



Towards a European Identity

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Second Term Seminar – Winter 2008

Thursday 08.45–10.45 - Seminar Room 2

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Does a European society presuppose a collective sense of attachment to and identification with Europe? On the one hand, Europe may require strong identification because other mechanisms of integration are weak. On the other hand, the demands of the European polity towards its citizens – e.g., with regard to taxation or civic duties – are (still) modest, so that identification may remain shallow.

The seminar approaches these issues (1) by discussing the conceptualization of personal and social identity in social psychology, sociology and political science, (2) by considering citizenship and language regimes as policy fields in which European identities are at stake, and (3) by examining the available data sources (including large-scale surveys).

Participants are expected to give a presentation of the texts of one sessions, and to serve as a discussant for another session.

1. Thursday 10.01. 8:45-10:45: *Conceptions of identity in the social sciences: personal, social and collective identities*

Core readings:

Kohli, Martin. 2000. "The battlegrounds of European identity." *European Societies* 2:113-137.

Straub, Jürgen. 2002. "Personal and collective identity: A conceptual analysis." Pp. 56-76 in *Identities: Time, difference and boundaries*, edited by Heidrun Friese. New York: Berghahn Books.

Further readings:

Hogg, Michael A., and Dominic Abrams. 1999 [1988]. *Social identifications: A social psychology of intergroup relations and group processes*. New York: Routledge.

Huddy, Leonie. 2001. "From social to political identity: A critical examination of social identity theory." *Political Psychology* 22:127-156.

Kaelble, Hartmut, Martin Kirsch, and Alexander Schmidt-Gernig (Eds.). 2002. *Transnationale Öffentlichkeiten und Identitäten im 20. Jahrhundert*. Frankfurt ; New York: Campus.

Korostelina, K. V. 2007. *Social identity and conflict : structures, dynamics, and implications*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Niethammer, Lutz. 2000. *Kollektive Identität: Heimliche Quellen einer unheimlichen Konjunktur*. Reinbek bei Hamburg: Rowohlt Taschenbuch Verlag.

2. Thursday 17.01. 8:45-10:45: *Identity as a political concept: reification and essentialism in political constructions of group identities*



Core readings:

Smith, Rogers M.: The politics of identity and the tasks of political science, in: Shapiro, Ian, Rogers M. Smith and Tarek E. Masoud (eds.) *Problems and Methods in the Study of Politics*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge 2004: 42-66.

Brubaker, Rogers (2004) *Ethnicity without Groups*, chapter 2: Beyond “Identity”, Harvard University Press, Cambridge, MA: 28-63.

Further reading:

Benhabib, Seyla (2002) *The Claims of Culture*, chapter 1: On the Use and Abuse of Culture, Princeton University Press, Princeton: 1-23.

3. Thursday 24.01. 8:45-10:45: *The idea of Europe: historical lineages of “Europe” as a distinct cultural, social and political entity.*

Guest speaker: Peter Wagner, Univ. of Trento (formerly EUI SPS)

Core reading:

Peter Wagner, ‘Logics of European history’, chapter 10 of *Modernity as experience and interpretation. A new sociology of modernity*, Cambridge: Polity, forthcoming May 2008

Further readings:

Delanty, Gerard. 1995. *Inventing Europe: Idea, identity, reality*. New York: St. Martin's Press.

Stråth, Bo (Ed.). 2000. *Europe and the other and Europe as the other*. Bruxelles ; New York: P.I.E.-P. Lang.

Swedberg, R. 1994. “The Idea of Europe and the Origin of the European Union: a Sociological Approach.” *Zeitschrift für Soziologie*, **23**: 378–387.

4. Thursday 31.01. 8:45-10:45: *European citizenship as a shared identity? Perspectives in normative political theory*

Core readings:

Bellamy, Richard and Castiglione, Dario (1999) *Between Cosmopolis and Community: Three Models of Rights and Democracy within the European Union*, in: Archibugi, Daniele and Held, David (eds.) *Cosmopolitan Democracy. An Agenda for a New World Order*, Polity Press, Cambridge.

Bauböck, Rainer (2007) “Why European Citizenship? Normative Approaches to Supranational Union”, *Theoretical Inquiries in Law*, vol. 8, no. 2: July 2007: 452-488,

Further reading:

Follesdal, Andreas (2007) *Citizenship and Political Identity in a Stable, Democratic European Union – a Liberal Contractualist Defense*, in: Paolo Foradori, Simona Piattoni, Riccardo Scarfezzini (eds.) *European Citizenship: Theories, Arenas, Levels Nomos*, Baden-Baden.

Dobson, Lynn (2006) *Supranational Citizenship*, chapter 10: The good supranational constitution, Manchester University Press, Manchester.



5. Friday 08.02. 8:45-10:45: *Citizenship of the European Union as a legal status and bundle of rights: its history since 1957 and its contribution to European integration*

Guest speaker: Antje Wiener (University of Bath)

Core readings:

Wiener, Antje. *'European' Citizenship Practice - Building Institutions of a Non-State*, Boulder, Col.: Westview Press, 1998 (chs 1 and 2).

Wiener, Antje. From Special to Specialized Rights – The Politics of Citizenship and Identity in the European Union, in: Hanagan, Michael and Charles Tilly (eds) *Extending Citizenship – Reconfiguring States*, Rowman & Littlefield, 1999, 195-227.

6. Thursday 14.02. 8:45-10:45: *Europeanization of national citizenship? National conceptions of membership and identity in European citizenship laws.*

Core readings:

Hansen, Randall and Patrick Weil (2001) *Citizenship, Immigration and Nationality: Towards a Convergence in Europe?* In: Hansen, Randall and Patrick Weil (eds.) *Towards a European Nationality*, Palgrave: 1-23.

Joppke, Christian (2007) *Transformations of Citizenship: Status, Rights, Identity*, *Citizenship Studies*, vol. 11, no. 1: 37-48.

Further reading:

Liebich, Andre (2007) *Introduction: The vicissitudes of citizenship in the new EU states*, in: Rainer Bauböck, Bernhard Perchinig and Wiebke Sievers (eds.) *Citizenship Policies in the New Europe*, Amsterdam University Press, Amsterdam: 17-40.

7. NB!! Friday 22.02. 15 – 17: *The politics and policies of European identity.*

Guest speaker: Monica Sassatelli (Università di Ferrara and University of Essex)

Core reading:

Sassatelli, Monica. forthcoming 2008. "European cultural space in the European cities of culture: Europeanization and cultural policy." *European Societies*.

Further readings:

Bellier, Irène, and Thomas M. Wilson (Eds.). 2000. *An anthropology of the European Union: Building, imagining and experiencing the new Europe*. Oxford ; New York: Berg.

Sassatelli, Monica. forthcoming 2008. *Becoming Europeans: Cultural identity and cultural policies*. New York: Palgrave-Macmillan.

Shore, C. (2000) *Building Europe: The Cultural Politics of European Integration*. London: Routledge

8. Thursday 06.03. 8:45-10:45: *European identities and Euroscepticism: the empirical evidence in Eurobarometer and other data sets.*

Core readings:



- Duchesne, Sophie, and André-Paul Frogner. 1995. "Is there a European identity?" Pp. 193-225 in *Public opinion and internationalized governance. (Beliefs in government, vol. 2)*, edited by Oskar Niedermayer and Richard Sinnott. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Wessels, Bernhard. 2007. "Discontent and European identity: Three types of euroscepticism." *Acta Politica* 42:287-306.

Further readings:

- Bertilotti, T., S. Mannitz, and Y. Soysal. 2004. "Rethinking the Nation–State. Projections of Identity in French and German History and Civic Textbooks." In: Schissler, H., and Y. Soysal (eds), *The Nation, Europe, and the World. Textbooks and Curricula in Transition*. Oxford: Berghahn Books, pp. 25–63.
- Bruter, Michael. 2005. *Citizens of Europe? The emergence of a mass European identity*. Houndsmills: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Fuchs, D., and H.D. Klingemann. 2000. "Eastward Enlargement of the European Union and the Identity of Europe." In: Zielonka, J. (ed), *Europe Unbound: Enlarging and Reshaping the Boundaries of the European Union*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Herrmann, Richard K., Thomas Risse, and Marilyn B. Brewer (Eds.). 2004. *Transnational identities : becoming European in the EU*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.
- Robyn, Richard (Ed.). 2005. *The changing face of European identity : a seven-nation study of (supra)national attachments*. London: Routledge.

9. Thursday 28.02. 8:45-10:45: *Speaking European: language constellations and language policies in the European Union.*

Core readings:

- Van Parijs, Philippe (2003) Europe's three language problems, unpublished paper, available at: http://www4.soc.unitn.it:8080/poloeuropeo/content/e64/e385/e398/vanparijs.europethreelanguageproblems_ita.pdf.
- De Swaan, Abram (2001) *Words of the world : the global language system*, Blackwell, Oxford; chapter 8: The European Union and chapter 9: Conclusions and considerations: 144-193.

Further reading:

- Kraus, Peter (2000) *Political Unity and Linguistic Diversity in Europe* in: Archives Européennes de Sociologie/European Journal of Sociology, XLI, 1, 2000, 138-163.

10. Thursday 13.03. 8:45-10:45: *Does Europe need a common identity and common values – and what could they be? Concluding discussion forum*