looking at the thinkers and ideas which inspired it. One of the seminal philosophers to study for these purposes is Montesquieu, the 18th century Frenchman. In his *De l'esprit de lois* (1748) Montesquieu is principally concerned with how the identity of a community, state, or nation is understood, formed, maintained and changed. To accomplish this task he analyses myriad factors which constitute the spirit of a community – religion, history, laws, commerce, culture, religion, mores and manners. By carefully analysing many societies and incorporating these concepts into his analysis, Montesquieu provides both general and particular maxims for forming a good, cohesive spirit within a state. Yet in spite of his careful investigation Montesquieu reminds us that it is very difficult to accomplish the task of forming a good spirit. He thus identifies a core problem which we face today, namely if, how and to what extent different communities can be brought together to form a more cohesive identity.

As the European Union moves forward and attempts to both further integrate the communities already within it and incorporate new nations, states and communities, this problem is especially acute. The question arises as to whether and to what extent a 'European' identity can form. That is, to what extent is it possible for this Union to be 'European'? What would be the costs – political, economical, social and spiritual – of doing so?

Using Montesquieu as my guide, I then apply his thought to the contemporary quandary facing the European Union, namely the extent to which different communities can and should be integrated into a larger European community. I argue that it might be possible to form what I will refer to as a 'loose' European spirit, but that it is very difficult and in fact undesirable to form what I will call a 'tight' European spirit because the cost of cutting ties with the values of more local communities is too high. By a 'loose' European spirit I mean a basic level of consensus about what it means to be European in these five areas – political, economical, social, historical and spiritual. By a 'tight' European spirit I mean close agreement in these five areas. Only by approaching the matter this way can European community move forward in developing a better European Union.

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CULTURAL IDENTITY / IDENTITIES FOR EUROPE: DOES IT SERVE FOR ANYTHING?

Maria Manuel Baptista

The identity discourse has a tragic history in Europe (both inside frontiers and outside its own geographic space). The first part of this paper will try to present an overview about some of the most important literary, political and philosophical theories of this concept in Contemporary Europe and its main sociological and historical consequences. In a second part we will aim to discuss the importance, the need and utility of such a concept in our multicultural Europe that has ambiguous and contradictory discourses

about cultural identity/ies. Finally we will try to compare European Contemporary perspectives on this issue with other ways of understanding identity in other continents such as Asia or Latin America in order to develop and bring more complexity, ductility and theoretical and practical richness to this concept.

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MAKING THE PLANET HOSPITABLE TO EUROPE

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The title implies that our planet is not at the moment hospitable to Europe. It also suggests, obliquely, that we, the Europeans, experience the lack of such hospitality as a problem – that is, as a deviation from what could be legitimately expected, an abnormality that needs to be put right again. 'Again' – since, presumably, in the past we used to feel on the planet *chez soi* and wherever and whenever we went we would have expected hospitality to us and to our daring pursuits as our birthright; and we would assume that the homely feeling will continue as part of the natural order of things. 'Hospitality' came so naturally, as to hardly ever leap into our view as a 'problem' calling for special attention. As Martin Heidegger would have put it, it remained in the grey and misty area of *zuhanden* – and as long as things worked as they were expected to, there was no occasion to move it into the sphere of *vorhanden* – into the focus of attention, into the universe of 'troubles' and 'tasks'.

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EUROPE – CARTOGRAPHICAL CONCEPTS IN THE MIDDLE AGES

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Since ancient times the universal geographical term 'Europe' has referred to a part of the inhabitable world whereas the manner of dividing the world and the emphasis put on the three continents Asia – Europe – Africa was to be discussed. The presentation will focus on the solution of this problem in cartographic representations of the world during

the Middle Ages. Which concepts were behind the global and regional mappings and the nautical maps, how was Europe established as a cartographic image? How was cognitive cartography related to the Christian ideals and morals of the Occident and which textual and pictorial strategies of argumentation were applied? With regard to the contemporary discussions of the realm of European culture, the presentation aims to comprehend geographic and cartographic images of Europe during the Middle Ages and to explain the functioning of medieval mapping for the example of Europe. Furthermore we will embed the practices of representation into their historiographic and literary contexts of knowledge and knowledge transfer processes.

Of greatest importance are two components: first, the continent Europe as a historic-geographical variable with an extended range of possible interpretations; second, the discourse on the culturally determined function of maps.

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LES ÉTATS-UNIS D'EUROPE AND LE LIEN DES PEUPLES.

IDEAS OF/FOR EUROPE IN THE FRATERNITY OF FREEMASONS, C. 1850–1930

Joachim Berger

Since the middle of the 19th century, the project of forming the 'United States of Europe' has gained support among European intellectuals. Not few of them were convinced that a closer union between the European powers could only succeed if it did not solely rely upon governments and their administrations. In fact, a peaceful union of states had to be backed up by a rapprochement of the European peoples at grass-roots level. Not surprisingly, this point of view was frequently uttered within the multifaceted, Europe-wide network of societies, clubs and associations. Probably the most prominent yet contended of these societies was freemasonry – an ethical initiatory fraternity promoting brotherly love and universal tolerance. The ritual practice of masonic lodges was designed to grind off those fundamental divides that had been separating mankind (nationality, religion, class and race). Freemasonry thus seemed to be the natural ally of internationalist, pacifist and pan-European movements from the revolutions of 1848/49 until the interwar period. Eminent pro-European freemasons included Aristide Briand, Gustav Stresemann and Richard Coudenhove-Calergi. The editor of *Les États-Unis d'Europe*, the widespread journal of the *Ligue Internationale de la Paix et de la Liberté* (1867–1939), was the mason Charles Lemonier. The paper examines how European freemasons came to terms with the idea of a closer union of the European peoples and its presumable effects on masonic obediences in Europe. By focussing on key

discussions in the national Grand Lodges of France, Italy, Germany and England, the paper traces the intersections of a pan-European discourse within the fraternity – a discourse embedded into changing sociocultural and political frameworks from the mid-nineteenth century until the derogation of masonic internationalism in the 1930s. Internationalist and pacifist movements indeed had their repercussions on European freemasonry, materialising in international congresses, publications and organisations. However, these attempts to put into practice the masonic ideal of cosmopolitanism (as embodied in the model of a universal brotherhood) were often thwarted by national(istic) sentiments on the part of the Grand Lodges, and by their fear of being accused of international conspiracy. This conflict was especially applied to ‘European’ initiatives. They were subject to growing tensions between universal values laid down in the Constitutions of 1723 and the mason’s duty for allegiance to his country. Masonic internationalism also suffered from internal disputes on the religious obligations and political commitments of the fraternity. This factionalism was incarnated in the great schism triggered by the decision of the Grand Orient of Belgium and France to leave it up to the individual lodges to adhere to the symbol of the ‘Great Architect of the Universe’. From the late 1870s, the United Grand Lodge of England ostracised all lodges that maintained fraternal relations with French brethren as ‘irregular’. The paper will discuss how the ideas of and for ‘Europe’ as a cultural and political entity were embedded in masonic discourse on intercultural encounters and transnational rapprochement. Where exactly did ‘Europe’ rank between the local lodge, national obedience and the ideal of a ‘universal brotherhood’? How Christian, how secular was this ‘Europe of Freemasons’ (P.-Y. Beaurepaire)? Did freemasons regard their ‘European fraternity’ as morally and culturally distinct (or superior) within the worldwide ‘chain of brotherhood’? Which part did (Western) European freemasons ascribe to themselves in the quest for a closer union between the European states? The paper thus aims at a deeper understanding of masonic internationalism and will contribute to a social history of ‘European’ thought.

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IDEAS OF WESTERN EUROPE IN POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS OF THE LATE RUSSIAN EMPIRE (1904–1914)

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In my lecture I will study different ideas of Western Europe as expressed in political reform discussions of the late Tsarist Empire, and the role of these ideas within these discussions.

It is widely accepted that Peter the Great opened Russia to Western Europe and that in the last two centuries of the Tsarist Empire adherents and adversaries of a development modeled on Western Europe struggled to find the right way to Russia's future. However, in the last decades of the Empire this dichotomy already belonged very much to the past. Although it was still disputed if and to which degree Russia should (or could) follow Western Europe in a cultural way, since the Crimean War (1854–56) it was largely undisputed amongst Russian elites that Russia would have to modernise its economy, its infrastructure and more broadly its administration and at least part of its political system if it was to survive as a *grande puissance* amidst powers like France, Great Britain and Germany. And there was – as far as Russian elites were concerned – hardly any doubt that what represented modernity was Western Europe, or (as was used on many occasions as a synonym) the West (*Zapad*). Thus it is not surprising that Western European models were largely present in political discussions of the late Empire and were widely used as political arguments in order to prove the value of one's own proposals or to reject proposals of political adversaries. This was even more the case in the last decade before the First World War, during which – at the latest since the start of the 1905–07 Revolution – there were a huge number of political reforms to discuss and almost no censorship barriers to open political discussions (and thus to political plurality) left.

Now, while it was – with certain exceptions – generally acknowledged that Russia would have to modernise more or less along Western European lines, it was not at all predefined what 'Western Europe' meant in the Russian context – by the way no more than in Western Europe then or now. Which European countries could be regarded as representative of Western European modernity? Which belonged to it and which did not? Could the French Republic be regarded as more modern and more European than the German Empire or the Italian Kingdom (or vice versa)? Was it, for example, European, was it modern (or – another favourite term occurring in Russian political discussions of the time – suitable for 'civilised countries'), to resort to the death penalty – as it was applied throughout large parts of Western Europe (but neither in Italy nor in Norway)? And which conclusions could be drawn from these ideas of and attributes to Western Europe for the Russian context?

It might be enough for now to state that the answers to these questions (as others related to them) were not homogenous, but that they differed very much depending on the political player who gave them, on the party or social group he belonged to and on the point he wanted to make. It will be the purpose of my lecture to study these different ideas of Europe expressed in Russian reform discussions of the late Empire – in the Duma and the State Council, in political publications and within the bureaucracy – and the role and function of these European models within these discussions. Besides the (important) fact that these different models and images of Western Europe became relevant when it came to forming the political reforms that would shape Russia's future at the time, it might be of interest to see in which way these ideas of Western Europe, as expressed in the Russian context, corresponded to or differed from ideas of Western Europe in other peripheral (or non-European) societies, as in Western Europe itself.

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TODAY'S EUROPE AND ITS ORIGINS IN THE VERSAILLES ORDER

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Today's European order has many features in terms of structures, mentality and political thinking of the Europe created by the Treaty of Versailles in 1919. It even seems as if the following interwar period, the Second World War and the whole complex of the Cold War order had only been temporary disturbances of the Versailles order to which Europe, in the end, had to return. The intentions of the leaders of the Versailles Conference then badly welcomed by many Europeans and by the peacemaker's own political elites, now seem to have known a late rehabilitation, proving that they had been basically right. Germany is not a threat to its neighbours anymore, it has been cut off its Eastern, most irredentist and dangerous parts; its remaining Western and Central parts have a stable and modern democracy. Poland's Eastern frontier corresponds mainly to a line set in Versailles; the principle of national self-determination has been realised to a degree never known in Europe before, the Baltic Republics, Ukraine and even Belorussia and Moldova are independent countries. A League of Nations, renamed the United Nations, exists with the participation of the USA and a non-soviet Russia, as well as a huge number of now independent former colonies.

On the other side, two of the States newly created in Versailles, the Czechoslovakian and the Yugoslav States, are now dissolved, but is not this dissolution, in the end, only a consequence and even a victory of the leading spirit of the Treaty, the principle of national self-determination? Also a European Union was not foreseen by the Treaty, but is surely to be seen as a natural development out of its guiding spirit. A weakened continent after the First World War tried to establish new structures in order to overcome its old divisions.

On the other hand, the Versailles Treaty also works in a negative sense today. The problems that this treaty did not manage to resolve for the interwar period are today's problems. The Second World War as its tragic consequence and its outcome did not constitute a solution to these problems or put an end to the Versailles order, but it was only a shock event that generated changes temporarily subordinated to it. When the Cold War order vanished, the structures created at Versailles broke through again, stronger than ever before. If the Versailles Treaty has to be seen as a revolution, World War Two and the Cold War were a counterrevolutionary period that came to its natural end because the revolutionary ideas were too strong to be suppressed. When dealing with problems like European Politics in the Georgian-Russian conflict or the Kosovo question, as well as many minor conflicts in and around Europe, the virtues and 'defailances' shown by the various players are those created by the Versailles order. Tools for conflict resolution in the 1920s and in post-1990 Europe are very similar, and

the outcomes of the conflicts very much reflect the strengths and weaknesses of these tools.

The presentation will analyse these linking lines between the Europe of 1919 and the one we experience in 2009. The centenary of the Versailles Treaty in 2019 might lead to its rediscovery as the foundation event for Modern Europe.

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FROM EUROPE TOWARDS THE UNIVERSALISMS OF THE FIFTH EMPIRE IN THE WORK BY FERNANDO PESSOA

Paulo Borges

Following the works by Luís de Camões, António Vieira and Agostinho da Silva, Fernando Pessoa reinterprets the biblical theme of the Fifth Empire as a metaphor of human awareness of totality and universality mediated by the Portuguese language and culture. Against the traditional interpretation, in which the Fifth Empire should be the messianic kingdom of God on earth, surpassing the historical succession of Assyrians, Persians, Greeks and Romans, Pessoa sees it as a cultural and spiritual empire, resulting from a syncretic assimilation of the core of each one of the former four great civilisational moments – Greece, Rome, Christianity, Europe – which accomplishes and simultaneously transcends them with the spirit of universalism demanded by the ‘multicontinental nature of present [European] civilisation’ itself.

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE FREE MOVEMENT OF WORKERS IN EUROPE: THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF NATIONALITY

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Conscious of the importance of the free movement of workers to the European internal market, the European Court of Justice continues to underline the role of the principle of

nondiscrimination on the grounds of nationality in order to facilitate the freedom of persons. The jurisprudence makes this clear by considering it one of the key elements in the creation of European market. The most important legal provisions governing the free movement of workers are included in article 39 CE. The scope of this study is precisely defined in article 39, 2 CE, which stipulates: ‘2. Such freedom of movement shall entail the abolition of any discrimination based upon nationality between workers of the Member States as regards employment, remuneration and other conditions of work and employment.’

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IS TRANSCULTURALITY A EUROPEAN CONCEPT?

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If one takes a closer look at a cultural phenomenon, one easily comes to the conclusion that any cultural phenomenon is also a transcultural one. Is the concept of transculturality an inadmissible tautology created in the inebriated passion of producing a pseudo-scientific discourse? The case seems to be more complex than that. Another complementary field in need of careful analysis lies in the conditioning of the addressee of culturality.

The presentation will first analyse the potentialities of transculturality. Afterwards it will venture into the field of prospects, taking into account the signs of a change of perspective that can be detected at a European level. This lecture will be structured upon the question of suppression/conversion of the national ideal of the 19th century.

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EUROPEAN UNION AND TURKEY

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For centuries, Europe has been dominated by an internalised law of expansion, aiming to replicate itself in vast areas of the world; hence, Europe tends to be considered differently by the peoples on other continents. As far as the standpoint of Turkey with regard to the continent of Europe and as far as the European Union is concerned, it is necessary to extend the scope of the case to include aspects such as politics, economics, religion and legal harmonisation. Firstly, as for the political point of view of

Turkey on European Union policy, the general public opinion is that the EU applies double standards in accession negotiations and the Cyprus issue without taking into consideration the Customs Union or other conventions concluded. Secondly, in terms of economics, the EU poses a good strong model, disregarding the increasing employment rates in some Member States and the vulnerability to global crises. Thirdly, considering the case through a religious perspective, the Turkish notion is that the Christian-dominant European states are biased against a candidate with a different religious background and are unwilling to accept Islamic-orientated Turkey. Lastly, the legal harmonisation has received remarkable attention due to the fact that outstanding personalities were judged by Article 301. This lead the Turkish people to think that the European harmonisation requirements have an intervening nature. These aspects are the paramount points that form a general image of the continent of Europe and of the European Union within Turkish society.

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WHAT DOES EUROPE MEAN NOW?

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Jacques Delors, the important President of the European Commission for ten years stated once: 'You cannot love a common market. We need to give Europe a soul.' This analysis is quite true of the current situation in Europe. European institutions are quite necessary but they do not really describe the content of the development of Europe alone. It was a challenge as the Convention discussed the European constitution to describe the roots of Europe. For sure we can do this by means of the historical development: Greek philosophy, Roman law, Jewish-Christian thinking, Enlightenment and modernity had a deep impact on European development.

Also we are defining Europe in 'unity and variety'. But this is very abstract. On the other hand, we can observe a growing nationalism in different countries. Also it is quite clear that – especially for the younger generation – the technical approach of the decisions of the European governments is not enough. We are also missing a European public, where we discuss what is in common in Europe.

European integration is for sure a success story in economy, now questioned by the financial crisis, but it also has to be said that on this level the activities in recent weeks have not been so bad. But community in a growing Europe also exists as a result of common feelings, of the conviction that there are common roots, and also the perception of history because a lot of tension on the bilateral level is coming or has come of this.

All this is extremely important in the situation we have, not only since 1989 with the fall of the iron curtain, but also in view of the question: how far does Europe reach? Not

only is this a question of geographical definition; it is also a question of mutual understanding and knowledge. Sometimes we can say that emotions are really forgotten, but they are quite necessary for sound development on our continent. 'To give Europe a soul' has so far been challenge, especially for the humanities and social sciences. This cannot be accomplished by institutions alone. It needs also informal society, because this is important for the real value of civil society in our days.

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IDEAS OF EUROPE IN THE ANCIENT WORLD: STRABO'S *GEOGRAPHIKA* IN THE ROME OF AUGUSTUS

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Strabo was born in c. 64 BC, in the Pontus. Son of a wealthy and influential family, he received a thorough education. He went to Rome in 44 BC, where he met some men of culture at that time. He was the author of one of the most important works on ancient world geography, the *Geographika*, which is composed of 17 books. In it, he describes the known world from a geographical and cultural point of view.

By arguing that his geographical science can be compared to Philosophy, Strabo begins a tour, describing the three continents that fulfilled the classical world perception – Europe, Asia and Libya (Africa). Europe is, specifically, the first region to be mentioned. This choice is justified by the author, when he claims that Europe deserves its rightful prominence not only for having a natural predisposition for the development of excellent men and governments, but also because it contributed advantageously to the two other continents (2.5.26). He claims that a good statesman is crucial to the prosperity of a country, setting out three dominant peoples: Greeks, Macedonians and Romans.

In the Augustinian context, Strabo's *Geographika* depicts a plain idea of Eurocentrism. By analysing the world map, he outlined that we can predict the European geographical configuration that we will find in subsequent ages.

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THE ERA OF SPARTA?

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Europe's future will not be shaped by polished questions about possible constitutional frameworks but by issues triggered so brutally as a result of profound changes in the complex energy that sustains the modern way of life.

This contribution is assuming that a new reality will be imposed by the consequences of 'peak oil', the most spectacular of a series of insurmountable natural limits brought about by the exuberance and greed of modern life. Without energy and cheap raw materials the future will be 'no more of the same'. As the tide turns to reach the limits of the earth a new era is about to unfold, metaphorically called the 'Era of Sparta', as opposed to the 'Era of Athens', which in fact has already started to disappear. When here, as in Athens of the fifth century BC, Europe enjoyed a culture of trade with the world and the new reality imposed by the planet will take its toll, it will resemble more the landscape of Lacedomonia, rough, parochial and inside-looking.

Signs that the natural limits are being reached are given by the current economic recession, which appears to be an inflation as opposed to the previous recession which was deflationary. The warnings from the scientific community regarding the depletion of natural resources are now supported by material expressions according to the law of supply and demand. The prices rise and this achieves what decades of environmentalism could not.

The transition to the new situation has resulted in chaotic changes in humanity. With the most of it now living in cities it is the biggest loser in this context. The changes will be applicable on three levels: 1) a reduction in social complexity, 2) a decrease in economic and social expertise and, finally, 3) a reduction in the interdependence between different geographical areas, i.e. the suspension of 'globalisation'.

Three players take important roles in the 'Era of Sparta': localism, regionalism and what is called for lack of a better expression 'Russian-style plutocracy'. These centrifugal forces will in principle attempt to make order out of chaos and there will be opportunities created by this. However, if the state – national or European – is powerless to restore normality, the consolidation of these new powers will be a reality that will give new meaning to the phrase 'Think globally, act locally'.

Since statements regarding the future are full of mystification, we will at first try to give an answer to the question concerning the prospects of Europe by identifying similar moments in the past. The fall of the Western Roman Empire seems appropriate to identify some realities in order to understand what a new era really means. Afterwards we will discuss collected scientific data that support the statements made: a body of knowledge already exists about geophysical phenomena and to some extent about economic phenomena. In this context, Europe has certain advantages. Identifying them will help to mitigate the problems using examples of success in the history of our civilisation. It is expected that the real European prospects for the future will be

discerned in a world subject to global hopes and fears and that even more imminent danger will be spread.

Aristotle, reflecting on the consequences of the way of life of Sparta of his time said: It is the standards of civilised men not of beasts that must be kept in mind, for it is good men not beasts who are capable of real courage. Those like the Spartans who concentrate on the one and ignore the other in their education turn men into machines and in devoting themselves to one single aspect of city life, end up making them inferior even in that. The question of how to avoid a similar society in this era is at the heart of what is discussed here.

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IDEAS OF EUROPE BETWEEN SARMATISM AND SEBASTIANISM: A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

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The proposed topic is to discuss the double vitality of the Polish and Portuguese main philosophic and cultural streams – sebastianism and sarmatism. Both originated from the 16th century and grew in the 17th. They served to create, if not to determine, both countries' 'Ideas of Europe', and their visions of role and mission to be fulfilled in receipted – constructed Europe sometimes perceived in the wider ethnic and cultural context (Slavism and Iberism).

The geopolitical position of both countries on the European borders brought various consequences for conceptualising European culture. Based on Christianity and strongly attached to the idea of being *Ante-Murale Christianitatis*, both Poland and Portugal, longer than more Central and Northern European countries, preserved the opposition of 'a Christian-European to a non-Christian-barbarous'. It also inspired their focus on the outer spaces: oceans (small Portugal)/the Eastern lands (huge, partially empty Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth). The line of purposes seemed to be: Christianise – civilise and (although less *explicit*) dominate – explore.

The idea of the Christian destiny and exceptional role in Europe became strengthened by their mythology (particularly by its references to the miracles and revelations). Both countries maintained the Renaissance myth of empire as the Golden Age and became marked by the loss of independence (Portugal: 1582–1640, Poland: 1795–1918), which inspired both consolation and messianic components of sebastianism and sarmatism (firstly in the Baroque crises but above all in their Romantic incarnations). For both, history marked in such way left the open question about their main characteristic – that of the chosen nation, waiting to fulfil its great destiny in Europe, or that of the late for the European progress, or even non-quite-European one.

The duality referred to still remains in both intellectual and common medial discourses, recalled and stirred up in both countries around the time of joining the European Union. The double vitality of both sebastianism and sarmatism – understood as the historical streams that still work as the point of reference when it comes to defying the role of the Poles and the Portuguese in today’s Europe – will be the last topic discussed in the proposed paper.

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A FAR DISTANT GLANCE AT EUROPE: CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES FROM AFRICA, INDIA AND CHINA

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The author examines the critiques of Europe put forward by African or Afro-American (M. Bernal, K. Wiredu, A. Appiah, V. Mudimbe), Indian (above all D. Chakrabarty) and neo-Confucian Chinese intellectuals (Zhao Tingyian).

From the African perspective on Europe, radical critiques are made, i.e. the allegation of having annihilated African identity, of having established, through colonialism, a hierarchy of the different peoples in which the Europeans are at the apex and, finally, of having treated the Africans as ‘not civilised’ people. The ‘African renaissance’ must free Africa from the colonial identity imposed through violence by Europeans and must rediscover Africa’s own authentic values.

Within the ‘African Renaissance, two distinct intellectual paths seem to have emerged in the last two decades – both of which are particularly critical towards Europe. The first of these aims to rediscover African culture and its own values in order to construct a society respectful of the traditional structures of family and of community. The system of government cannot be taken from the paradigm of European-Western representative democracy (and therefore the majority decision principle) but it must necessarily refer to a sort of consociative democracy (as depicted by M. Bernal). The second intellectual path aims instead at de-legitimising the European pretence of having founded modern civilisation thanks to Greece and Rome. The aim of this interpretation – also known as ‘Black Athena’ – is to show that Africa is the cradle of human civilisation; that Greek and Roman civilisations are heavily indebted to Africa, and that, through them, so is the entire Western and European culture.

From the Indian point of view comes a different critique which is summarised by the formula put forward by D. Chakrabarty according to whom it is now necessary to

‘provincialise Europe’. The purpose is not that of showing that Europe no longer has a central place in the world – this is a given historical fact – but rather that of freeing Indian thought of the colonial identity imposed by European domination (in truth British). ‘Provincilising Europe’ is the first step towards the construction of a society in which European and Indian values might meet in a universalistic perspective. In other words, from Chakrabarty’s standpoint emerges the proposal of a dialogue in which European values are assumed as being part of a more general discourse on the comprehension and the construction of a modern Indian society.

The project of Zhao Tinyang aims to reconstruct the neo-Confucian model of civilisation. The formula ‘all that which is under the sky’, which once was applied to China, today must be applied to the whole world. From such a perspective, the world seems unified from the geographic point of view but not from the political one. The political government of the world can be viewed from a neo-Confucian perspective in which decisions are based on the consent of those who are actually involved. Even from this standpoint it emerges that the values of the European-Western civilisation are only one of the pillars of the construction of a new government of the world.

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TRAVEL LITERATURE AS A SOURCE OF TRANSFORMATIONS IN EUROPE

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The travel literature that flourished in Europe from the fifteenth century onwards had its stage of glory until the advent of tourism in the nineteenth century and contributed to significant changes in Europe by reporting the news and ‘curiosities of the discovery’.

This genre, which combines literature, history and anthropology, experienced such popularity that innumerable collections of travels about cultural, political, religious beliefs, practices and customs of other peoples went out of print. Those works were so dear and indispensable that they were also published in small format, to be read on the go, like the *Portative Bibliothèque des Voyages* in 41 booklets and the *Atlas Glossaries*, which provided ample maps and pictures. This widespread and popular literature informed Europeans about the new world, and had a great influence in several regards, among others: a new and broader concept of alterity; the suggestion of social, political, religious changes; changes in habits and customs, ranging from dress to food; a push in favour of herbal medicine and pharmaceuticals for modern pharmacies. There is a lot to learn in this type of literature to understand the evolution of Europe.

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EUROPE: UNITY AND MULTITUDE: *KRONIKA WSZYSTKIEGO ŚWIATA* BY M. BIELSKI AS A GREAT VISION OF AN OLD CONTINENT

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In 1564 a great masterpiece, *Kronika wszystkiego świata* by Marcin Bielski comes into being. The author aspired to reconstruct the history of the world from creation to his contemporaneity. But *Kronika* is something more than a reconstruction of history. It is also a great reconstruction of the contemporary world map. On this map Europe appears as one of four great parts of whole globe. Very detailed descriptions of customs which dominated the Old Continent let us to see Europe as a universal totality, however no-homogenic totality. Due to the fact that Europe embraces many different countries, it appears as a various-culture totality. This dual character of the Old Continent: unity and multitude will be the main subject of the paper.

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'AN UNFINISHED ADVENTURE CALLED EUROPE': BAUMAN, KERTÉSZ AND ŽIŽEK ON EUROPE'S IDENTITY AND FUTURE

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My presentation proposal aims to construct Europe from a Central European perspective. This perspective has gained topicality since the fall of the Iron Curtain. Yet, in many political, public and academic debates, the problems Europe currently faces are still discussed from West European or Anglo-American points of view. My

presentation, therefore, places three Central European thinkers who avidly engage in discourses on Europe at the centre of attention. It seeks to probe the value of a continental, postliberal and humanist tradition in thinking about Europe, exploring ideas of Europe in the works by Zygmunt Bauman (1925), Imre Kertész (1929) and Slavoj Žižek (1949). Focusing on their ideas of freedom, individuality and democracy, my presentation wants to examine what critiques Bauman, Kertész and Žižek offer to European society and politics. Ultimately, the goal is to reveal how these influential and nonconformist intellectuals attempt to restore a cultural and intellectual road towards an alternative Europe.

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CHRISTOPH MARTIN WIELAND – COSMOPLITAN PERSPECTIVES ON EUROPE BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

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With the French Revolution, an almost millenarian Europe rooted in feudality and based on conservative principles was enduring a fatal *coup de grâce*, first by a wave of centripetal forces, in the form of revolutionary cosmopolitanism and second, in reaction, a wave of centrifugal forces, in the form of nationalist movements. As Gentz put it in his *Gestörtes Gleichgewicht durch Revolutionskriege*, the age of 'Old Europe' based on dynasties, elite culture and balance of power politics had been profoundly shaken, if not destroyed, by the French Revolution and the ensuing international instability. Whereas older models of collective representation, such as guilds and seigniorial loyalties, were rapidly fading and the nation – not to speak of the nation-state – had not yet attained its later hegemonic status as a marker of identity, Europe presented herself in a multifaceted variety of dresses, offering modes of interpretation and alternatives for the future to contemporary witnesses appalled by the pace and scope of social, economic and political change. The importance of the concept of Europe for the end of the eighteenth century is a much neglected aspect in scholarship, although the French Revolution can be considered as the 'watershed' in European consciousness. The aim of the present contribution is, by investigating the writings by Christoph Martin Wieland, one of the most emblematic German authors of the time, to establish the importance of the concept of Europe as a source of meaning and object of contested discursive battles during the epistemological turmoil provoked by the structural changes of the Sattelzeit and the sociopolitical earthquake of the French Revolution.

Wieland's idea of Europe shall therefore be discussed in its geographical, political, historical and civilisational dimensions and contrasted to alternative discourses of Europe prominent at the time, notably those of his fellow protagonists of Weimar

Classicism. Wieland, the biting social critic, master of rococo literary style and subtle irony, fine connoisseur of human psychology and acknowledged political publicist, indeed thoroughly investigated the mechanisms of the European state-system (*Einleitung in die Kenntnis der itzigen Staaten Europas*), analysed their commotion during the French Revolution (*Unparteyische Betrachtungen über die dermalige Staatsrevolution in Frankreich, Über Krieg und Frieden, Würdigung der neufränkischen Republik aus zweierlei Gesichtspunkten*), extensively commented on the stadial theories of Scottish Enlightenment (*Über ungehemmte Ausbildung der menschlichen Gattung*), assiduously defended his cosmopolitan worldview (*Das Geheimnis des Kosmopoliten-Ordens, Das Ideal der Freimaurerei*), pungently mocked Rousseau's criticism of progress and civilisation (*Koxkox und Kikequetzel*), explored the relation of Europe to other civilisations (*Oberon, Schach Lolo*), and, finally, in the *Teutscher Merkur* suggested his own peace plan to pacify the continent.

Before the French Revolution, Wieland shared Enlightenment's main discourses on the idea of Europe. Subscribing to theories of developmental stages, Wieland was convinced that Europe had attained a higher level of civilisation because of its favourable climate, geological specificities and fortunate historical evolution. Although Wieland did not engage in some of the more dubious ethnological debates of his time and stuck to a coherent universal position in anthropological matters, he nevertheless compared Europe favourably to multifaceted others, be they despotic Asians, indolent Tahitians, or inert Eskimos. Despite his occasional criticism of colonialism, Wieland still believed that Europeans could have a beneficial civilising effect on the other parts of the world and thus contribute to the construction of Humanität. On the political level, Wieland was a staunch defender of the Westphalian acquis, namely of a multipolar European state-system regulated by a balance of power. Wieland was an astute and well-informed observer of the French Revolution and was aware of its importance as a world-historical event. As a self-proclaimed neutral observer, Wieland hoped that the French people would settle for some kind of constitutional monarchy à l'anglaise and that the Revolution would thus be contained to France. As things, however, got out of hand, Wieland became increasingly disillusioned with the French revolutionaries and, in reply, reiterated his cosmopolitanism, fostered German Reichspatriotismus and strongly defended the preservation of Europe's sociopolitical ties and liberal fundament.

With the paradigm of old aristocratic Europe profoundly shaken after the French Revolution, Wieland thus actively participated in the debates over the reconstruction of the European state-system. In this context, he opposed all forms of universal monarchy, be they based on hegemonic power, universalising principles or cosmological legitimacy. Although Wieland shared many convictions with his friend Herder, he could not fully subscribe to a Europe of nations; a step that would have seemed too radical to him and partly conflicted with his cosmopolitan ideals. Even though he emphasised the benefits of Germany's imperial constitution and acknowledged the contributions of the German nation to European civilisation, Wieland never subscribed to the kind of messianic patriotism of Fichte and other compatriots of his. Instead, Wieland tried to cope with the challenges raised by the French Revolution with the conceptual arsenal of Enlightenment and cosmopolitanism.

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FREEMASONRY, PACIFISM AND LEAGUE OF NATIONS

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One of the main objectives of European freemasonry has always been the search for freedom and the fight against oppression and war. Therefore, in 1903, European freemasons joined the League of Peace and Freedom. In 1905, to reach an understanding and a peaceful resolution of international conflicts between nations, mediation and mandatory arbitration were proposed during the Congreso Masónico Peninsular de Lisboa.

Due to the causes and consequences of the First World War, European freemasonry put a special emphasis on its pleas for the creation of the International Criminal Court and of the League of Nations, especially because the idea of freemasonry was and still is to spread fraternalism.

This is one of the reasons why it was of such importance to the freemasons to support the International League of Human Rights, the League of Peace and Fraternalism of the Nations and the League of Peace and Freedom and all others which fought to remove the spectre of injustice and war.

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ONE WORLD, TWO PHILOSOPHICAL TRADITIONS: A COMPARISON OF MARITAIN'S AND KOJEVE'S ARGUMENTS FOR WORLD UNIFICATION AND EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

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Jacques Maritain and Alexandre Kojève, both noteworthy French political philosophers of the early to mid 20th century, agreed on the obsolescence of the modern nation-state and argued that world unification was the only permanent solution to the nation-state's many inadequacies as an autonomous political unit. However, it would appear that Maritain and Kojève agree on little else. They are proponents and intellectual heirs of different, even antagonistic philosophical traditions, the Aristotelian/Thomist and Hegelian/Marxist traditions respectively. Indeed, their political philosophies are based on contradictory sets of premises: Maritain, for example, rejects the Hegelian

understanding of the state as having metaphysical priority over the individual, and Kojève assumes that the modern state has no need of religion, as Maritain argues at length that it does.

In this paper, I trace the arguments through which Maritain and Kojève claim to derive their justifications for world unification from their respective traditions. As I do so, I also explore the relationship between Maritain's and Kojève's aforementioned justifications and divergent interpretations of their shared historical context, a relationship of which both thinkers were clearly aware. I then discuss the similarities and differences between their conceptions of the unified world, paying particular attention to their shared commitment to the elimination of global inequalities and their contradictory views concerning the status of currently existing cultures in the unified world. I also discuss Maritain's and Kojève's contrasting visions of the global political order and their competing proposals for European integration, which both thinkers deemed a necessary precursor to world unification. Maritain favours a federal Europe as well as a degree of autonomy for currently existing nation-states in a global union, while Kojève advocates for a universal, homogeneous state to be preceded by the sublimation of the states surrounding the Mediterranean into an empire based on a shared history and common cultural traditions. I then turn briefly to the apparent contradiction between Kojève's advocacy for a Mediterranean Empire and his eventual support for, and involvement in, the European Economic Community.

I conclude by arguing for the relevance of these two competing visions of an integrated Europe and a global political order to current debates about European integration and globalisation. Both thinkers make compelling arguments for granting some sovereignty to a European, and ultimately a global, state, but the stark differences between their conceptions of this state on both the European and global level also bring into focus the alternatives toward which we ought to aim as we design pan-European and global institutions. Furthermore, both thinkers lead us to examine the philosophical justifications for these institutions and, depending on our current philosophical allegiances, to determine whether we have a basis for defending our preferred plan for European or global unification.

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BEING THE FACE OF EUROPE OR BRINGING UP THE REAR: IDEAS OF EUROPE IN PORTUGAL, 16TH TO 18TH CENTURY

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The perception of Europe in the works by Portuguese intellectuals, as well as the vision of the position and role of Portugal in the continent of which it is part, underwent a significant evolution from the beginning of Modernity until the Enlightenment.

Understanding the transformation of the Portuguese representations of Europe, set out in the intimate and parallel relation together with the evaluation of its historical drifts, it is crucial to grasp present political 'behaviours', social and cultural attitudes towards the European Union project and the Portuguese role within the integration process.

Our contribution analyses in a concise way the evolution of the idea of Europe in Portugal from the Discoveries period to Pombalin Enlightenment, pointing out the first representative documents that confirm that vision and mark its metamorphic evolution. We will also attempt to establish an ideographic typology of this image construction process of a continent, which is perceived both in a relation of separation and approaching.

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EUROPE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN TODAY – GEOGRAPHY AND GEOPOLITICS

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Following the foundation of the Federal Republic in 1949, the attention of German politicians and political scientists was directed to the West in order to promote progress in reconciliation and integration and to the East to prevent the worst possible conflict. Geographers, for their part, could not conduct research East of the Iron Curtain and were not in a similar manner interested in countries West of the FRG. They largely preferred Southern Europe and other Mediterranean countries. They did research on many topics, but not on geopolitical issues. In Germany, unlike other countries, geopolitics has practically been a taboo up to now since most publications are not critical or deconstructing. So we must conclude that in politics there is still a lack of attention to the South and in regional geography there is a lack of attention to politics. Very probably this state of affairs is not helpful for European societies in the long run. Certainly, since 1995 the so-called Barcelona process was considered to promote Euro-Mediterranean partnership, but results remained deplorably meagre. The persistent tensions and conflicts between the Arab states and Israel have been considered the main obstacle. Since 2001 the role of the US in the Mediterranean on the other side of EU borders has become more dominant than ever before. Even senior

politicians of Brussels and of individual EU states have recently appeared like supernumeraries.

Considering the expected demographic evolution, the persistent wealth gap and the widespread discontent of populations on the one hand, and the resources in fossil fuels and renewable energy and market potential on the other hand, it seems to be advisable to give more positive attention to the Arab countries. They are faraway from the US and may be regarded there as potential enemies in a war of civilisations. But for Europeans they are – along with the successor states of the former Soviet Union – the closest neighbours. Consequently their populations should not be met with repulse. Unfortunately, the efforts of French President Sarkozy and colleagues of Southern Europe to improve relations that had led to the new Union for the Mediterranean have been strongly contradicted by Israel's warfare against the so-called Gaza Strip. This may give an impulse to reconsider the attitude of the EU as to the so-called Near East conflict that cannot be isolated from the Muslim world, the Mediterranean and the EU. Certainly, British and French statesmen have the burden of imperialist history that lasted until the retreat from Palestine and Algeria and the war for dominance over the Suez Canal that was started jointly with Israel in 1956. For other historical reasons, German politicians feel obliged to keep special relations to that state. Leaders of these three big countries should join with politicians of EU Member States that do not evoke distrust on any side. They should try to work out a Mediterranean policy characterised by strength and – most importantly – by allegiance to human and international laws that belong to the best parts of European heritage.

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FOUNDATIONS OF THE POST-WORLD WAR II EUROPEAN ORDER: THE EUROPE PLANS OF THE GERMAN, ITALIAN, DUTCH, FRENCH AND POLISH RESISTANCE AGAINST HITLER, 1940-1945

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Hellmuth James von Moltke, one of the key figures of the German resistance movement against the Hitler regime, envisioned that 'the end of the war will provide an opportunity for a positive reshaping of the world as mankind has not experienced since the disintegration of the medieval church.'

Based on a comparative analysis of the plans developed by the various resistance groups in Germany (e.g. the Kreisau Circle) and German-occupied Europe for a postwar European order, this essay will examine the relevance of their visions in the context of the current challenges faced by the EU. Through a comparative study of the Europe

visions of the German, Italian, French, Dutch and Polish resistance and by contrasting them with the European order established after the war, the following questions will be examined in detail: What are the commonalities, what are the differences between the various Europe concepts that were developed and discussed between 1940 and 1945? Which values were suggested as the core values (Grundwerte) for the new European order? How important was the goal of political unification (federation, political union) versus sectoral economic integration in the Europe visions of the resistance? How did these plans impact the integration process after 1945?

Since Lipgens' compilation of the Europe plans of the European resistance in the late 1960s, this topic has only received very little attention from historians of European integration. I will argue that despite their specific time-bound context (*Zeitgebundenheit*) as direct reactions to the Nazi regime and the occupation of Europe during the Second World War, the Europe visions of the various resistance groups are of particular relevance today, as many of them amounted to general conceptions of Europe that are timeless in their application. Although they addressed organisational issues as well, their main focus was on the core values on which the Europe of the future should be built. It is particularly through this common focus on the core values of an integrated Europe at a time of severe crisis that the Europe plans of the European resistance against Hitler hold the potential of offering important insights into how to overcome the main challenge facing the European Union today – the need to transform Europe from a primarily economic community to a more comprehensive political union by means of 'constitutionalisation'.

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WHY AND HOW SHOULD EUROPEAN LITERATURE BE TAUGHT IN EUROPE? SOME IDEAS AND A MODEST PROPOSAL

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This paper will argue, from three integrated perspectives (theoretical, pedagogical and pragmatic) the need of teaching European Literature in Europe as a way of constructing a European cultural identity. It will deal with the definition and present and future challenges and problematics of literature, European literature and comparativism, as well as the interactions between national / inter-national language, literature and culture. Finally, a modest proposal will be presented as a contribution to a further debate.

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COMING TO TERMS WITH HISTORIES: COMMUNISM AND NAZISM IN TRANS- BOUNDARY HISTORICAL CULTURE

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The paper analyses the treatment in historiography and the public sphere after 1989 of experiences of the Second World War, the Holocaust and postwar communist rule in neighbouring countries in Central and East-Central Europe. The traumatic experiences pitted history writing and public commemorations of the war and of events during the communist period one against the other in a number of 'pair countries', i.e. in cases where people who identified with one state perceived this state to be a victim and citizens of the neighbouring states perpetrators. In addition to this, the chosen 'pairs' have an experience of conflicts over border areas and the situation of national minorities in those areas in the past, especially in the interwar period, during the Second World War and until recent times.

The 'pairs' that are chosen are Germany-Poland, Hungary-Romania and Ukraine-Russia. The relevant territories are Pomerania/Ziemie Odzyskane, Ostpreussen/Warmia I Mazury and Schelsien/Slask in the first case, Transilvania/Erdely in the second and the Crimea in the third.

The main focus is on recent developments: how historiography, mass culture (films and newspapers) and political players have treated these issues: are there trends promoting understanding, re-conciliation and understanding that history must be 'shared'? Are there trends creating or sustaining embitterment, enmity and alienation? The normative foundation of the project is that the paper will conclude by suggesting how a shared, common understanding of history might be promoted and how conflicting interpretations of traumatic historical events may be superseded.

The proposed paper is designed to fit in with the proposed papers by Professor Klas-Göran Karlsson and Associate Professor Ulf Zander, both of the Department of History, Lund University. Our new project develops the themes of an earlier project, *The Holocaust in European Historical Culture*. Concerning my own part, I contributed the articles 'Ambivalence, Bivalence and Polyvalence. Historical Culture in the German-Polish Borderlands', in: Klas-Göran-Karlsson & Ulf Zander (eds.), *Echoes of the Holocaust. Historical Cultures in Contemporary Europe*, Lund: Nordic Academic Press, 2003 and 'Hungary, Romania, the Holocaust and Historical Culture', in: Klas-Göran Karlsson & Ulf Zander (eds), *The Holocaust on Post-War Battlefields*, Malmö: Sekel 2006.

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BACK TO THE ROOTS – EMOTIONALISING EUROPE

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Europe and particularly the European Union reflect an unprecedented development world-wide. Admiration at the success of the European model is globally shared. In order to accomplish present and future expectations and challenges Europe has to act consensually. This implies both the representation and participation of all European stakeholders, including governments, institutions and the people, of course. Yet, citizens are not sufficiently involved. Awareness and emotional commitment are deficient. This paper outlines the importance of personal affection with regard to European integration and proposes an in-depth debate on respective strategies. Economically and politically speaking, Europe has undoubtedly been a success story. Hitherto in public perception benefits at least equalised major concerns. Travelling freely, paying with one common currency and trading without borders are just few examples of individual advantages in Europe. From the very beginning of European integration, the vision of Europe has been shaped by high-ranking, charismatic and elder statesmen being fully aware of responsibility and goodwill. Unquestionably those efforts have been ambitious, beneficial and successful in terms of economic, political, societal and cultural integration for the whole continent.

Concerns – The history of European integration has always followed a top-down approach, the only way to address the difficult founding background in the 1950's, for sure. However, the idea of trickle-down effects into society failed: Citizens' participation and democratic representation are still underdeveloped. Meanwhile the political and economic processes within European Union are almost completely disconnected from the people. Public interest in European issues is in permanent decline. There are few opportunities to really get in touch with Europe, literally speaking. Parliamentary elections, for instance, do not meet the expectations at all. People neither know nor bother with what to vote for. That is what opinion polls and voter turnouts on the constitutional reform clearly indicate.

Consequences – Europe has been developing into something abstract, invisible and intangible. Its image is thoroughly ambiguous. In public perception the means of technical regulation and bureaucracy appear to be far more important than people's representation, participation and commonly shared values of European citizenship. Scarcely speaking, the concept of Europe tends to be made up without its citizens. Resignation is followed by a missing emotional commitment towards Europe and the European Union. The best marketing instruments are subject to fail if the target group is not directly affected at all, because images are not manageable and easily marketable top-down.

Challenges – Facing the future, Europe is at a crossroads. First and foremost the European Union must be based upon the needs of its citizens. Institutions serve the people, not vice versa. In the first place people have to get emotionally acquainted with the idea of Europe. In order to face future challenges consensus is necessary with

respect to participation, democratisation and active citizenship. For this reason the European Union has to return to its roots, explaining and communicating that Europe is primarily about the people. That is why respective topics have to be brought closer to the citizens in order to affect them individually: Why do we need Europe and the European integration process? What is it good for? How does it affect us personally?

Proposals – The intention of the presentation is to outline strategies of how to get people emotionally involved in European affairs and issues by introducing different bottom-up approaches and existing initiatives. Particular attention will be drawn to the needs and necessities of younger generations and their commitment to Europe, referring to good practice examples for education with regard to Europe at schools.

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THE FUTURE OF EUROPE: HOW TO OVERCOME EXISTING TEMPTATIONS? (REFLECTIONS OF AN INTELLECTUAL ON THE BALKANS)

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Due to the fact that the future of the European project represents true progress for each country, it is inevitable:

a) That this progress is a varied one. Europe is not only the economy, the market and the improvement of the material existence of people, nor is it the effective political consensus; it is also the cultural model which radiates with its universalism, its spiritual and moral values and social equality. Only such a Europe would appeal magnetically to all the other parts of our planet. To achieve such universality it is necessary that Europe raises the question: Where do we want to place Russia, a country whose territory is to a great extent geographically part of Europe; a country also with its inestimable cultural values.

b) That in order to stimulate these ideas Europe needs to overcome the gap between economic and technological development and the undeniable delay in the morals and spiritual achievements that has resulted in the deep current crisis.

c) That the European Community reflects on the collapse of the Yugoslav community and its consequences: six small republics isolated one from the other; the challenges of political transition; nationalist passions, separatist tendencies and religious phantasms. The advent of political pluralism and the parliamentary democracy in the Balkans was carried out in most cases by the emergence of new parties on an ethnic basis, which is the source of the serious conflicts which have prevailed in these areas.

d) That culture should be more valued. In the programmes of any political party in the Balkans and in Macedonia culture is the last item that is described with some sentences of general order.

e) That we are aware of the exceptional orientation towards the past which ignites a 'speeding-up of the historical process' having often the form of a 'violation of the history'.

f) That we are aware of the threat of new ideologies which prevent democratic development. The case of Macedonia, which proclaimed its independence and its autonomy after 1990, can illustrate this: the advantages of postcommunist achievements, but also the great difficulties of an underdeveloped, multiethnic and multicultural country.

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EUROPE AS OTHER IN CONTEMPORARY BALKAN LITERATURES

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The Balkans are a region where different images of the world have continuously been offered, as well as different points of view regarding the idea of Europe itself. The richness comes from the diversity of nations, people, languages and cultures, and is the basic characteristic of this particular region. However, some ideas have already grown as a 'regional' concept, created and developed within the above-mentioned diversity.

Although the Balkans belong to Europe, both geographically and historically, from the moment the concept of 'Other Europe' was invented for them, the distinction was already made. Usually seen by Europeans as Others, the Balkan people started to create their own idea of Europe as Other. Balkan nations have mostly supported the idea of Europe, as a dream, desire, or reality, longing to join (or to return to) the big European family. Some of them have recently become Member States of the European Union; others are still waiting their turn. But, another concept is also present, very close to the idea of *Occidentalism*, created as an answer to Edward Said's *Orientalism* or Maria Todorova's *Balkanism*. This is mostly related to the new social circumstances during the post communist period of *transition*. Different stereotypes and prejudices of Europe have been created, and can easily be found in literature works, too.

In our paper we deal with some of these imaginary concepts, which are present in different works of fiction, published in the last few years in several Balkan countries: Macedonia, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Albania and Turkey.

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THE PRINCIPLE OF TRANSPARENCY AND THE EUROPEAN IDENTITY

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In the last century, the bureaucratic State has gradually evolved into a more and more transparent State. Today, almost all countries of Europe and the world recognise or are asked to recognise the right of everyone to access any information in the possession or held on behalf of public bodies and entities. The right of access usually comprises the rights of consultation, reproduction as well as access to information and to the documents' content. Nevertheless, the politicians and States continue to be accused of opacity and secrecy. Among the present leading political tasks, in Europe as well as in other parts of the world, we find the enhancement and enforcement of the principle of transparency. The Treaty of Amsterdam enacted this in the European Union, and a Council of Europe Convention on Access to Official Documents was adopted (on 27 November 2008). The main purpose of these initiatives is clearly to extend geographically the establishment of the principle of transparency. Of course we cannot forget all the national diversities about the meaning of the principle of transparency. In this context, it is certainly important to analyse the accuracy of the proposition, which is relatively common, that the principle of transparency is and should be an essential characteristic of Europe and of the European Union.

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HOW TO DEAL WITH EUROPEAN INTEGRATION: WRITING NSD 68, NEW EVIDENCE REVEALS INTERNAL DISCORDS IN THE NIXON WHITE HOUSE

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What should US policy be with respect to European unification? That question has been a source of concern for each US administration since World War II. No other administration faced more difficulty in defining its policy towards European integration than the Nixon White House. Due to internal battles, the Nixon administration engaged itself in an unprecedented exercise that resulted in the drafting of a National Security Directive (NSD 68) devoted to relations with the European Community. This proposal aims to explore the various factors that culminated in the reformulation of US policy towards Europe. Also, it proposes to provide the reader with an interpretation of the clashes in doctrine between the Nixon administration and various US federal agencies. Finally, it explains why there have been few changes in this doctrine since its inception in 1970.

The study relies heavily on documents issued by the National Security Council and also on recently declassified archives from various federal US agencies. It is also based on documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act. Finally, it is enriched by a

series of personal interviews given by persons intimately familiar with the drama that lead to the formation of NSD 68 and which fills in the gaps in the written documentation. Overall, the study shows the change in attitude of the Nixon presidency to European unity compared with that of the Kennedy and Johnson eras. Scepticism in trade relations between the EEC and the US fed the lack of faith in the Nixon administration towards European unity. In fact, the US administration seems almost overwhelmed by the economic dynamism of Europe.

It is therefore not surprising that the United States reformulated their European policy through the National Security Directive 68 (NSD 68), which emphasises the defence of American interests. This study reveals the end of American innocence in relation to European unity and a return to 'American interests' and probably the real emergence of the European Community as a centre of power in the Euro-American couple, a goal reached in the late 70's when Monnet disappeared, who had widely been regarded as a prophet in the Kennedy years. Furthermore, the study confirms that this change in attitude of successive American administrations in the 70's and 80's vis-à-vis European integration was fuelled more by economic considerations than by the developments of the Cold War, which goes against the dominant American historiography. Through the study of the drafting process of NSD 68, one can observe the American decision-making process and also become acquainted with those 'Europhiles' and 'Europhobics' within the US government. The intergovernmental struggles throughout this time testify to the 'creeping personalisation' of the decision-making process inside the Nixon administration.

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'SOS EUROPA' – CULTURAL PESSIMISM IN ESSAYS ON EARLY 20TH CENTURY EUROPE

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Since antiquity men have tried to escape the process of civilisation by concentrating on moral integrity and simplicity instead. In the late 19th century the concept of cultural pessimism was established as an antidote for the prevalent belief in progress. Cultural pessimism is generally perceived as a philosophical and critical valuation which designates the development of culture as a process of decadence and deterioration. According to Stern (1963), the idea of cultural pessimism received the highest attention in Germany at the beginning of the 20th century. Oswald Spengler, for example, denoted civilisation as the final, petrifying, noncreative phase of a major culture. In his book *The Decline of the West* (1918-1923) Spengler criticised civilisation as the implacable doom of culture and referred to it as the extreme and most artificial state men could bear.

At the same time literary authors began to discover Europe as a topic. Especially during World War I and afterwards they expressed not only their fears of a cultural decline but

also their desire for an enduring peace through a European unification. In the interwar years ideas of Europe circulated around the ambitious goal to create the ‘United States of Europe’ on the one hand, while on the other authors threw a critical glance at the intellectual condition of the European continent (Lützeler, 1992). In this paper several texts taken from different genres shall illustrate that, despite pessimistic views of human civilisation, authors also show interesting positive visions of Europe.

In his essay *Europa* (1920) Rudolf Pannwitz particularly addressed German youth which, having been defeated in World War I, in his view, represented the only force to help shape a European Empire (Europäisches Reich). Corresponding to the prevalent idea of youth as a revitalising spirit, Pannwitz argued that only young people were able to revive traditional European values. According to Pannwitz, a strong Europe that recalled its rich intellectual tradition without succumbing to modern ideologies such as capitalism or bolshevism could prevent what the author perceived as a spiritless modernism and materialism.

In his play *Europa. Untergang oder Neubau. Volkssprechspielchor* (1926) Alfred Auerbach pleaded for action in order to save Europe from decline. Auerbach presented different choirs which try to motivate the audience: ‘the choir of the dumb’ supports the upper class, ‘the choir of capitalists’ believe themselves to be more intelligent and therefore able to release everybody from misery, ‘the choir of revolutionists’ attempts to seduce the youth, which however prefers to follow the military. A chaos of different ideologies erupts and governs the scene, a personified death figure enters the stage and guffaws: ‘Europe dies!’ In the end a speaker comments on the events and concludes that Europe can only exist if the ignorance of the people is eradicated.

Oskar Ebner von Ebenthall called attention to the decadence of the Indo-European culture in his book *SOS Europa* (1930). In his view, contemporary political life rested on the false ideals of a pedantic nationalism, which ranked the nation as the highest authority and degraded the individual. Therefore, Europe was in a latent state of war because it perceived war as a natural necessity. Ebner von Ebenthall criticised that the youth was trained to militarism and regarded this as a path to a general cultural degeneration.

In his essay *Achtung, Europa!* (1938) Thomas Mann bewailed the decline of European culture and warned against the ‘revolution of the masses’. According to Mann, Europe was endangered by the ascendancy of a populace that was unaware of any intellectual values the cultural elites represented. Mann described the constitution of Europe as atrocious and warned against the prevalent cult of war and the risk of dethronement of spirit and reason.

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POSTMODERN REQUIREMENTS OF IDENTITY FOR EUROPE

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The proposed paper will focus upon problems of trying to apply traditional concepts of identity to the present social conditions of heterogeneous multicultural Europe. As history shows, this understanding of identity offers only a temporary solution to a permanent problem of tension between the individual and the collective self.

The postmodern approach to identity offers not only criticism of the old views of identity, but also helps to develop alternative answers. Minimal identity as described by Klaus Eder can be developed into a coherent view based upon Renan's daily plebiscite. Ongoing open discourse serves not to facilitate the search for a stable enumerative definition of identity, but to enable identity to shift. Post-national identity does not exclude or divide people into insiders and outsiders. Such a continuous questioning and reflexivity hinders identity, as Derrida suggested, to be identical with itself and thus enables the individual to emancipate within heterogeneous society.

Not only to welcome the otherness in order to integrate it within the majority, but to accept the otherness as such can and should serve as the key European principle in relations with the rest of the world. Reflexive power, emancipation and respect for otherness make the future of the European identity and idea possible and appealing at the same time.

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DISCOVERY AND SELF-DISCOVERY. EUROPEAN LITERATURE AND EUROPEAN CONSCIOUSNESS IN EARLY MODERN TIMES

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Even before there is a political concept for Europe, we already find protagonists in European literature who can be defined as Europeans, discovering and developing a certain consciousness of belonging to a unique culture, common to European peoples in spite of all differences, and making a difference to what had been discovered abroad. This early European consciousness can be described as the discovery of the own through the discovery of foreign cultures, mostly unknown before. Our analyses will focus on three classical texts of the European tradition, on the Portuguese Luís de Camões' *Os Lusíadas* as the first design of a European view of non-European cultures, on Thomas More's *Utopia* as an attempt to invent itself in the openness of a New World, and, finally, on Hans Jakob Christoffel von Grimmelshausen's *Simplicissimus* as a strange mirror of European experience, the will to criticise and the need to overcome its hostile diversity.

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HUBS OF EUROPEAN MODERNISM 1890–1960

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The development of European modernism in literature and art is, according to my hypothesis, the result of actual, physical, encounters in space and time. Such encounters formed a number of creative think tanks, which can be pinpointed to specific places and people at a certain time.

The hubs, places of proximity or springboards, originally a concept from the field of human and economic geography, I will concentrate on are Berlin, Zürich and Paris. These three cities have shown an almost magnetic appeal to artists and writers over time, in contrast to otherwise comparable places like London or New York.

What is specific to the hubs mentioned above is that the people involved withdrew from their individual nationality or background culture in order to pursue an experimental and borderless 'society of arts'. By using Pierre Bourdieu's thoughts on symbolic fields, and Torsten Hägerstrand's concept of time geography, it will be possible to trace and encircle a specific European modernism, where common ideals related to ideas and methods take precedence over nationality, national culture and language. Finally, I will argue the importance of place as a centre of information processing and exchange (Manuel Castells) and of the cultural field (Bourdieu) as being decisive for the success and spreading of the modernist movement.

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EUROPE SEEN FROM AFAR: ON SOME TOPICS AND ISSUES IN THE ACCOUNTS OF TRAVELLERS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD

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European accounts and descriptions of other continents have been thoroughly scrutinised through many generations of critical scholarship. In my presentation, I would like to draw attention to the various traditions of travel writing in the opposite direction flourishing particularly through the nineteenth century in both China and Japan, South Asia and in different parts of the Islamic world. Trying to look more closely at some of the topics and issues common to these otherwise unrelated traditions of travel writing, I hope to arrive at a better understanding of what Europe has meant to the rest of world.

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EUROSCEPTICISM IN EUROPE

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Concerns about a 'democratic deficit' and the distance between European elites and publics have come to be a common feature of European politics. As a consequence, euroscepticism has become part of the terrain of conflict between political parties across Europe. For some authors, euroscepticism represents one of the great recipes for the success of the new anti-establishment parties in the European Union, opposing Europeanisation and globalisation and occupying some fields of policy along the globalism/nationalism cleavage. In my research, I want to analyse how and to which extent euroscepticism plays a role in European party systems. Are there any connections existing between eurosceptic parties and the political and economic dimension? According to some empirical surveys, the supranational process of integration has only a marginal effect on national party systems.

However, eurosceptic attitudes and critical views on globalisation are finding more and more approval in the member countries of the European Union. In my analysis I want to concentrate on two new potential social movements: the left-wing and anti-globalisation network *Attac* (which was originally a single issue movement against the Tobin tax) and right-wing extremism in both Western and Eastern Europe, having temporarily confederated in the European Parliament in 2007.

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EUROPE AND THE OTHER: ROOTS OF A EUROPEAN IDENTITY IN GRECO-ROMAN ANTIQUITY

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It is a well-known fact that the modern concept of Europe as such cannot be traced back to classical antiquity: The Egean Sea and the Hellespont were never an important cultural and/or political frontier. A major part of what we today call 'Europe' always

remained outside the Greco-Roman sphere of interest. Finally, the recourse on a 'European' identity remained a purely literary phenomenon and in late antiquity 'Europe' could even be used as a designation for a pretty small geographical area in Thrace. However, when taking a closer look at the few examples for a more inclusive construction of a 'European' identity, it becomes evident that these always appear in a polemical context, which is characterised by an antithetical opposition between Europe and Asia. This can be observed above all in Herodotus' description of the Persian Wars. It is also relevant however, that Philip of Macedon – just before beginning a war against the Persian Empire – named his daughters Europe and Asia and that the historian Theopompus praised the same Philip as the 'greatest man of Europe'. In these contexts Europeanness was defined primarily through hostility towards an Oriental Other, who was perceived as despotic/slavish, luxurious and effeminate. This construct was reified through a theory of climatic determination of character and culture, which provided a scientific explanation and justification for the postulated superiority of Europe (especially Greece) over Asia. The Romans did not adopt the concept of 'Europe', but they continued to exploit propagandistically the opposition to Asia and the Orient. The emperor Augustus, for example, staged a reenactment of the battle of Salamis in Rome after he won a diplomatic success against the Parthians as the major power of the East in his days. Even if the Romans did not use the name 'Europe', their concept of the 'Occident' preserved the core of a rudimentary 'European' identity as found in Greek authors. The name 'Europe' was revived only by Pope Pius II after the fall of Constantinople. Again, we find European identity defined in polemical antagonism towards an Oriental enemy. This was, of course, an intentional recourse on an ancient discourse by the Pope who – as an established humanist scholar – was well-acquainted with the ancient sources. It remains true that the classical tradition does not help us much in defining, where Europe is. However, through the antithesis Europe-Asia, the modern idea of what Europe should be does indeed owe some important elements to antiquity.

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SENTIMENTAL EUROPE

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The discussion that is presently taking place about the legal framework of the European Union cannot be confused with query on the future of Europe. The fundamental aim of

this communication is that the soul of Law cannot be crushed by a legal technique based on convenience and that dialogue between peoples, mutual acquaintance and a cosmopolitan notion of belonging to a common world are necessary – prior to putting forward a new legal architecture of the European Union.

The legal approach cannot be blind to values and cannot forget the lessons of history, the spirit of past generations that must guide us in an era of reconstruction of a common identity. To vanquish the fears of irrational factors which always returned in times of violence and economic crisis is a task that must be achieved based on feelings of belonging, identity and citizenship that cannot forget the loving ties between peoples and persons.

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AN IDEA OF EUROPE AS AN ELITE IDEAL FOR PORTUGAL

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‘Tenho o dever de me fechar em casa no meu espírito e trabalhar
quanto possa e em tudo quanto possa, para o progresso da
civilização e o alargamento da consciência da humanidade’
Fernando Pessoa

The giant tower of introspection – and the windstorm of culture – that the poet Fernando Pessoa signed in the first half of the 20th century, is one of my starting points to fly over the territory of my European house, where I am a very small tenant and where I ask myself if I have, or have not, the duty of closing myself at home in this hour of great crisis to renew this space from the foundations to the roof, to recover in it a sense of progress for civilisation and to enlarge the conscience of a disoriented humanity. I cling to culture. She is my Penelope’s web – and my fidelity, assailed by so many suitors, is consolidated by the struggle that takes place within me. The challenges of today and future opportunities require leadership with vision, skills, respect for different cultures and dedication to progress. Through training, education and cultural changes, mentors, research – and the compromise includes, mandatorily, minorities and their rights and the emerging multiculturalism that means that Europe is growing – we will find the solution.

From Fernando Pessoa, I head to other inspirations: Camões, Vieira, Manuel Antunes, Eduardo Lourenço – even Adorno, Habermas, Kraus, Marcuse... and George Steiner and those who, being in the diaspora, made Europe everywhere. What kind of Europe? Was it the real continent or the imaginary one with multiple identities? Was it the Greek or Roman Europe, the peripheral, the Slavic, the Iberian? Was it the positivist Europe or the one of the Critical Theory? Was it the one of the economists or the one of the thinkers? Was it the one of Shakespeare, Baudelaire, Rousseau, Marx, Freud, Marcuse, or of the anonymous masses or the Europe des Patries, the ‘Europe from the Atlantic to the Urals’, General Charles de Gaulle? Was it the Europe in which we saw Auschwitz, Bosnia and mourning? Islamic, Jewish, Christian, Agnostic, Atheistic, multi-sensitive

Europe or disoriented Europe? How can we affirm Europe as ‘an idea of Europe as elite ideal for Portugal’ such as, in the past, I thought I could find in my favourite thinkers? The goddess Europa, daughter of Agenor, king of Fenicia, is old but single – and wants a new way of being because life expectancy is greater nowadays and she has worked too much. So she demands the simple privilege of dignity. Even further because Europe is more than an old ‘lady’, an educated lady and culture means ‘above all courtesy and respect rather than only erudition and eloquence’.

As Rob Riemen stated, everything is focused on ‘the question of knowing if Europe will continue, or not, to be a good idea, and which is really the political importance and relevance of the European ideal of civilisation’. This is the object of reflexion: ‘I don’t know what tomorrow will bring, but it is today that life claims us.’

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THE INTELLECTUAL ELITE AND THE EUROPEAN IDEA IN POSTCOMMUNIST ROMANIA

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The end of the totalitarian regimes in the east of Europe firstly offered, in addition to liberties and rights for peoples, the best occasion to think about the large game of possibilities available to eastern inhabitants. The intellectual elite, well well-acquainted with European culture and spirituality, made no exception in its very positive attitude towards European values or ideas. The intellectuals’ debates on European principles and ideals, on the compatibility of Romanian realities and mentalities and European standards and ideals became aware of some variations, however, in the course of time. Consequently, the purpose of our conference will be to meet in evidence the principal directions and evolutions of public debate in respect of what is considered to have European importance or connotations. Beside these aspects, we are interested in pointing out those ideas which could bring about a different or even a new approach to some old or new European ideas, values, ideals, principles or standards. The question which remains open is: has the ‘new Europe’ the capacity to enrich, to improve, to develop European ideas, values or principles? Has the ‘new Europe’ the ability to develop or to improve the standards of the European Union? We, at the academic level, are hoping to find positive answers.

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EUROPE AND A MEMORY OUT OF STONE

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Speaking about 'Europe', an important topic often is common history. What connects and keeps together collectives of any kind is their shared memory. The past and especially the reconstruction of the past are fundamental, to individuals as well as to communities. 'Collective memory', a well-known term discussed by Maurice Halbwachs, has derived great popularity over the last decades, especially in cultural and social sciences. It has been emphasised that memory plays an important role in creating a sense of identity. To follow this idea, a 'collective Europe' ought to be based on a collective European memory. For such a memory to emerge, the participation of the members of a society is necessary. It is them who reconstruct the past and give it meaning in the present.

One way of analysing what this collective memory of a social group is about, is to study 'practices of memory'. Memorials are, without a doubt, one form of such 'practices'. Our research is founded in a qualitative study about memorials in the so-called 'Alpen-Adria-Region' ('Alps-Adriatic Region'). We focus on the analysis of war memorials located in the cities of Klagenfurt (in Carinthia), Ljubljana (in Slovenia) and Trieste (in Italy). The research in the aforementioned area turns out to be interesting particularly with regard to the 'European Idea': our research is not only about three nation states that border on each other, but on three different cultural and linguistic areas that are connected through the idea of being an 'Alpen-Adria-Region'. Furthermore, the three cities belonged not too long ago to the same kingdom, the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy. After the fall of the monarchy, the boundaries in this area were hard-fought, and long time fought for. Some parts of the boundaries as they exist today were not specified until 1975. The unequal development of the states after 1945 is also significant: Italy is a founding member of the European Community, whereas Slovenia (as a successor state of socialistic Yugoslavia) gained full membership to the European Union in 2002.

Our main topic is to ask if there is a potential collective memory in this core region that could be the basis of a 'European way of thinking'. Our data encompasses around 2,500 photographs of almost 100 monuments, which were taken during a period of nearly six months. We make a qualitative analysis of this data. In our research we intend to look for the existence of a cross-border cultural memory. This leads to the question: is

there anything like a 'European memory' that goes beyond political rhetoric? And, if yes, what does that mean for the (potential) constitution of a 'European Identity'?

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THE VISION OF EUROPE IN POLISH LITERATURE AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF OTHER SLAVIC LITERATURES AND ITS CONSEQUENCES FOR THE FUTURE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

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In the eyes of the Poles, the foundation act of Europe after the democratic transformation taking place in Eastern Europe is being subject to a renewal thanks to, i.a. the visions proposed by Z. Kubiak (*Brewiarz Europejczyka / The Breviary of a European /*, 1998), by Piotr Kuncewicz, Master Freemason of Grand Orient in Poland (*Legenda Europy / The Legend of Europe /*, 2005) and the ecumenical homilies by Pope John Paul II (see: 'The European Act' proclaimed in Santiago de Compostela, 1982 and others). All the mentioned, divergent authors considered the accession of Poland to Europe unambiguously as a return 'home', i.e. the spiritual homeland of the Poles and the final departure from the range of Russian tyranny and despotism.

The attitude expressed by the Czechs (the most westerly outpost of Slavdom) and the Slovaks is not so unambiguous. Both countries had been strongly enrooted in Pan-Slavism (the conservative ideas of uniting all Slavs under the aegis of Russia) for a long time. This is also the reason why Podiven inaugurates the revival of the foundation act of Europe by undermining this historical memory in his 700-page long essay *Czechs in New History* (1991). J. Patočka had already defended this position earlier.

Russia, in the wake of its first enchantment with Western democracy, is witnessing increasingly strong Pan-Slavic conservative ideas connected with a return to *pochvennichestvo* (A. Solzhenitsyn), the revival of the Orthodox empire, the so-called Third Rome and an apology of 'eternal Russia', the immortal cosmic power (Y. Mamleyev).

In the dystopia proposed by A. Zinoviev (*The Global Humant Hill*, 2000) the society of the future is depicted as a super-monstrosity created in the interest of the countries belonging to the Western Union, while in Polish dystopias this role is played by Russia and the cruel Chinese. Only the European Union is shown as a state which observes humanitarian norms and cares for its members, even the most peripheral ones.

A counterbalance for this vision of imperial Russia is to be found in Russian postmodernism, which leads to a deabsolutisation, relativisation and desacralisation of assorted monopolistic national and world conceptions and opposes all authoritarian ideas (V. Pielevin, V. Sorokin, V. Yerofieyev).

Today, the so-called Balkans, predominantly in the former Yugoslavia, are a veritable Pandora's box filled with dynamics of grief, despair, anger, resentments and grudges against themselves and the world (i.e. the West) due to the disintegration of the multinational and multicultural country into a number of small independent states that, according to D. Ugresić, are of totalitarian nature. Nostalgia for the multicultural Yugoslavia flows in an extensive tide in literature, and the nations of former Yugoslavia see its revival and stability in the European Union, whose statute mentions respect for minorities. The Yugoslav Slavia Orthodoxa and Slavia Islamica cast a shadow on these endeavours.

Against this roughly outlined Slavonic background and despite the opinions voiced by eurosceptics, Polish literary vision or rather a myth of Europe appears to be a monolith in the recognition of (Western) Europe as Poland's home. This is a foundation for further undertakings, which should seek a new formula of Union patriotism, however, without the rejection of their own national or Slav identity. The Union, on the other hand, must devise such a community model, which would make it possible to institutionally involve a larger number of its inhabitants in the solution of assorted Union questions, so that all could feel that they are its citizens and be filled with pride and joy.

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**THE PRINCIPLE OF A SOCIAL WELFARE STATE FOR THE EUROPEAN HEALTH
MARKET LEGAL ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS ON HEALTHCARE-RELATED ORDERS
PLACED BY THE EU**

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The health markets of Member States of the European Union (EU) are undergoing transformation in the aftermath of the deregulation, liberalisation and privatisation of public institutions. A paradigm shift from a fulfilment to a guarantee state can be seen

as gaining precedence over the image of the ‘Slim State’. It is questionable in the face of this development if and in what scope the state is losing its impact on the public structure in the healthcare system and by implication, unable to live up to its obligations of involvement in services of public interest. Indeed, the state usually pulls back from services of public interest in a specific market segment only if the continuation of such services is guaranteed by any other means. On the other hand, it is expected – in the event of failure in market mechanisms and an impending drop in supply standards – to be in a position to resume as well as safeguard such public services once again. In a transformation to the guarantee state, the question is inevitably asked if such a transformation process translates at the same time, into an obligation on the part of the EU to create a (buffering compensatory) framework for community projects to enable Member States to live up to their service mandate towards their own citizens in the area of health services under changed conditions.

Research question – At the centre of research efforts was the question if the (partial) transfer of the public service mandate of the state to the EU and its institutions following a general pattern of withdrawal from public service structures on the part of Member States is possible and reasonable, and also without a constitutional framework on the basis of the uniform visions of the implementation of a ‘European principle of the social welfare state’ in the emergence of a common health market.

Scope of investigations – Linked to the question of the safeguarding of social benefits, the consideration of government duties in the healthcare system is implicitly based on the thesis that there could have been no such provision on the said safeguards in the constitutions of Member States. The principle of the social welfare state in Germany is thus understood as a creative mandate for lawmakers, authorising and obliging them to shape and influence society in the interest of social justice. This mandate is however subject to two reservations: the reservation of the ‘feasible’, which is particularly characterised as the reservation of the ‘financially feasible’, whereas the reservation of the ‘will to act’ is truly determinant when it comes to the creative room to manoeuvre available to lawmakers in the exercise of the mandate. The principle is thus characterised by components of openness and dynamics. Conversely, it is hardly reconcilable with the closed structure of a social ‘conservation of the status quo’ in the healthcare system. Impulses for the emergence of a European health market can be created by the openness and dynamics of such a principle. On the other hand, the conflict of safeguarding social benefits offers the opportunity for Member States to promptly adapt to European developments in the health market in order to be able to exhaust the potentials of the health sector in the national healthcare system on a long-term basis. At the same time, it offers an opportunity to take on the issue of constitutional principles in social, health and other policies of the EU.

Objectives of the thesis and course of investigation – Understood as an open and dynamic principle, the public service mandate of the state in the healthcare system will require complementation as an uncertain legal terminology. The conflict of reservations in respect of the ‘feasible’ and the ‘desired’ in the principle of the social welfare state and the resultant barriers of exercising fundamental rights in the field of health and social systems is expected to manifest on the basis of the fundamental principles of legal economy (analysis of legal consequences and real consequences). This does not only facilitate the analysis of the behaviour of players on the European market scene for public service benefits based on the rational model, in such a way that a clue is provided for the ‘desired’ and the weighting of the targets (application of the positive

economic theory of law in the shaping of the reservation of the ‘desired’). At the same time, the opportunity of talking about efficiency in a second step is presented in the implementation of the public service mandate that was vividly made manifest (in the first step) in the aftermath thereof, because efficient action will always have to be demanded at all times in the interest of public service safety, upon the acceptance of the public service mandate (application of the normative theory of law on the firm establishment of the reservation of the ‘feasible’, in the implementation of the creative mandate of shaping and influencing the social order). To the extent that the vision of an efficient healthcare system has then been described in detail as a common objective, the analysis of legal and real consequences then provides an option in a third step, of acquiring and preparing such information as it relates to the expected impacts on the implementation of a concept of harmonisation and its proposals for joint actions in the direction of realising the principle of a European social welfare state.

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EUROPEAN IDENTITY IN CURRENT SPANISH LIFE: AN ANALYSIS OF VARIOUS EXAMPLES OF HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE AND REPRESENTATION IN CONTEMPORARY SPAIN

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This paper focuses on a selection of examples of remembrance and representation of the Holocaust in contemporary Spain. Using the concepts of collective and official memory, and calling upon the nuanced relationship between memory, history and ethics as explored by Avisar and Berel Lang, the present work will examine the emergence of the Holocaust as a theme in Spanish politics, culture and society. Even though this trend could be merely considered part of the wider phenomenon called the globalisation of the Holocaust, it is my intention to focus on the particularities of the phenomenon in Spain in the context of the revisionism of the law in historical memory and the civil war. As I hope to show, an analysis of the growing sociopolitical interest of the Shoa in contemporary Spain can help to better identify the emergence of a public discourse on a new Spanish-European identity.

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THE MYTH OF THE HARMONIOUSLY CO-EXISTING EUROPE
AND THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN THEME IN THE PROSE WORKS OF
ARNOLD ZWEIG

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Arnold Zweig (1887–1968), a writer of left-wing views, was involved in a pacifist movement. Of Silesian descent, coming from a Jewish family settled in Glogau (today Glogow), his literary output is filled with nostalgia for lost Silesia, and a dream of a world of peace where various nations live in harmony with one another. The Austro-Hungarian Empire is a symbol and, at the same time, an icon of a multicultural world for Zweig. Zweig consciously creates a myth of the Austro-Hungarian pastoral and makes explicit references to Paul Celan (born in Bukovina, then part of Romania). Zweig believes that the Europe of before World War I (in which he took part) was a shrine of tolerance. He tries to bring back the Europe of the early-20th century and its spectrum of values.

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THE HOLOCAUST IN EUROPEAN HISTORY CULTURE

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The paper departs from the suggestion that the Holocaust during the last two decades has developed into a basis of a founding history, or a basic value, of an integrated Europe. The process can be described as an important dimension of a third, cultural wave of European integration, following up and supporting earlier processes of

economic and political integration. Its main idea is that the first European integration initiatives after the Second World War grew out of the horrible experiences of the Holocaust, and that increased integration provides the best guarantee against a repetition of genocidal violence. Those who deny or banalise the Holocaust are not allowed into the European Community.

However, it goes without saying that this public or official European Holocaust interest is of recent origin, that few if any European states and societies in the first postwar decades demonstrated any will to give attention to Holocaust history, and that the result of the present European Holocaust construction work, in particular demonstrated in commemorative practices of the year anniversary year of 2005, can be labelled a founding myth of a new Europe. The paper analyses this process in terms of theoretical concepts such as historical consciousness, history culture and uses of history, and from various empirical documentations, benefitting from the research project 'The Holocaust and European history culture', which the present author has been in charge of since 2001. Among publications produced within the project can be mentioned Klas-Göran Karlsson & Ulf Zander (eds), *Echoes of the Holocaust. Historical Cultures in Contemporary Europe*, Lund: Lund Academic Press 2003, Klas-Göran Karlsson & Ulf Zander (eds), *Holocaust Heritage. Inquiries into European Historical Cultures*, Malmö: Sekel Bokförlag 2004, and Klas-Göran Karlsson & Ulf Zander (eds), *Holocaust on Postwar Battlefields. Genocide as Historical Culture*, Malmö: Sekel Bokförlag 2006. The proposed paper is designed to fit in with the papers suggested by Professor Kristian Gerner and Associate Professor Ulf Zander.

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THE AMBIGUITY OF THE 'OTHER EUROPE': FROM A 'EUROPE BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN' TO 'A EUROPE WITHOUT THE IRON CURTAIN'

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The research emphasis of the present paper will lie in an analysis of the common discursive negotiation over the idea of a Europe during the Cold War, both in the form of its divided reality and its imagined unity. By means of tamizdat publication, meaning the Western publication of underground literature from Europe behind the Iron Curtain, the idea of the Other Europe aroused interest among intellectual circles in various Eastern and Western European countries. Most importantly Western intellectual magazines such as *The New York Review of Books* in New York and *La Nouvelle Alternative* in Paris focused their attention in the 1970s and 1980s on bringing various nonconformist voices from the Other Europe together on their pages and letting them present their new mental map of Europe, namely of an 'Other' Europe, that highly contradicted the reality of Cold War Europe. Presenting the literary strategy of these

journals, by which they hoped to give writers from the Other Europe a place in the European literary discourse, will illuminate a sphere of literary co-operation between East and West during the Cold War that has not been sufficiently analysed. I will show that tamizdat was able to contribute not only to a practical and emotional rapprochement, but also to a discursive engagement of intellectuals on both sides of the Iron Curtain. This will contribute to a clearer picture of those (literary) argumentations, through which writers in the East and West aimed to overcome in one way or another the literary isolation of both parts of Europe, which had been the result of an 'Iron Curtain for literature'. It is in particular the ambiguity of the term Other Europe which allows us to focus on the re-creation of an other, no longer divided, European canon of literature. Thus, the Other European literature (namely the literature from behind the Iron Curtain) contributed to the re-emerging belief in an existing all-European literature, a powerful conception which has even left traces on today's conceptions of Europe in the sphere of literature.

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THE EUROPEAN IDEA IN RUSSIAN NATIONAL LITERATURE: CONTEXTS AND DISCUSSIONS

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For an average European it is sometimes difficult to understand the so-called 'enigmatic Russian soul'. But the phenomenon might be better comprehended if one considers it from the literary point of view. It is a universally acknowledged truth that Russia is a literature-focused country. That is why an understanding of Russian literature will help much in the understanding of Russian culture in general.

Dostoevsky said that the Russian man is too wide in perceiving the world. And this receptivity manifests itself in Russian culture in such a way that, suffering from foreign influence, Russian culture not only absorbs it but also adopts and makes it a purely national phenomenon. For example, The Kremlin in Moscow was designed and built under the leadership of Italian architect Aristotle Fioravanti, but it is known as an entirely Russian piece of architecture. Russian literature shows similar examples. On the one hand, on the basis of freely used European migrant subjects, Russian writers produced outstanding works belonging to the masterpieces of literature, such as 'The Stone Guest' by Pushkin (about Don Juan). Russian readers perceive them as Russian works of art written on the basis of European material.

On the other hand, there is quite a long list of works translated from some European languages into the Russian language whose authors Russian readers do not even know because they are absolutely sure that the said works were written by Russian authors, about Russian nature, events or whatever (most of such works are poetry). And it is worth pointing out that these translations became Russian classics.

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THE CONCEPT OF EUROPE – AND BEYOND

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The primary meaning of the term 'Europe' in ordinary language is geographic and to a lesser extent cultural. However, regarding the EU, the concept of Europe has at least a third major facet: its politico-economic aspect. As to the question what areas are 'European', these facets overlap but do not coincide. So far the differences between them have not been very important for the formation of the EU (with the single exception of the discussion about the accession of Turkey).

Now that the EU covers most of the European continent, one wonders whether the EU has reached more or less its final borders – at least in a medium-term perspective of, let us say, 50 years – or whether the process of the European unification should strive for the integration of countries beyond the borders of the European continent.

It is the politico-economic aspect of European unification that makes it seem advisable to consider such a larger federation. The two most important objectives behind the unification of the EU have been to establish an efficient institution for peacekeeping and economic prosperity. These goals are still crucial with regard to most of the current EU's immediate neighbours, i.e. Russia and the countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea, and call for a kind of federation or at least for strong common political institutions that efficiently promote these objectives.

If this is true, the question arises what could be done to put this idea in the public consciousness of the citizens. It seems that the geographic and cultural connotation of the term 'Europe' is not only too limited for this vision, but may actually encumber its realisation. Although the geographic aspect is perhaps negligible, reservations against such alliances induced by cultural differences and ignorance might be quite strong.

With the initiative of French President Nicolas Sarkozy for the formation of a 'Union for the Mediterranean' this issue is no longer a theoretical one. If such a 'Union for the Mediterranean' should gain a momentum similar to that obtained by the EU, then it is

mandatory that direct ties between the citizens of the EU and the citizens of the countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea, among other things, be strengthened. The 'Euro-Mediterranean Media Partnerships', a project already started in 2003 between universities from Germany, France, Tunisia and Morocco, wants to meet this challenge. The partner institutions foster the academic exchange of researchers and students across cultural boundaries by means of personal contacts for enduring professional, project-orientated collaboration. This project centres on a combination of short regular meetings and the permanent use of Internet platforms. This strategy could serve as a paradigm how digital media could be used for cross-cultural academic research and teaching as well as for informing the general public.

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WARTIME EUROPE AS SEEN BY OTHERS – INDIAN AND AFRICAN SOLDIERS IN EUROPE IN WORLD WAR

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The First World War witnessed migration from the colonial world to Europe on an unprecedented scale. Among the temporary migrants from the colonies and semi-colonial regions to Europe were both war workers and soldiers. The latter included about 650,000 men coming from India and several parts of Africa as well as from Indochina in order to fight for Britain and France. The proposed paper will focus on views of Europe as outlined in letters and autobiographical writing by Indian and West African soldiers. I shall argue that these sources show a far from uniform strategy on the part of colonial soldiers coping with the experience of a completely foreign world. Some of them obviously were able to integrate what they experienced in Europe into their cognitive background. They enjoyed honour gained on the battlefields and were proud of their colonial masters' power. For a second group, there was a large gap between what they were used to and what they experienced in Europe. Comparing these two worlds, they arrived at a rejection of their own customs and habits and an unconditional admiration for the European social, economic and gender order. A third group of colonial soldiers tried to defend their cultural identity, to fulfill their religious duties and traditional expectations as men and warriors. However, it was particularly soldiers from this third group who went on to suffer despair and resignation.

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SHADOWS, RELICS, MECHANICAL TOYS: KARAMZIN'S VIEW OF ENLIGHTENED EUROPE AS THE GRAND BIZARRE

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The relations between Russia and Western Europe, both cultural and political, have always been complex, often difficult, and sometimes unfortunate. However, in order to understand developments in the 19th and 20th century as well as in the present, it is useful to look at the (long) 18th century as the time when cultural relations between Russia and the West had recently begun developing on a significant scale. Thus, given that Russian-European discourses about the other tend to rely on oppositions such as rational/irrational, progressive/backward, individualist/collective, it is of particular interest to explore how the Enlightenment and Sentimentalism, both in their Eastern and Western versions, have shaped our understanding of these terms.

In his *Letters of a Russian Traveller*, Nikolai Karamzin, Russia's major proponent of Sentimentalism, offers a literary description of his travels in Western Europe (Germany, Switzerland, France and England) in 1789-1790. What starts off as an educational journey to the home of progress, knowledge and enlightenment, soon turns into a trip of a wholly different nature. Although Karamzin follows his planned route for the most part, looking at major sights and meeting various scholars, writers etc., a large number of the episodes reported in the *Letters* take a strangely bizarre, spooky or at least curious turn, involving idiosyncratic, non-contextual, often comic behaviour, and a majority seem to pivot on themes of death, transience, disillusionment and disorientation, so that the Europe reflected in the traveller's experience is a maze of unexpected meetings and impressions that, moreover, seems to baffle any attempt at establishing a coherent basis of meaning.

What then makes the *Letters* such a crucial text of European Sentimentalism, and at the same time such a crucial text on Europe? I will try to show that, far from just listing obvious topoi, the *Letters* do in fact fit the Enlightenment project extremely well in another way, in that they represent a depiction and discussion of Western Europe as the seat of individualism. By stressing the off-centre, nonrepresentative, strange, private and idiosyncratic, Karamzin establishes individualism as part of enlightened 'Europeanness', but also reflects on what individualism means, how it relates to publicity, and, last but not least, how it comes to bear on the role of literature (and *belles-lettres*) as a private as well as public phenomenon.

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'OLD EUROPE': CAREER, MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND POTENTIALS OF A CONCEPT

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If you do not understand Europe as an institution that exists for political and economical reasons, you may find yourself talking about Culture – the common European one –, a very historical category itself. Yet in this area a Babylonian confusion of terms and names is not uncommon to find: we may be talking about 'the Occident', or about the spirit of 'European Enlightenment' (even though there is no such thing as a non-European one), about the 'Ancien Régime' or about 'Old Europe'. The latter serves what Bökeler and Hinrichs referred to as a hypothesis of understanding, which during the last years has built a considerable career in scientific as well as nonscientific language use, yet is still rather undefined as to what it actually refers to. What does Old Europe mean and to what end is it used? The concepts of Otto Brunner and Dietrich Gerhard have gained some prominence in the scientific community although they were not widely taken into account outside of historiography. Whereas Brunner describes Old Europe as a cultural community bound by a shared history of mentality which covers a time span 'from Homer to Goethe', that is from 800 B.C. until the 18th century A.D., Gerhard describes Old Europe as a sociohistorical unity which finds expression in institutions and structures, e.g. Christian church jurisprudence, courtly culture or class consciousness. He considers the sufficient aggregation of such institutions and structures in Europe to have come about in the 12th century and to have disappeared during the final years of the 18th century mostly because of industrialisation. *Gerhard's Old Europe. A Study of Continuity 1000-1800* (1981) met with surprisingly little attention. The fact that it was published in Germany under the title of *Das Abendland. Ursprung und Gegenbild unserer Zeit 800-1800* (1985) ('The Occident. Origin and Reflection of Our Time 800-1800') seems to be symptomatic of an indifference towards handling the conception of a common European history – an indifference still not overcome during the last 25 years.

My contribution is going to be about these two great ideas and some smaller ones which are overlooked too often. It is aimed at representatives of other eras, disciplines and subjects and not only at the small circle of medievalists and researchers of the early modern period. Answers are to be found for questions about the conditions, possibilities, problems and potentials of a conceptualisation of a shared European historiography of premodern times and how the Old can contribute to the cultural identity of a New Europe.

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THE PROSPECT OF A POLITICAL EUROPE: A MATTER OF POLITICAL REGIME OR A MATTER OF SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT?

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This paper comprises two discussions, one theoretical the other historical. The first addresses the notion of political regime (v.g. a republic or a monarchy) vis-à-vis the notion of system of government (v. g. democracy or dictatorship), the first being a social contract establishing a civil society in its core values, the second a set of institutions designed to organise public life within such societies.

The theoretical discussion sets the stage for an appraisal of European Union’s current political debate about the reform of its institutions and attempts to establish the proper place (in a political regime or in a system of government levels) of the debate for the near future. This precision, ‘near future’, is mainly due to the untimely nature of these matters, which are necessarily bound to prospects subject to great unforeseen changes.

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THE NEXUS OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND THE METAMORPHOSIS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: TAKING ISSUE WITH THE VARIOUS THEORIES FOUNDED UPON SOVEREIGN CONCEPTIONS OF STATE POWER

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The title of this paper is an invitation to reflect upon the ever-increasing relevance of regional integration processes in the post-World War II international arena.

My main purpose is to provide a cut on the important phenomenon of international integration. From the seventeenth century to the mid-twentieth century, the centralisation of authority in states – the so-called Westphalian system – was reinforced by a most powerful ideology – nationalism. Yet since the 1950s, the monopoly of states over political authority – the capacity to make legally binding decisions – has weakened. I am conscious that it is not easy to evaluate the historical importance of authoritative recasting while it is happening, but it seems likely that the second half of the twentieth century and the beginning of this century will be regarded as a watershed in European political development. European integration has shifted authority in several key areas of policy-making from national states up to European-

level institutions. Indeed, developments in the EU over the last two decades have revived debate about the consequences of European integration for the autonomy and authority of the state in Europe. Does this new political entity – the European Union – create principles for governing international relations that compete with the core Westphalian principles of sovereignty and anarchy?

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND THE FORMATION OF A EUROPEAN POLITICAL CULTURE

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The lecture will show that Europe as a whole acquired a political identity of its own in a series of peace conferences, starting with the Westphalian Peace of 1648. All the major challenges to the structural make-up of Europe such as the division of religion, the principle of revolution and the principle of nationalism were dealt with in this series of peace conferences, which rearranged the framework of European politics after violent commotions. In this sense, the institution of the conference became a pillar for a distinctly European political culture. The lecture develops this argument starting in 1648 and closing after the Second World War when the Cold War and the nuclear challenge called into question the very principle of Europe as a cultural and political unity.

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TOWARDS A MYTHOLOGY OF EUROPE

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The critical result we can diagnose in analysing the history of Europe does not lead us to an appeal in favour of the cessation of the Europe project. We defend that a self-confessed European utopia is only worth living as the victory of Europe over Europe, over its own fiction which, conscientiously or unconsciously, has lead its destiny against reality, in short, the triumph of its sublime nonidentity over the ghosts of its hallucinated identity. It is urgent the invention of a consistent utopia for

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THE IDEA OF EUROPE IN THE PERIOD OF THE ROMANTICISM

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In the period of Enlightenment philosophers and statesmen thought in terms of the community of the states, ignoring national differences in Europe. In XIX century Romanticism animated the consciousness of nationality throughout Europe. On the other hand, the sense of community spirit of the nations began to form under the influence of the Napoleonic Wars and ideas of the liberty of the people. The idea of the fight against tyrants caused the revolution named the springtide of nations in various countries of Europe in 1848. The very same idea was expressed in the Polish device ‘for our freedom and yours’, and also in the poetry of Adam Mickiewicz and Cyprian Norwid, who always thought in terms of a common Europe.

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MUTUAL WISDOM – THE PERCEPTION OF THE EUROPEAN SELF IN THE ORIENTAL MIRROR AS FOUND IN THE PROVENÇAL VERSION OF THE NOVEL *BARLAAM ET JOSAPHAT*

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One of the most important representations of meetings of different cultures can be found in a Medieval Occitan novel called *Barlaam et Josaphat*. The story’s history reaches back to ancient India and tells of the main concern of any encounter: openness. The young Barlaam shows a deep openness towards the new teachings of the old teacher Josaphat. The Occitan version does not incorporate anything new, yet it confirms that mutual openness between different and almost separated cultures had

always been necessary and appealing at the same time. Although border demarcations as we know them today were not used in Medieval times, Europe found itself separated from other continents. The separation was based on the important differences between the regions. Yet in all regions certain customs and traditions existed reflecting the wisdom of bigger and smaller communities.

This novel, based on an Indian Buddha storyline, exists in many regional versions and was very successful during the Middle Ages. Its standing and appreciation had always been unique because the confrontation between two cultures does not take place on a theological level but on a moral one much more common. In this peculiarity we can find its main objective: to emphasise what is shared between two cultures rather than contrast the differences.

It appears to be necessary to communicate the message of this work to the audience since it not only bears testimony to literary relations but also, on a higher level, to cultural confrontations. Although this legend can be understood as a tale of Christian resistance in contrast to this it stresses the major similarities. Both Josaphat the heathen prince and Barlaam his Christian teacher decide on a system of values which incorporates heathen wisdom and Christian teachings. With reference to a story well-known during the Middle Ages, we aim to focus on the uniting characteristics to display the variety and the deep common roots. The rediscovery and a new commentary may contribute to a better understanding among us Europeans and with non-European people.

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EUROPEAN IDENTITY – A GENERATIVE APPROACH

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My observation is that education for a united Europe begins with an understanding of the European culture with sufficiently precise criteria of the European belonging. In simpler words, one cannot teach the new generations to promote a united Europe without clearly knowing what it means to belong to Europe. Allow me to express my point of view in the concentrated form of two theses, which I will develop in detail.

The first thesis has to do with the belonging to Europe. European unity, especially after Maastricht and Nice, does not concern solely geographical or historical factors, but insists primarily on a cultural and institutional affiliation with Europe. In other words, geography and history are indispensable conditions for a European identity, but as the European unification – as it has already been said – is mainly an institutional and cultural process, belonging to Europe has to be evaluated today by taking into consideration institutions and culture.

The second thesis deals with European specificity. If we consider institutions to be incorporation of culture (as we are bound to do), then we can bring the whole discussion on the belonging to Europe to the matter of culture. However, we must point out that by culture we do not understand just philosophical ideas, artistic symbols, scientific theories and ideological programmes. Culture, obviously, comprises all these things, but together with their incorporation in various forms of social existence. One matter to be noted is that it is the individual culture of the citizens, and also mainly the culture shared by the structured multitudes of individuals that is involved in the process of the European Union. Facts support the statement that we can find individuals endowed with a remarkable level of culture in various European nations, but also that national communities now incorporate, in different degrees, various European values in their internal structures. This being the case, it is necessary to obtain indicators of Europeanisation especially in order to evaluate the status of the institutional Europeanisation. Such indicators (as can be proven by detailed analysis) imply the understanding of what the common traits of a cultural Europe really are.

Nevertheless, the establishing of the European cultural specificity is often submitted to the pitfalls of essay-writing which is impregnated by contextual opinions, of that of ideological improvisations of local policies. It is time that systematic viewpoints are assumed, in order to bring about the conceptual clarifications which are necessary for decision-making actions. My second thesis is the following: the European culture, understood as the ensemble of the ideas, symbols and theories which are incorporated in various forms of social existence, is specified on the levels of science, technical competence, economic behaviour, administrative skill, political action, spiritual culture of a certain kind. From the very beginning, we find unsatisfying the results of an approach to culture which starts with the postulation of a unity which spreads by assuming shape in everything, because these approaches do not allow for sufficiently differentiated descriptions of the factual situations. Today, the approaches which understand European culture as the interaction of technical competence, economic behaviour, administrative skill, political action and spiritual culture of a certain kind are rightfully preferred. In other words, neither the monism of economy, nor the monism of culture, like any other kind of monism, permit the specifying of the European culture, and, consequently, realistic evaluations and adequate actions.

The cultural belonging to Europe – understood in this sense – means the conditioning of productive competence by a continuously ascending technical competence, based on the implementation of modern sciences; furthermore, an economic behaviour characterized by economic rationality, that is, formed in such a way that the result constitutes a surplus as compared to what has been invested. It also means efficient administration which is based on a culture of law characterized by personalism, legalism and formalism; a culture of law which promotes the person as subject and aim of the law as well as the generality and sovereignty of the law. The cultural belonging to Europe also relies on values based on individual freedom and the understanding of this freedom as autonomy; also, the construction of the human being as a private area which rests on property, granted by laws which state fundamental and inalienable rights. Another European characteristic is that political will and state policy should derive from the public debate upon the issues of general interest, giving the upper hand to better arguments. European culture also entails a culture of research, of systematic knowledge working toward the idea of changing the technical, economic, administrative and cultural

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ARCHEOLOGY AND POLITICAL AGENDAS: THE MAKING OF NATIONALISM IN PORTUGAL (19TH-20TH CENTURIES)

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During the 18th century, some national agendas looked at antiquarian activities as a way to support some of their aspirations, at a time when nationalism was being created in Europe. Consequently, epigraphic and numismatic studies increased, becoming strongly popular pastimes among aristocrats and new bourgeoisie. Together with the intensity of this occurrence, the 19th century brought a novelty: the birth of Modern prehistoric archaeology beginning with the establishment of human antiquity in 1859. And this paradigm renewed the quest for national identities, being simultaneously crucial to the development of archaeology itself.

Portugal was no exception. On the contrary, intellectuals tried to reaffirm (believed) Portuguese cultural uniqueness, validating national borders substantiated by archaeological artefacts. In fact, some of these researchers contradicted the common perception of the European past shaped by an *ex orient lux*. Quite the reverse, they conceived the idea of an *ex occident lux* derived from the Iberian Peninsula, which spread to other regions including north Africa. Megaliths played an essential role for this purpose. Especially in what concerned their architecture, and their 'packages'. Based on their alleged singularity – chronological, and structural –, some archaeologists believed in their primacy over those discovered elsewhere in Europe. This was particularly clear during the 20th century Portuguese *Estado Novo* ('New State') political agenda, as we will analyse in the paper. Furthermore, we will figure out how our main archaeologists were committed to the making of nationalism in the country, envisioning Western Europe united by the megalithic phenomenon.

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EUROPE AND PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING AFRICAN COUNTRIES: AN HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

Muanamosi Matumona

Speaking of the relation Europe-Africa is a complex task and, simultaneously, a thankless one which forces one to go back in time and space and approach a phenomenon that marked the history of humanity: colonialism. And when we talk about colonialism, Portugal appears in the front line, considering the philosophy that fed and orientated its colonial practice, and also its extremely long presence, being one of the last countries to put an end to its policy, giving in to the many pressures that came from the West.

It is a fact that Portugal, during the history of its presence and adventures in Africa, kept many contacts with many peoples and kingdoms, namely Tangiers, Dahomey, Senegal, the Congo, etc... Presently, however, in an indelible way, only five African countries maintain those strong historical and cultural ties. They are consecrated and known as Portuguese-speaking African countries (PALOP). These five nations identify themselves with Portugal nowadays: Angola (that 'became [...] *the beloved daughter of the Portuguese*'), Mozambique, São Tomé e Príncipe, Guinea Bissau and Cape Verde. Fruit of that historical heritage, these countries have, though Portugal, a gateway to the European continent.

This way, Portugal, in the context of the so-called 'lusophony', is the 'bridge' or Europe's 'identity card' to the PALOP. Thus, these countries are neither closed nor isolated from Europe and are very well-acquainted with this continent with which they relate and intend to maintain sincere and profitable relations for all, leaving behind the negative marks of colonialism, even though the positive aspects of this phenomenon (colonialism) should be used in an era in which all peoples should walk together for the formation of a better world ... And Europe has much to give to the African universe and also much to learn from it.

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A GLOBAL POWER'S VIEW ON A REGIONAL PLAYER: HENRY KISSINGER'S YEAR OF EUROPE

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'The United States will continue to support the unification of Europe. We have no intention of destroying what we worked so hard to help build. For us, European unity is what it has always been: not an end in itself but a means to the strengthening of the West. We shall continue to support European unity as a component of a larger Atlantic

partnership.’ This statement was part of Henry Kissinger’s speech on the Year of Europe which he delivered in April 1973. In this speech he stressed, on the one hand, the ongoing importance of European integration; on the other hand, he characterised Europe as a regional power and expected its subordination within the alliance, asking at the same time for greater burden sharing and more concessions in economic questions. Furthermore, Kissinger proposed the creation of an institutionalised dialogue between Europe and the United States and the drafting of a transatlantic declaration. The consultations following the speech revealed that Kissinger tried to gain greater control over European politics by linking the American security guarantee to economic issues and by getting more deeply involved in European consultation processes. Though the Nixon-Kissinger administration officially encouraged the efforts of its European partners to co-ordinate their policies, it ignored the Europeans’ attempts to speak with one voice and rather continued to deal with them bilaterally. It thereby disturbed the efforts of the European Community to harmonise their foreign policies especially with regard to the crisis in the Middle East and the oil crisis of 1973/74 and disclosed that the EC – facing these conflicts with global impact – did in fact not manage to transcend its role as a regional player. Both the Nixon-Kissinger administration’s lack of willingness and the European’s lack of ability to deal with each other on equal terms finally led to the failure of the Year of Europe which ended in an ineffectual compromise and hollow phrases. The presentation will analyse the following questions: What domestic and external reasons motivated Kissinger’s proposal? What does the initiative itself and the consultations between the transatlantic partners subsequently tell about the views of the Nixon-Kissinger administration on Europe and its role in the world? What does it reveal about the worldview of the American protagonists and to what extent do their assumptions reflect the views of other US administrations in the postwar era? While substantive research has already been done on the American attitude towards European integration and Europe’s role in international politics during the first two decades after 1945, comparatively few studies deal with the American views on Europe during the Nixon-Kissinger era. Some early analyses dealing with the Year of Europe could not draw on archival materials. More recent general works on transatlantic relations and biographies on Kissinger and Nixon touch upon the topic only briefly. The articles by Fiona Venn on the oil crisis of 1973/74 (1999) and by Pascaline Winand on ‘The Year of Europe Speech and its Genesis from an American Perspective’ (edited in a volume of the European Union Liaison Committee of Historians in 2007) shed some light on America’s role during the Year of Europe. Winand furthermore presented a paper on this topic at a conference on ‘Willy Brandt and the European Integration’ in Metz (2006). Robert Wampler also held a presentation on Kissinger’s motives for his initiative at a conference on ‘The Atlantic Community Unraveling? States, Protest Movements, and the Transformation of US European Relations, 1969–1983’ in Nashville (2004). In my presentation, I would like to add to this academic discussion, which has only just begun. I will draw on recent archival research which I have conducted for my doctoral thesis on ‘Willy Brandt and the United States of America’ which will soon be published.

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EUROPEANISM AS A STRATEGY OF PRESERVING NATIONAL CULTURES

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At the end of the first decade of the twenty-first century, contentions, or even conflicts, concerning the character of national identities are becoming more visible. This problem is kept in the foreground of discussions about the future of Europe; but on every continent this phenomenon is in a different stage of transformation. First of all, the processes of globalisation cause an increase in the number of supporters of weak, nonessential, changeable, so called ‘open’ identities. For the same reasons there is an increasing number of different types of fundamentalists, who believe that a strong identity, which is stable and enrooted in national traditions, is the only way to prevent the identification with local cultures from disappearing and splitting within global culture and communicatio. Taking into account the arguments of both sides, my assumption is that tensions between weak and strong identities are not only dangerous for national and cultural identification. Research results show that these tensions can create numerous opportunities for the articulation of national and cultural specificity. In my opinion they can even establish one of the fundamentals of Europeanism understood as a strategy of preserving national cultures at a time when a new world deal is being shaped. I consider the issue of Europeanism by means of diversification between variety and otherness. Following the track indicated by Homi Bhabha, I try to prove that this diversification forms a conceptual framework, useful for describing representation of ‘specificity’ and ‘otherness’ in discussions concerning Europeanism.

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THE CLASSIC EUROPEAN FOUNDATIONS: FROM THE GREEK *POLIS* TO THE ROMAN EMPIRE

António Moniz

In despite of being a tópos, the classic European roots are not always duly recognised, as we have observed in the discussion about the European Constitution, later replaced by the European Treatise.

We shall start with the Greek myth of Europe (eurôpos, the big eyes), symbol of seduction and violence, and we shall analyse the most expressive contribution of Greek and Roman culture to the inherited European civilisation. From the political perspective, in Greek polis we can meet the democratic and republican solution; in the Roman Empire we can see the hegemony mixed with the cultural interrelationship; military

glory was the most important aspiration of the Roman citizen. From the juridical perspective, the notion of citizenship was extremely limited with the Greeks, but progressively opened with the Romans; Res publica was based on nomos and lex, on court and magistracy. From the economic perspective, the peel of agriculture was reached by industrial manufacture and trade; the creation of currency and financial system permitted an easier circulation of goods. From a social perspective, it was obvious that the slavery system, juridically alive until 9th century and renewed in other forms, until the present day; the great gap among families and gentes; the family system; children and youth education. From a cultural perspective, the prestige of the Greek and Latin languages was determinant; the glory of the arts; scientific and technological development; religion and ethic values preponderance; otium and negotium occupation

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THE ROUTE OF SANTIAGO: THE FIRST EUROPEAN CULTURAL ROUTE AND THE PILGRIMAGE OF MYTHICAL WOMEN IN MEDIEVAL EUROPE (ST. ELISABETH OF PORTUGAL, ST. BRIDGID OF SWEDEN)

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One of the main aims of the Council of Europe is to promote a better understanding of cultural heritage of the different nations and to contribute to an intercultural dialogue. For the Council of Europe, it is important to make Europeans aware of the common cultural heritage in order to create a feeling of European identity transcending national borders. In this context the European Cultural Route was created by the Council of Europe in 1987 – the first Cultural Route distinguished by this programme was precisely the Route of Santiago de Compostela. The singularity of the Route of Santiago is due, among other aspects, to its antiquity, its large extension, its historical meaning during the Middle Ages and its extraordinary contribution to developments in literature, arts, science and technique.

In this lecture I will analyse unto which extends the Route of Santiago is nowadays a space of European collective memory and the role of the label European Cultural Route in institutionalising this memory. I will refer to the mythification process of St. Elisabeth of Portugal and St. Brigid from Sweden as empirical examples. Both achieved a European projection, and St. Brigid even was named a patron saint of Europe.

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THE IMAGE OF EUROPE IN 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY BRAZIL

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An analysis of the available documents that deals with the meaning of 'Europe' as seen from the Brazilian point of view allows the identification of three different meaningful moments, or stages. Overall, the writings published between 1850 and 1935, especially those by Francisco Varnhagen and Gilberto Freyre, show a tendency to praise and be seduced by the actions of a 'civilising Europe'. In this perspective, the Portuguese are presented as being successful artifices of the cultural transformations that have taken place in Brazil ever since it was 'discovered'. It is precisely this admiration of the ethical and cultural efforts of the European colonisation movement that stimulated the hopes of a promising future. However, during that same time, voices disagreeing with the colonisation project of Brazil also begin to emerge. Voices such as that of Capistrano Abreu, who insisted that the Europeans were 'foreigners' who failed to take into consideration the culture of the population that inhabited the territory prior to their arrival.

In addition, between the years of 1936 and 2000, there emerge yet other interpretations of the presence of the Europeans in the American continent. Experts such as Sérgio Buarque de Holanda, Nélson Werneck Sodré, Caio Prado, Florestan Fernandes e Fernando Henrique Cardoso, among others, spoke of the limited success achieved by the colonising actions as they were applied in Brazil. Signaling a phase of disenchantment with the results of the European cultural Project that was intended to be transferred to the Tropics; this phase could also be called anti-eurocentric.

In the last years, with the social-economic achievements made evident by the historical path that eventually led to the formation of the European Community, the structures of the relationship between colonising nations and colonised nations altered significantly. And in Brazil, efforts to bring together different European nations, overcoming economical, geographical and cultural limitations, can be translated into an image of a Europe whose efforts are stimulated by the advantages of communitarian ideals.

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GLOBALISATION AS EUROPEISATION

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According to the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, globalisation often functions as little more than a synonym for one or more of the following phenomena: the pursuit of

classical liberal policies in the world economy, the growing dominance of Western (or even American) forms of political, economic and cultural life (westernisation or Americanisation), the proliferation of new information technologies, as well as the notion that humanity stands at the threshold of realising one single unified community in which major sources of social conflict have vanished. It is symptomatic that globalisation is often paralleled with Americanisation and/or westernisation. The term 'Europeisation' has been used very seldom if ever. It is surprising as all the above mentioned typical characteristics of globalisation have their origin in the European cultural tradition. It is Europe, not the United States that is the real cultural cradle of the most visible trends in the contemporary global society. It is Europe, where the three Ps of globalisation, namely the phenomenon, the philosophy and the process, originate. Consequently, the future prospects of the idea of Europe fully depend on the progress of globalisation. However, Europe has to redefine itself, its identity and its geographical boundaries in order to take the lead in globalisation. First of all, Europe has to open up. The chances for Europe in the process of globalisation lay rather in the East than in the West. The key issue in the progress of globalisation is the question, how efficiently Europe can solve the problem of its geographical and cultural identity, whether there can be a European identity overarching the national ones or not. The idea of the European identity needs to obtain more organic content than just a sum of national identities of the European countries.

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THE FUTURE OF EUROPEAN LANGUAGES IN FACE OF THE INVASION OF ENGLISH.
THE ROLE OF LANGUAGES SUCH AS PORTUGUESE AND BULGARIAN IN EUROPEAN
AND INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION POLICIES

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With this work we intend to shed some light on the possibilities of the future role of less known languages at European level, namely Portuguese and Bulgarian, to develop and maintain European and international co-operation. It is also important to clarify the need and the role of such idioms for the future development of mankind.

Besides paying attention to the importance of a global language for communication and scientific interchange, we will approach the problems that may arise because a language is an important instrument of knowledge and communication, a self-improvement and source of aesthetic pleasure and also an instrument of ideological and political domination. Similarly to the brief review of diverse adopted opinions and hypotheses about the future role of national languages in daily life and in co-operation policies, we

will also reflect on the subject that concerns the future role and relevance of national languages in European and international co-operation policies. Considering several analyses and prognoses made by analysts in this context, in this section we will try to answer the following question: Is the future of mankind connected to the generalised unification and existence of only one communication language between people and peoples? The final part of this work is a critical appraisal of the subject, a personal reflexion about the theme, as well as a presentation of conclusive aspects.

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AN EDUCATION FOR EUROPE?

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Throughout the 1990's, but especially after the approval of the Lisbon Strategy (2000), the European Union has been playing an important role in the definition of guidelines for educational policies. Even if each Member States has the competency to rule in Education, it is impossible to ignore the growing role of the European Union in this field. The Program Education & Training 2010 is a good example of this fact. The analysis and discussion of this Program is the main purpose of the speech entitled An Education for Europe?

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SEEING ONESELF THROUGH OTHER EYES? ANTHROPOLOGY AND NON-EUROPEAN CIVILISATIONS FROM THE AGE OF DISCOVERIES TO THE 18TH CENTURY

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For a long time European discoveries in the early modern period (15th to 18th centuries) have been seen as a unilateral spreading of Europe's cultural values such as religion and technological superiority at a world-wide level. Most of the Europeans in the colonies, however, adapted to local traditions and habits and thus ensured their colonial domination. The mixed cultures of these 'go-betweens' had great influence in Europe. Colonial products (plants, art objects) were introduced and influenced European art developments (exoticism in paintings or tapestries or the 'chinoiserie' mode in the 18th

century just to mention well-known phenomena). It is far less known how the contact with the 'other' helped to define European identity.

Confrontation with other civilisations quickly led to a discussion about the European concept of civilisation, the travel books provided ample material about non-European communities with different social practices. The iconographic and pre-ethnological material was widely used and gave birth to the tradition of the 'noble savage', dominating the 18th century philosophical definition about the justification of power. Various observations as to the existence of common goods in aboriginal tribes led to a questioning of European commercial practice in European utopian literature and a severe critique of the traditional European economic balance of power. Authors such as the Abbé Raynal saw the colonial economy as an undervalued, not adequately developed opportunity for European commercial development on a humanitarian basis without slavery (Raynal, *Histoire philosophique et politique, des établissemens & du commerce des européens dans les deux Indes*, 1770, one of the most often republished books in the 18th centuries).

This contribution shall put the main focus on a few major lines in this development: the contact with non-European communities led to an epistemological important discussion of different 'mythologies' and finally the cultural comparison in Lafitau's *Moeurs des sauvages américains* (1724) and Rousseau's political discussion of original societies as a measure of questioning the legitimacy of absolute power in search of a new 'contrat social'. Raynal was the first to form a conception of world-wide commerce as a medium for justly balanced economic development between the colonies and Europe.

Costume books and depictions of non-Europeans helped to promote a new genre in European art and imagination: the 'costume books' integrating typical habits of Europeans and other nations. They have gone on to influence stereotyped images of nations in art and literature up to our times.

Travel books about non-European countries broke with the medieval tradition of enumerating, copying or compiling from secondary sources, as in many medieval pilgrim books, and led to a discussion about the concept of 'authenticity' in European geographical and historical literature. Colonisation had an overwhelming impact on historiography and political theory. The Spanish court had official historiographers and protestant authors who questioned the Spanish right to colonisation in the European-wide critique of the so-called *leyenda negra*. Later on in the 18th century the 'Jesuit state' of the *reducciones* (Indian villages ruled by the Jesuits) in South America caused discussions in Europe about idealised theocratical rule and finally became a pretext to suppress the Jesuit order in the 18th century. These discussions used the early European press contacts and spread to various countries; they helped to create a common European 'public opinion' across political borders.

Focussing on the mentioned exemplary developments, the contribution shows that contact with non-European civilisations led to an early European self-definition and a considerable enrichment of European thinking. It helped build a Europe-wide communication and press system in the early modern times and a *communauté des savants* interested in similar questions even if disagreeing on many specific valuations.

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MEDIEVAL EUROPE – OBJECT AND IDEOLOGY

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The existence of a concept of Europe before 1700 has been questioned in several publications during the last three decades, but medievalists continue to frequently refer to ‘Europe in the Middle Ages’. Although most of the references simply use the notion in order to delimitate the geographical area in which the authors want to analyse a particular problem, there are, however, a certain number of publications by medievalists that explicitly address the question of ‘medieval Europe’. The central question thus remains, in which way it could be justified and heuristically fertile to speak of Europe in the Middle Ages? Generally speaking, periods of intensive publication on this subject coincide with central political events during the 20th century; medievalists’ contributions can thus be viewed as an expression of the intricate interrelations between historical research and the political needs of their time. The present paper proposes to interpret these conjunctures as an expression of extra-scientific needs rather than a discussion originating in the discussions that dominate the disciplines which participate. As a consequence, most contributions on ‘Europe in the Middle Ages’ tend to hypostasise a modern concept of a material European culture and have thus to be regarded as projections on the period they pretend to analyse.

This paper proposes a critical appraisal of these effects before approaching the cultural and semantic charge of the concept of Europe in the Latin West between the 5th and 15th centuries. Although the position that ‘Europe did not exist during the Middle Ages – it rather replaced the Middle Ages’ (R. Hiestand) has gained widespread acceptance, the notion itself is far from being rare in medieval texts. If one focuses not on a genuinely ‘political’ use of the term, a closer analysis reveals that the notion of ‘Europe’ could be used by contemporaries in a broad variety of contexts, from the description of military actions during the Crusades to the positioning of one’s own community (state, people) in the larger framework of a religiously founded perception of historical development. As a consequence, the notion of ‘Europe’ could acquire an important cultural semantic charge – however without leading to a uniformly defined and stable concept. One has thus to ask if the political value of the notion might have depended, not unlike its use in our own times, on its flexibility? The medieval notion of ‘Europe’ could then be described as a ‘stopgap’ that could be called upon to satisfy different kinds of discursive needs, providing a basis for political compromise: authors using the notion unanimously agreed on the importance and ‘venerability’ of the ideas that it evoked while the concrete details of practical problems and solutions remained open to debate. In order to cite only one example: From the 12th century onwards, Europe was frequently designated as being a ‘Christian’ continent, although the church’s claims included a central role in universal (i.e. ‘global’) salvation. Some authors, however, shied away from the picture of a religiously homogeneous continent by recognising the existence of relevant minorities. As a consequence, we have to ask if these phenomena could even theoretically furnish a basis for the generalised construction of a ‘Christian

continent of Europe' today – or if it rather invites us to be aware of the culturally (and historically) constructed and thus contingent nature of the concept of 'Europe'?

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THE 'NEW EUROPE' IN THE DISCOURSE OF QUISLING AND GOVERNMENTS-IN-EXILE: THE GREEK CASE; 1941–1944

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This paper aims to juxtapose two perceptions regarding the Old Continent, as presented in the Greek setting during the Axis occupation: the one of the Quisling governments, the other of governments-in-exile.

The concept of the Axis' 'New Europe' was employed by the Quisling governments as a justification for collaborating with the Germans. They envisaged Europe as an enclosed geographical entity subject not only to the pressure of warfare but to ideological constructs (unifying myths, use of the past – use of specific historical facts interpreted in a 'suitable' way, presenting the enemy as responsible for the war) and hence turned it into a cultural space. The cultural space was identified with the West and their enemy with the East. The construction of 'New Europe', which also included the vision of an economy based on autarky and the artificial stabilisation of currency, after having conquered the European lebensraum, would protect this political and cultural space.

As for the governments-in-exile, they perceived New Europe, in the sense of postwar Europe, as part of a wider scheme and fragmented into smaller geographical entities (Balkans, East, West, etc.). Creating small confederations (like the Greek-Yugoslav agreement of 1942) would protect the continent from future wars. The depiction of the war itself reveals that the Allies were also identified with the civilised West and were fighting the barbaric East.

Apart from the apparent and striking differences, interestingly enough there are similarities as well. In both cases we have positive connotations for the term 'west' and negative for the term 'east'. In both cases some kind of unification of postwar Europe was employed as a solution, as a construction that would prevent another war. This existence of similarities suggests that pro-integration thinking constitutes a consequence of the experience of war and part of the expectations of its aftermath.

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THE IDEA OF EUROPE IN GALICIAN NATIONAL LITERATURE

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In my lecture I would like to offer a first approach to the ideas of Europe in Galician literature of the 20th century. Galicia has a small territory and at the same time a very sharp cultural identity. I will analyse the discourse of Europe that has been produced since the beginnings of the 20th century and is called the 'europeismo' among the intellectual elites in Galicia. Within this discourse Europe turned out to be the referent for the cultural innovation Galicians wished to be part of. By this means Europe became also a political reference for the Galician collective identity.

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'FAKED EUROPES' IN BRAZIL DURING THE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY

Mary del Priore

My lecture will run upon the impact of the European presence in Brazil, since 1808, the date of the arrival of the Portuguese royal family and the beginning of commercial relationships with England, France and Italy. The presence of men, ideas and materials coming from the European continent has modified forms of being, of living and thinking in the Tropics. It was the beginning of the construction of an ideal representation of Europe, which for more than one century has moulded the Brazilian elites in their quest to appear different from their 'mestizo' culture. Certain aspects of this 'faked Europe', as Fernand Braudel would say, shall be approached.

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THE IDEA OF EUROPE IN MADEIRAN CULTURE

Thierry Proença

The concern of the urban Madeiran bourgeoisie, as well as of its intellectual elite, of distinguishing themselves from the others, has always had the objective to accompany, even at a distance and in spite of the atavistic backwardness of Madeira, the role models of progress of the developed and educated countries of Europe.

In this sense, the discourse about Europe has been explored in such a way as to defend the European matrix of the insular culture, the reinforcement of the recent political autonomy and the infrastructural modernisation that the island needs (Ed).

Our proposal is to analyse the importance of an idea of Europe, which has been seen as a model of social, cultural and economic development for Madeiran society along times.

This way, the following leads will be explored: (1) Madeira, a doorway to the world (sugarcane production, ‘the first European city built outside the European continental space’, the development of trade – the role of the English, centre of sojourn in the 19th century, cosmopolitanism and tourist destination in the 20th and 21st centuries; (2) Europe, the large cultural centre (Madeiran elite: intellectuals with degrees taken in Coimbra, Lisbon or Paris; regional bilingual press: Portuguese / English); (3) Madeira and Europe: European backgrounds, a window of opportunities (through political chronicles).

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ON INTERGENERATIONAL MOBILITY IN EUROPE

Ana Prokopyshyn / Paulo Delgado

With this communication, we intend to present some outcomes of the MATES project, funded by the European Union’s Grundtvig Programme, and developed by CompaRes – International Society for Iberian-Slavonic Studies, in co-operation with four other European institutions (Räama Noorte Ühing Noorus – Estonia, Projektbüro ‘Dialog der Generationen’ – Germany, E.E.P.T.B – Greece and Associação VIDA – Portugal). This project aims to produce a pan dissemination of results coming from intergenerational projects approved under the Grundtvig programme. MATES consists of the creation of a guide drawn up by a tab of initiatives in favour of a living intergenerational society, meaning a strong and good-quality co-existence and exchange between generations, contributing to a more efficient and effective use of UE Resources.

Attending to one of the given priorities of the European Commission in terms of social and educational policies, our project aim is to promote intergenerational mobility, contributing to a more united and fraternal Europe, which starts with the promotion of constructive relationships and mutual enrichment among people of all ages, and the struggle against all kinds of discrimination and loneliness. The result must be a better-off and cohesive society, and therefore a better-off and cohesive Europe. The wager on

intergenerationalism is one of the pathways to build a better Europe, which is a special place in a world worth living in.

Intergenerational mobility in society is undoubtedly an extent of (e)quality in life odds; intergenerational relations during childhood reflect in success in later life, or on the flip side, the extent to which elder individuals start being visible and valorised, which does not happen in societies nowadays. Under a project supported by the European Union and organised by an international co-operational partnership, we aim to promote a guide for intergenerational mobility and solidarity across Europe, and with this promote human rights, tolerance and respect for cultures and generations.

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SPAIN IN THE BUILDING OF THE EUROPEAN HISTORY AND IDENTITY: PAST AND FUTURE

Ignacio Pulido Serrano

From the 18th to the 20th centuries great Spanish thinkers dealt with *idea of Europe* and with the Spanish role in the construction of European history and European identity. The decline of the Spanish Empire in the 17th century and the loss of its hegemony in the European and Atlantic world caused a deep and everlasting shock in the cultural and intellectual environment. Prominent authors – Jerónimo Feijoo, Gaspar de Jovellanos, Marcelino Menéndez Pelayo, Miguel de Unamuno or José Ortega y Gasset – reflected on this question and took it into account in their works. They tried to explore what Spain was in European history and what its place must be in the European future. In this sense, there were two interpretations about Spanish history: the ‘black legend’ and the ‘rose legend’ and both have been an important influence on Spanish self-perception. I will explain some aspects of this subject.

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THE NEW FACE OF EUROPE: IMAGES OF A POSTCOLONIAL CONTINENT

Micaela Ramon

In the last quarter of the XX century, Portugal, a small peripheral country of the Old Continent, was at the centre of profound changes that substantially changed its face as a nation. The loss of overseas colonial possessions and the consequent influx of massive and successive waves of communities from Africa, Macau and Timor have largely contributed to such changes. Such an influx of communities has not ceased to head to the old metropolis of the empire, in a movement, moreover, that accompanies the reality of other European countries, which are becoming increasingly more multiracial and multicultural.

As a result, ‘the theory of “white and Christian Europe” (...) well rooted by traditions and customs in history’ (A. Vitorino, *Diário de Notícias*, 21/4/2006) is, as it never before has been, reductive and inappropriate to the new emerging realities. In currently published Portuguese literature, there are abounding voices through which the contours of a postcolonial Europe are defined; inhabited by new Europeans who, whether from within or from outside its borders, project images that make up the cross kaleidoscope of a multiform and diverse continent.

The communication that we propose will therefore concentrate on presenting contemporary authors, Portuguese and / or Portuguese-speaking, whose works contribute to the definition and understanding of the ‘new face of Europe’.

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THE IDEA OF EUROPE IN THE WORKS BY GEORG STEINER AND BENTO XVI

Miguel Real

The ideas of Europe in George Steiner and Pope Bento XVI reveal two different visions of the history of this continent-civilisation. Bento XVI has the classic and humanist idea of Europe as a symbiosis of the Jewish and Greco-Roman cultures, fulfilled in a superior way in the Christian culture, the spiritual and intellectual basis of Europe. Steiner, on the other hand, although he accepts the classic vision of Bento XVI, has another vision of Europe. Europe would be the continent of the mental inquietation expressed simultaneously and harmonically in the realms of music, mathematics and philosophy, based on an incessant, continuous and endless questioning (‘Our ontological legate is the quest’) and a future not rarely eschatologically thought.

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EUROPE BETWEEN MYTH AND CONTINENTAL ALLEGORY. GEORG KAISER’S PLAY

EUROPE

Almut Renger

'Europe' is inscribed into our continent's collective memory in two ways. The first time it appeared in Homer's writing denoting a Phoenician princess abducted by Zeus in the shape of a bull. As documented by Herodot for the first time, also the geographical and political dimension of the name is reflected. This double meaning of the term has been present throughout all ages of European literature, the arts and music until Modernity and the present. The first part this article drafts this development. The second part is devoted to a Modernist theatre production which ranges between continental allegory and myth. Georg Kaiser's play *Europe* was published in 1915 and had its premiere in 1920. During that era, the first quarter of the 20th century, Europe was much debated as a project, a vision and a 'unity of fate'. The discussion of Europe, mainly by writers ever since Romanticism, re-emerged during and after the Great War. The unvictorious German Reich appeared to have left the European bond and to be in need of reintegration. This article analyses the embedding of the play into the contemporary Zeitgeist and the transformations of the ancient myth by the author. Most importantly that the abducted Europe does not allow Zeus to impregnate her but takes a husband, the leader of an unknown warrior tribe. Together with these warriors, the mythical sons of Kadmos, she undertakes a journey to find a new country to bear her name, Europe.

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EUROPE AS SEEN FROM AFRICA

János Riesz

As Jean-Paul Sartre wrote in his preface 'Orphée Noir' (1948) to the *Anthologie de la Nouvelle Poésie Nègre*, edited by Léopold S. Senghor, white man had had the privilege of looking at Africans for three thousand years without being looked back at. European travellers, scientists, artists and writers developed their own image of the African that was closely related to conquest, exploitation and 'development' of the continent. We only can indirectly deduce from the Africans' reactions and behaviour how they perceived the European traders and intruders. Our sources are mainly European travelogues and colonial literature. A reversal of the onlook occurred only at the moment when Africans became writers themselves and described their experience with Europe and the Europeans in autobiographies and travelogues. Here we can distinguish between two historical phases: first the life stories of freed or escaped slaves in the 18th to the 19th century, and then the autobiographies encouraged and promoted by European anthropologists or missionaries and colonial institutions; some of these texts

can be considered as the beginning of African literature in European languages in general.

What the Europeans had to learn about themselves was not always flattering. The first comprehensive study on the image of Europeans and white people by Africans and other non-Europeans, published by the German ethnologist Julius Lipps in 1937 in his American exile, included the telling title *The Savage Hits Back*.

The lecture tries to put the focus on the African image of Europe and Europeans in connection with prejudiced European expectations and literary production coming from the Africans' experience of the white man. As an introduction to the issue, we refer to our (J.R.) anthology: *Blick in den schwarzen Spiegel – Das Bild des Weißen in der afrikanischen Literatur des 20. Jahrhunderts*, Wuppertal: Peter Hammer Verlag, 2003.

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CONCEPTS OF EUROPE IN PORTUGUESE LITERATURE FROM ROMANTICISM TO THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY

Annabela Rita

Using literary works by Almeida Garrett, Eça de Queirós, Cesário Verde and Fernando Pessoa and political essays by Sebastião de Magalhães Lima as empirical examples, the present contribution will dwell on the image of Europe and the representation of Portugal in relation to Europe in the Portuguese culture from the Romantic period to the early 20th century.

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VISIONS OF EUROPE AND REVOLUTION IN THE INTERSECTING ACTIVIST AND RESISTANCE TRAJECTORIES OF HARRO SCHULZE-BOYSEN AND ALEXANDRE MARC

Christian Roy

A pioneer of both the French Resistance and the European federalist movement, Alexandre Marc (1904–2000) always held up as a model to the European activists trained in the institutes he had founded his pre-war collaboration with Harro Schulze-Boysen, German leader of the controversial Red Orchestra Resistance network, who was executed by the Nazis in 1942. Since 2009 marks the centennial of Schulze-Boysen's birth, it seems fitting to go beyond polarising views of his role, to highlight the European dimension of his ostensibly East-leaning political action, and compare it with the more overtly European scope of his French 'nonconformist' contacts, as well as of the Kreisau Circle, to which Marc also had links, sharing its interest in Rosenstock's theory of European revolutions. Both Marc and the Kreisauers based their vision of Europe as a third force between East and West on a personalist philosophy as a middle position beyond collectivism and individualism. Yet for Schulze-Boysen in 1937 'there is no such thing as a "third standpoint of Europe" or the like, but quite simply two camps that would be easy to define sociologically'. Despite his discursive and strategic rapprochement with Marxism, Schulze-Boysen was reiterating a national-revolutionary position he had formulated early on from vitalist assumptions. By 1930 he had concluded it would be in Germany's national interest to break with the Western-dominated capitalist system oppressing it and take the lead of all exploited peoples' struggle against this common enemy. This was for him a patriotic position based on visionary geopolitics, since the Reich was thus called to become the centre of gravity of the socialist Europe of a coming collective epoch, freed of bourgeois France's imperialist hegemony. Schulze-Boysen initially went to France to know the enemy and use the European idea in Germany's national interest. However, he was genuinely impressed by an emerging 'nonconformist', pro-European yet anticapitalist intellectual milieu, to the point of becoming the German agent of its main organ, Philippe Lamour's review *Plans*, which aimed to turn into a distinct revolutionary force, cutting across national and ideological boundaries, the kind of solidarity of the younger generations against the old for which Schulze-Boysen was providing a forum within Germany with his own review *Gegner*. *Gegner* was meant to be a 'rallying point for all young Germans who ... seek an opportunity for common action in view of the creation of that federated Europe' (Lamour) outlined in *Plans* by Marc's Ordre Nouveau movement since 1931. Schulze-Boysen thus steered Lamour and Marc towards his German contacts as they tried to infuse French personalist ideas into the late Weimar revolutionary situation, and helped them organise the Frankfurt Congress of Revolutionary European Youth in 1932. Ultimately, expedient action prevailed over all theories for the eclectic, selflessly opportunistic Schulze-Boysen, for whom Europe was likely a doomed battlefield in the world-wide struggle of forces of collective progress against those of private privilege, whereas action was subordinate to rigorous personalist doctrine for Marc as another professional revolutionary, only in the service of the European federalist idea, understood as a humanist alternative to the inhumanity of binary oppositions such as those between political blocks, social classes or civilizations.

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DENOMINATION PROCESS AND PROTO-NATIONALISM IN SPANISH MONARCHY –
STUDY THROUGH MILITARY ORDERS (*VENERABLE ORDEN TERCERA DE SAN
FRANCISCO*) AND UNIVERSITY OF ALCALA (1520–1680)

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This study focuses on how confessionalisation or the process of ‘confession-building’, an ample and complex concept used in German historiography, became a powerful political ideology which was eventually assimilated into culture in Europe throughout the period from 1520 to 1680. During this time, Protestant and Catholic confessions competed to establish their creed more firmly among their respective populations. This ideological-cultural fusion can be interpreted as a form of social disciplining, or as a manifestation of proto-nationalism, since it was adopted by various political associations in order to become independent of other forms of power which were not legitimated through a confessional basis. At the same time, the confession-building process conferred a distinctive and shared confessional identity upon citizens, who were scattered throughout various territories and social groups.

The hypothesis is that the ideological fusion of culture and politics that takes place in confessionalisation is intimately related to the nationalistic discourses promoted by new nation states, born with the so-called ius-liberalistic revolutions. The area to be examined covers the last Hispanic Monarchy. Political spaces of differentiated confessions (the creeds derived from the newly reformed churches) will be analysed and compared.

Sources to be used: (1) Archives of Military Orders (specifically Santiago, Calatrava, Alcántara, and perhaps Montesa and Toisón as well), since they had, in spite of their marked aristocratic character, an extraordinary social and cultural relevance, with a strong influence over the Hapsburg Monarchy; (2) Archives of the Third Order of Saint Francis; (3) Documents of University of Alcalá will be studied to analyse the role played by this institution, founded to form the political and religious elites, in this period of confessional reforms and religious conflicts. We shall mostly focus on how, in order to prepare a new clerical class for the demands of the Catholic empire, the University of Alcalá became a very important instrument of social disciplining and confession enforcement.

ABDUCTION OF EUROPE: A MATTER IN CHANGE

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The idea of Europe is imagined in visual arts in different ways, both direct and indirect. But since the times of antiquity, classical art has known at least one clear and evident personification of that idea, – which is the image of the so-called Abduction of Europe (or Rape of Europe). My paper is devoted to the vast iconography of this story, which inspired artists over the centuries.

The aim of the examination is to represent the Abduction of Europe in its transformations – as a sort of special symbol containing our memories of Europe. The meaning of the images is evidently shifting from antiquity to the mid-XVIII c., and in the

early XX c. it becomes more than the story told by Ovid and Horace. For the short time it turned into the whole adjusted complex, where traditional cultural meaning was reflected and merged with political ideas. After the World War II, the Abduction of Europe is based mainly on the political context that made the image suitable for use in contemporary political iconography.

Thus, the paper focuses on three key aspects in representations of this ancient myth. It starts with the classical images and their programmes (including those by Titian, Veronese, Rembrandt, Claude Lorrain, Coypel, Boucher, etc). Then the neoclassical understanding of Europe in the early XX c. will be discussed using the example of Wittelsbacherbrunnen (by Adolf Hildebrand, Munich). In XXI c., the myth re-emerges as a commonplace European idea (The Abduction of Europe, statue in front of the European Parliament building, Strasbourg, France, and some other official pieces of art). Separate memories of Europe are turning into something absolute and total.

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IDEAS OF EUROPE IN POSTCOLONIAL AFRICAN LUSOPHON LITERATURE

Fernanda Santos

The common characteristics of the Portuguese-speaking African countries derive from their colonial heritage, or from the fact of having been created and shaped by a colonial system. 'Colonialism' means the form of economic and cultural exploitation that arose with the expansion of Europe. The term 'postcolonialism' is used to cover the study and analysis of European territorial conquests and the various institutions of European colonialism. It also covers, above all, the different reactions to such incursions.

It is mainly from the publication by Edward Said, *Orientalism* (1978), onwards that critical and theoretical studies on postcolonialism are developed. Theoretical studies on postcolonialism attempt to take into account the sociocultural contexts in which postcolonial literature appears, avoiding treating them as extensions of European literature and evaluating their originality instead. The postcolonial perspective is less a change in subject of study than another way to interpret the European tradition, reading it from a point of view both inside and outside Europe. Postcolonial literature is characterised by utopian and dystopian visions: while it points to the future in a constructive way, this literature also shows a present time corroded by war and an uncertain future. Postcolonial literature demands a better society, because it has a commitment to the future and to political change, to create new opportunities in the perception of problems.

The 60's were the decade that laid the foundations of African utopian fiction, and the 80's the decade that joined dystopian and heterotopian writing, in which multiple literary choices prevail, while or after reading the deconstructive strategy of the African authors after the independence.

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RELIGION AND FREEDOM, CIVILISATION AND JUSTICE – SOME ELEMENTS OF THE IMAGE OF EUROPE FROM NOVALIS AND CHAUTEAUBRIAND TO GARRETT AND HUGO

Helmut Siepmann

The concepts of Europe in the works of European Romantics such as Novalis, François-René Chateaubriand, Almeida Garrett and Victor Hugo share the vision of Europe as a refuge of civilisation and humanity, to which Christianity and Enlightenment have been giving the decisive stimulus.

The reflections of this lecture will analyse the concepts of Europe in works by these authors from the perspective of philosophy of history and with regard to those concepts as an irreversible but simultaneously contested process.

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EU'S RESTRUCTURING – ASSIGNMENT OF A NEW COURSE AND A NEW MEANING TO EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

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The challenges which European integration has dealt with over the last several years have revealed a 'tired' Europe and European citizens who do not expect miracles anymore. Once the Cold War was put an end to, European integration moved from the economic and monetary area to the politic one. The federal prospect became obvious, but Europeans were not so willing to give up their own State. The relaunch will occur from some other direction – one could hardly say which. The relaunch might not come from the country which was at the centre of European integration in the past, if this country did not succeed in the economic and social area.

Restructuring must result in building, which should go beyond the stage of ‘politically unidentified object’, ‘an armless giant’ and ‘a marching troop’. Reshaping the centre of interest implies assigning a new course and a new meaning to European integration by taking into consideration the 2004 and 2007 enlargements and focusing upon a new social model in order to facilitate full employment and active social protection at all the social levels throughout the united Europe. The new European social model should aim to reinforce incentives to work and individual working opportunities in the labour market, as it will use two main elements: lifelong learning & training and late retirement. In response to demographic difficulties, at the same time, the new social model will integrate the larger globalised structure, where increased mobility is expected to move competition to new regions.

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IDEAS OF EUROPE IN THE ANCIENT WORLD: THE WEST AND THE EAST IN HERODOTUS’ PERCEPTION OF HIS WORLD

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Herodotus of Halicarnassus (Vth century BC), who Cicero, in *De Legibus*, calls ‘father of History’, was the author of the well-known *The Histories*, in which he gives an account of the Medo-Persian Wars and of the events that preceded them. In the Prologue of Book I, Herodotus reveals that is his aim to expose the reasons that caused the conflicts between Greeks and non-Greeks (or Barbarians), or, in the words of some Hellenists, the reasons for the conflicts between Europe and Asia (between the West and the East): the abduction of Io, Europe, Medea and Helen.

It is during the Medo-Persian Wars that a European consciousness emerged, which represented the sense of freedom, in opposition of Asiatic despotism. Starting from the work of Herodotus, for whom Greece was a metonymy of Europe, it is our purpose to expose his historical and mythological perspective of the confrontation between the West and the East, a topic that, today, is very present in our lives.

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EUROPE IN THE WORLD: PLAYING CHESS GAMES OR SOMETHING ELSE?

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When facing global challenges: the severe problems of global warming, the global shift of economic powers in the world, societies' fragmentation, terrorism threats, etc., should we look at the scene as if it were 'an enormous and scary chess game'? What are the rules of this 'chess game'? Are they simply rational rules as stated in the game theory or is it/should it be something else? Concerning Europe's political strategy in the world scene, questions of identity arise: Is there a European identity or is Europe just a part of a global melting pot? What is the role of European identity, of traditions, faith and values in playing the games of development, in economic and social policies, in establishing alliances and strategies of commitment? Which place is there for utopias in the world scene? How should Europe play in order to build sustainable knowledge societies?

In this presentation we will try to make a brief discussion on these theoretical questions through interdisciplinary views: a confrontation between economics and sociological thinking and an analysis when possible also supported by statistics models of past and present trends in order to envisage better possible futures.

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WHO ARE WE, EUROPEANS? HOW CAN EUROPEANS LEARN WITH AMERICANS ABOUT THEIR OWN POLITICAL IDENTITY

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Since the foundation of the United States of America the relationship between Washington and the Old Continent has been shaped by dynamic, different and sometimes contradictory forces that drove Europe, with its imperial and warlike powers, off the central stage on which world history is decided.

However, the direct or implicit impact of the United States on modern Europe, engaged in the tortuous path of building its own Union, probably needs, more now than ever before, a deep and accurate theoretical reflection, departing from the European side, on the experience offered by what happened on Western Atlantic shores. An understanding of the long and adventurous political process in which American federal republicanism evolved, of continuous constitutional tensions, amendments and debates, should be a fruitful source of wisdom for the political avenues of destiny which Europeans are seeking today for their own future.

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FROM EXCLUSION TO HOSPITALITY, FROM TRANSGRESSION TO CULTURAL DIFFERENCE, THE EUROPEAN PENDULUM

Nadja Stamselberg

Europeanness today (Habermas, Derrida, Buman, Balibar) is associated with cosmopolitanism and hospitality, as a pluralistic identity in which diverse peoples – including those from beyond the geographic borders of Europe – can find their home. Yet its origin as an identity that attracted was intrinsically related to the identification with Christendom vis-à-vis the non-Christian realms of Africa and Asia. My paper traces the path by which the exclusionary concept of a Christian Europe defined against the other evolved into a pluralistic Europe that aspires to embrace and unify in diversity – with all the tensions that such a transformation necessarily involves. Revisiting the history of the emergence and development of the idea of Europe serves as an exceptionally good locus from which to show the relationship between the historic hegemonic power of Christendom and the alternative modes of sovereignty that led to the current European post-national constellation. This horizon, which is clearly bounded by the original tension between the 'universal', the general, the homogenous and the 'particular', the local, the ethnic, the difference, is also that of irreducible pairing of belonging and exclusion. In fact, teasing out the historical precursors opens up a platform from which to try to become accustomed to this analysis.

The paper examines the evolution of the alleged transgression committed that subsequently resulted in exclusion but in time become cultural difference that was to be appropriated in the concepts of cosmopolitanism and hospitality. Identifying what characteristics were and are perceived as making someone 'non-European', it investigates the way in which concepts of 'European' and 'non-European' relates to religious, national, racial and political aspects. Furthermore, it traces the parallel emergence of European identity and of European exclusion, exploring how successive generations of thinkers conceptualised this dichotomy and explaining how our current

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'BARBARIANS IN THE ARCHIVE?' – CONSTRUCTIONS OF THE OTHER AND THE SELF IN THE *ENCYCLOPÉDIE* OF DIDEROT UND D'ALEMBERT

Karen Struve

Today one of the central questions in a Europe which prides itself because of its enlightened, reasoned and humanistic traditions is the contact with and the handling of strangers. The fact that the shaping of this self-image of European Enlightenment could only come about in contrast to and by depreciation of the exoticised Other is one of the dark sides of European Enlightenment and Modern times which deserves illumination by critical analysis of the texts of the Enlightenment.

In the presentation one of the founding texts of European Enlightenment, the *Encyclopédie* of Diderot and d'Alembert, will be analysed using Edward W. Said's method of contrapuntal reading. The aim is to find out about the reciprocal interplay of the European self-image during the Enlightenment with images of the exotic and oriental Others. Another aim is to analyse topoi of the Other and European constructions of Self as well as literary methods of this phenomenon. In the first step those topoi and figures from the corpus of knowledge of the *Encyclopédie* will be identified which represent the Other by name – for example 'barbarian', 'slave', 'savage' or 'hottentot', or which appear to be genuinely European conceptions such as 'Europe', 'knowledge', 'subjects', 'philosophers' and last but not least 'encyclopdia' itself. During this step certain mechanisms of differentiation and marginalisation appear as well as the various penetrations and traces of the 'Other in the Self'. In a second step the symbols of the text are described, referring to the symbols of the Other in the text. For example, discursive methods to raise an inventory including the Other and narrating the Other in the knowledge of that time as, for example, the complex intertextual structure of references and the systematisation of knowledge. The presentation will finish with a tentative approach to the topology and poetry of the Other as found in the *Encyclopédie* as an exemplary text of European Enlightenment.

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CRISIS, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEMOCRACY. EUROPE AT A CROSSROADS?

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The actual crisis of economy is not only a result of economic mismanagement or political failure. It also results from an erroneous usage of the term 'growth' in terms of economy and from the more and more tautological signifier 'democracy'. This contribution attempts to analyse the crisis while replacing the failed uses of 'growth' and 'democracy' by different concepts. I will equally stress the chances and risks for the making of Europe by giving a different meaning to 'economical growth' and 'democracy'.

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EUROPEAN CONSCIOUSNESS IN THE EARLY MODERN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

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IS THE TIME NIGHT? VISIONS OF A 'NEW EUROPE' THROUGH THE WRITINGS OF LIUDMILA PETRUSHEVSKAIA AND CARMEN MARTIN GAITE

Margaret Tejerizo

It has often been observed that Spain and Russia, both situated on the 'outer edge' of Europe, were subjected to the violent imposition of non-European cultures and ideas for many centuries. As a result of this similar geographic and national situation, Russian and Spanish visions of Europe may share many vital points in common. This paper will demonstrate that, at critical historical moments of change in Spain and Russia, women writers were able to reflect upon these upheavals in their literary works and through their female protagonists present new constructs of gender and identity; at the same time these writers go beyond their own national boundaries and interact with ideas for and of Europe. Liudmila Petrushevsksaia's key text *Time - Night*, written shortly

before the fall of the USSR, shows a country which has deteriorated and crumbled away, leaving in its wake dysfunctional families who exist on the outer limits of a cruel and heartless society. Does Petrushevskaja's harrowing vision merely reflect the lives of Russian women or does it describe a wider European scene in which such values as compassion, integrity, self-sacrifice have been lost forever? The work of the Catalan writer Mercè Rodoreda, *Diamond Square*, charts the life of a young woman in Barcelona against a background of the years prior to the Spanish Civil War and its aftermath. Reaching a new sense of self-awareness after decades of entrapment and hardship, Rodoreda's protagonist reflects in the closing pages of the novel on the future that awaits the 'new woman' in the wider Europe, beyond the confines of *Diamond Square*. Additional references will be made to selected works by Carmen Martín Gaité and Antonina Koptiaeva, both of whom wrote during the Franco and Stalin dictatorships respectively – yet they were able to portray women protagonists who went beyond the stereotypical depiction of female characters imposed by the restrictions of censorship. All the writers mentioned above allow the reader access to private female worlds and, at the same time, as will be shown, engage with ideas for and of Europe in meaningful and challenging ways. The paper will conclude with references to Rodoreda's *Broken Mirror*, a text in which the ideas examined in the course of this paper are expressed in a profound and almost prophetic way.

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EDUCATION, INTERCULTURALISM AND THE NEW EUROPE

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In his paper Steven Tötösy de Zepetnek discusses how intermediality may influence negotiations on culture and education, and how, in turn, cultural and educational practices can employ new media with the result of an increase in social impact and significance. While along with other notions and practices, work towards interculturalism with new media against exclusion and away from cultural essentialisms represents a small part for the development of a Europe of inclusion, it nevertheless offers significant potential. Intermediality refers to the blurring of generic and formal boundaries among different forms of new media practices and it means the employment of theoretical presuppositions in application for the betterment of society against essentialisms and towards inclusion and interculturalism. Thus, the notion and potential of intermediality is associated with the incorporation of digital media in a wide variety of loci and spaces of representation and production in the transfer of information, the creation of knowledge and the implementation of inclusive social practices and policy in education. The trajectories of intermedial spaces between new media and the proliferation of texts, intertexts, hypertexts and similar acts of remediation, transmediality, multimediality, hypermediality, etc., reveal and offer possibilities about

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TOWARDS A MORE INCLUSIVE EUROPEAN IMMIGRATION POLICY

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The recently passed 'European pact on immigration and asylum' seeks to harmonise the procedures of European Member States in regards to the movements of legal and illegal migrants, and people in search of asylum. While, at a first look, a 'Europe of asylum' features the points outlined in the pact; a closer reading reveals that the project of a 'fortress Europe' still seems to underlie the pact. Thus the most concrete passages of the pact all relate to the return of irregular aliens to their countries of origin. I would like to suggest that the pact takes for granted the idea of a Europe that 'does not have the resources to decently receive all the migrants who hope to find a better life here', which is clearly distinct and divided from a non-European outside that is the source of these migrants. I want to question this assumption by drawing on the work of Paul Gilroy; and suggest that it ignores the ways in which both these spheres have been connected as part of the same process of modernisation that has constructed the entity we now refer to as 'Europe' – and that the 'non-European' has long been at the underbelly of this process. In other words, the 'non-European' was historically an indispensable part of the construction of present-day Europe; they form part of the same cultural space but one of them has been the source of exploitation for the benefit of the other. As such, there is an entitlement of the inhabitants of these 'non-European' areas to access that geographic location that we now term 'Europe'. The cordoning off of these areas ignores the cultural flows that have formed both the 'European' and 'non-European' and mark them as part of the same, making the very idea of a distinct Europe highly problematic. We thus need to abandon the project of a 'fortress Europe' and move to a more open and inclusive immigration policy than that outlined in the current pact; a policy that does not see immigration as intrusion by a dangerous outside.

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EUROPE, PHOTOGRAPHED AND REVEALED BY PAULO NOZOLINO AND RUI NUNES

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Paulo Nozolino's photographs and Rui Nunes' texts, put together in the same volume (Far Cry, Steidl, 2005), delineate an itinerary within and outside Europe, followed throughout a few decades. The photographs in black and white accentuate a tragic vision of personal and collective history, with emblematic emphasis on the main gate of Auschwitz, and the memory of Nazism and the War. Rui Nunes' texts, although they do not specifically follow the photographs, operate a sort of 'revelation' from underneath, bringing up to the surface the personal stories intertwined with the collective history. Together, both images and words build a vision of Europe which, as in Cortázar's short story and Antonioni's movie based on it, digs up memories submersed but still powerfully active.

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A RETURN TO THE FUTURE: HOW WILL EUROPE BE ABLE TO OVERCOME ITS PRESENT CRISIS?

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The present crisis of European integration implies an important chance for a new beginning: As it is the crisis of a determinate model and strategy of Europeanisation which was put in place in the 1980's, it offers the chance of a new start. As the model and strategy presently in crisis have been, to a large degree, defined with reference to the global role of Europe and its competitive position on the world market, such a new start could take its bearings by redefining a new role of Europe in global co-operation on the basis of fair trade and finance in face of the ongoing processes of crisis.

Such a new co-operative role would require a thorough redefinition of the model and strategy of European co-operation: a new model of a 'mixed economy' with a leading role for Member States and civil society organisations, an enlarged idea of economic reproduction, taking on board concerns of social cohesion, gender equity and ecological stabilisation, an opening of European institutions to democratic control and popular participation, an explicit commitment to the support of peaceful conflict resolution in the European neighbourhood.

The needed transformation will have to be brought about by a new 'investment' of Member States', civil societies' and social movements' politics in European affairs, creating a new European dynamics towards political solutions and overcoming elitist and technocratic closure. European institutions, with the European Parliament at their

centre, could take an active role in this by providing spaces and channels to be used by emerging new networks 'from below'. Only after 'European politics' have become a real and alive part of all political arenas on all levels of political institutions and processes in Europe, will it make sense to bring to life again what has been conceived as the European constitutional process.

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OSKAR SCHINDLER AND RAOUL WALLENBERG – NATIONAL, EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN HEROES IN THE POSTWAR AGE OF THE HOLOCAUST

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I would like to focus on the European reception of two 'righteous gentiles' – Oskar Schindler and Raoul Wallenberg. My aim is to compare their status on national levels. Their statuses have been very varied over the years in their home countries, Germany and Sweden. However, Schindler and Wallenberg have also been subjects of ongoing debates and/or celebrations in other countries, for example Schindler in the Czech Republic, Wallenberg in Germany. They have also been used as both European and American symbols in an ongoing struggle against xenophobia and racism. One example was Klaus Dexter's documentary *The Case of Raoul Wallenberg*, 'an excellent example of how we can keep our European history alive' ('Wallenbergfilm belönad på festival', http://ec.europa.eu/sverige/news/topics/culture/news_date_698_sv.htm).

Of great importance is the medialisation of Schindler and Wallenberg. In what ways have they become national, European, American and even universal symbols? How have (popular) cultural representations of them and their efforts during World War II shaped the images of them in different European contexts during the last decades? Of special interest are the reception of Steven Spielberg's successful film *Schindler's List* in Sweden, Germany and the Czech Republic, as well as reactions to the opera *Wallenberg*, performed both in Germany and Estonia.

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