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EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION



The Idea of Europe

An astonishing turn in recent years of geopolitical development is the transparency with which an unelected global ruling class appoints candidates for key positions in the political arena that regulates global affairs. In other words, democracy is at its best for elites. Of course, the practice itself is not novel; the novelty here is the self-righteous transparency by which the short-lived, rule-based European political order that promised a pathway toward human dignity is brought to the altar of deconstruction.

The safeguards for such an order are the spirit of a people, their values, their customs, their unique craftsmanship, their language, their sense of dignity and humor, their ways of mourning, all of which are unique and distinct to any given culture and can flourish only within the boundaries of that culture. Europe was a fascinating experiment. Unique cultures had to learn to live next to each other and respect other nation's sovereignty, while pursuing shared economic interests. It failed; yet, from its ashes, a declaration of human rights was born. By now, it is but a piece of paper. It has become a Trojan horse to establish a unipolar globalist world order. Despite the fatality of modern weaponry, the ubiquitous surveillance capabilities of technology, the science of influencing the minds of the electorate, and the organized unlawful mass migration of non-Europeans into EU territories, the globalist world order will fail as well. From its ashes, yet another chance for cooperation among distinct and territorially unique sovereign cultures might emerge.

Six essays in this volume present different positions regarding the state of Europe in today's world. These include three historical approaches that value Europe's contributions to humankind, three political approaches that reflect either acceptance or rejection of the currently dominant narrative concerning European identity, and a seventh essay that presents a literary perspective, in which its protagonist meets Martin Heidegger in a heartfelt reflection on homesickness and homelessness. This sense of belonging might be a quality of being in the world unreachable for proponents of a globalist mindset. Rooted in their own affluent enclaves, globalists preach mobility to the masses who must remain unstable perpetual sojourners in a materialistic world of hollow desire.

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