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as a consequence of various rounds of eu enlargements the degree of cultural diversity in europe has intensified a phenomenon which is increasingly perceived as problematic by many eu citizens this fascinating book not only empirically explores the current state of the identity and the legitimacy of the eu as viewed by its citizens but also evaluates their attitudes towards it the expert contributors show that the development of a european identity and a common european culture is a prerequisite for european integration that european identity and a common political

culture will not develop rapidly but emerge slowly and that the beginnings of a european identity and a common european culture are currently emerging the roles of civil society organizations and political parties are examined within this context and an explanatory model with subjective predictors of the attitudes towards the eu is tested the empirical analysis is underpinned by a theoretical framework incorporating operational definitions and conceptual discussion of legitimacy and identity this intriguing and thought provoking book will be of great interest to academics researchers and students focusing on political science and international relations

this book examines the link between political identity and legitimacy in the european union stimulated by the crisis of legitimacy and identity suffered by the eu after the referenda on the constitutional treaty the editors have developed a theoretical framework to examine the interplay between these two items in the problematic development of the eu into a fully fledged political actor the contributors to the volume seek to redefine the key notions in the rigorous way of political philosophy thus avoiding the generic or imprecise language usage found in a large part of political science literature on identity test these concepts in the analysis of eu policies that may reveal the world views and the principles upon which eu legislation is based and whose degree of acceptance on the side of the citizens is an indicator of how far a shared political identity has developed featuring case studies on foreign and environmental policy biosafety policy biotechnology regulation civil society human rights promotion as well as studies on the role of memory space and external views on the process of european identity building this book will be of interest to students and researchers of political science political philosophy european politics and european studies

this original work explores the increasingly important phenomenon of the formation of transnational identity considering the ongoing relevance of the european union the contributors ask a series of intriguing questions is a european identity possible how are the various types of european identity formed and maintained how are these identities linked to the process of european integration examining the psychological institutional and political mechanisms that encourage or impede identification with transnational groups the book considers these theoretical questions in light of new evidence drawn from a rich body of primary research including field experiments in depth interviews with elites and public opinion surveys brought together for the first time social psychologists sociologists political scientists and ethnographers share their theoretical and methodological perspectives in tackling the common issues surrounding the emergence of european as a political identity paying special attention to the role of the institutions of the eu the authors investigate the impact of neo functionalist strategies and find that the processes of identity formation are far more complicated than can be explained by material and institutional factors alone the

authors engage in a fruitful dialogue about how much a european identity exists and how much it matters as they delve into the sources of disagreement and their implications

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as the eu continues its integration process the concepts of culture and transnational european belonging remain ambivalent whether in the realm of socio historical representation or mass politics engaging with recent scholarly debates surrounding the formation of collective transnational identities this collection draws on the latest empirical case studies to explore the meaning and composition of european identity the mechanisms that create and shape it and the question of whom it includes each author pays close attention to the cultural aspects of identity formation whether manifested in official institutional articulations such as symbols coinage ceremonies and discursive manifestations or in the cultures of the everyday such as through new forms of communication networks consumption or leisure exploring attempts by various actors institutions groups individuals to create transnational european identities european identity and culture scrutinizes the cultural formations that have either reigned or emerged in often contradictory relations to the eu project including local regional and transnational allegiances a rich interdisciplinary investigation of the role of culture in the formation of european identity whether as a central building block to unity or as a formidable obstacle to a common sense of purpose this book will be of interest to scholars across the social sciences and humanities working on questions of political culture european integration citizenship and trans national identity

it has been argued that the emergence of a european collective identity would help overcome growing disparity caused by the increasing diversity of today s european union with 28 member states and more than 500 million people research on european integration is facing the pressing question of what holds europe together in times of crisis growing distributional conflict and instability in its neighbourhood this book departs from the ideas of group cohesion in the eu and reflects on the newest dynamics and practices of european identity whilst applying innovative qualitative quantitative and experimental research methods and an interdisciplinary approach this volume looks at a variety of issues such as european citizenship mobility of european citizens space based identities dual identities student identity and value sharing in doing so this volume presents new perspectives on this complex and dynamic subject and points to potential solutions both in the academic discourse and the political practice of the eu this text will be of key interest to scholars and students of european integration european studies international relations citizenship studies political

sociology as well as more broadly in the social sciences

this book provides an unprecedented insight into the multiple ways through which citizens of 16 countries connect their own national identity to european identity

seminar paper from the year 2004 in the subject politics topic european union grade english 6 5 out of 10 maastricht university language english abstract europe is coming closer together this is shown in many parts of daily life it is often argued that money is one of the best known and most effective tools in symbolising the united europe the eu most of the member states of the european union who matched the criteria of the growth and stability pact seem to have agreed to this and joined the economic and monetary union emu as soon as it was introduced but why were there some who decided not to exchange their national currency in favour for the common european one did they not feel an affinity with other europeans did they not see that all europeans are part of a community which is trying to express its unity through a common currency or did they not view the euro ideologically but rationally and if they did what does this tell us about their european identity in short is it necessary to join the economic and monetary union to be a european this article tries to answer these questions by looking for reasons why denmark the united kingdom and sweden decided not to accept the euro in particular looking for similarities and their relation to the development of a single european identity

this book examines the interaction at national and international level of the economic political and social change processes within europe that are bringing about fundamental transformations in rural areas although such changes are experienced at a local level they are heavily imbued with a national tone given that european nations possess distinctive visions of their rural areas these rural identities set limits within which economic political and social agents can act yet these limits are constantly being subjected to strain particularly with the globalization of economic activity and the strengthening impetus for integrated ec policies

in a community of europeans a thoughtful observer of the ongoing project of european integration evaluates the state of the art about european identity and european public spheres thomas risse argues that integration has had profound and long term effects on the citizens of eu countries most of whom now have at least a secondary european identity to complement their national identities risse also claims that we can see the gradual emergence of transnational european communities of communication exploring the outlines of this european identity and of the communicative

spaces risse sheds light on some pressing questions what do europe and the eu mean in the various public debates how do european identities and transnational public spheres affect policymaking in the eu and how do they matter in discussions about enlargement particularly turkish accession to the eu what will be the consequences of the growing contestation and politicization of european affairs for european democracy this focus on identity allows risse to address the democratic deficit of the eu the disparity between the level of decision making over increasingly relevant issues for peoples lives at the eu and the level where politics plays itself out in the member states he argues that the eu s democratic deficit can only be tackled through politicization and that debating europe might prove the only way to defend modern and cosmopolitan europe against the increasingly forceful voices of euroskepticism

this book on european identity aims to promote reflection on the mutual relationship between educational processes and european construction it attempts to get down to what this means at the everyday level the notion of european identity for all citizens specially in the educational field and identify elements for the promotion and anchorage of this concept to this end the authors have contemplated articulating the topic around the axis individual group society and the content has been distributed in two blocks europe read from an educational perspective and european identity new challenges for the school

in today s european politics european integration and further enlargements of the european union eu are two of the most salient issues on the political agenda public opinion is becoming increasingly decisive for eu policy making and it is crucial to identify the factors that shape european identity and public opinion about the integration process in order to understand and predict the dynamics of european integration i argue a european identity that indicates support for the eu is a civic or political identity that reflects economic and political values and principles promoted by eu institutions employing survey data from the 2005 2006 world values survey for 17 european countries i evaluate the effects of utilitarian and national identity factors on european identity the results of the multiple multi level linear regression analysis indicate that economic and political factors on both the macro and micro level shape european identity and support for european integration

the book examines identity and its nature through analyzing different theories which help to define in which theories european identity can be ascribed to the chapter also offers scholars reflection over european identity and makes a definition of european identity in the second chapter it explains the role of european identity on the constitutional ratification 2004 as well as demonstrates the contribution of the constitutional treaty 2004 on the consolidation of

european identity the relationship between the constitution representing a higher stage of eu integration and european identity is mutual they both affect the further evolution of each other the chapter also draws conclusions over the european constitution and its future the third chapter confronts european identity with national identities of the eu s member states and draws conclusions about whether european identity will supersede national identities of europe as well as demonstrates the erosion of national identities in europe conclusions are supported by statistical data published in several eurobarometers the data published in the form of a table in this chapter trace the consolidation degree of european identity from 1992 to 2008 and confront it with national identities of the eu s member states the last chapter argues about the existence of a european civic demos similar to that of the usa expressed in the form of european identity the book sheds light on the evolution and the role of european identity

european identity examines how europe is represented linguistically in the news media of four eu countries france italy poland and the uk through the use of an electronic corpus built from newspapers and television news transcripts this multilingual comparable corpus is composed of the entire contents of four newspapers published in each country collected over two periods of three months and the transcriptions of two tv news broadcasts collected over two periods of two months the theoretical and methodological frameworks adopted include discourse analysis corpus linguistics and corpus assisted discourse analysis the individual chapters investigate various aspects of european identity as it is discursively construed in the news media of the different countries such as europe as a political and geographic entity european union institutions european history citizenship and immigration based on a bottom up orientation and using both quantitative and qualitative methods all chapters but one use a comparative approach to the data juxtaposing the journalist representations of europe in two or more languages the fundamental aim of the volume is to demonstrate how linguistic analysis and in particular the study of large amounts of linguistic data can make a vital contribution to the analysis of political and social issues

seminar paper from the year 2010 in the subject politics topic european union grade 1 7 university of bath language english abstract this study examines the concept of a general european identity first the underlying concept of identity in the european socio political context will be defined and elaborated in its different levels and peculiarities second the study addresses the various theories of europeanisation as they mirror the current state of the scientific debate the essay concludes by extracting the additive of the concept of identity for europeanisation theories the european union eu faces a dilemma while life and politics of the european citizens become more and more europeanised the emergence of a european identity seems to fail people all over europe cannot identify with the idea of european

unification as a whole although this might spread peace freedom and welfare on the other hand if the eu or its citizens themselves would be able to create european imagined community by whatever means the split between both concepts would be overcome but how is the concept of identity then connected to europeanisation processes the main argument here is that identity still is an underestimated object of europeanisation theories but that the rise of hybrid identities and with it the manifestation of europeanised national identities instead of a european identity all over europe holds the explicit potency to establish the missing relationship between european citizens and eu politics this would lead suddenly to a strengthened legitimization of european union policies as well as people's belief in the justification of a supranational polity within a system of multi level governance

a major new interpretation of european integration leading scholar neil fligstein provocatively argues that european integration has produced a truly transnational european society

how can we conceptualize identity and legitimacy in the context of the european union what is the role of narratives political symbols public debate and institutional practices in the process of identity formation and legitimacy consolidation debating political identity and legitimacy in the european union addresses these questions and brings together high profile scholars from various disciplinary backgrounds to debate the ontological and epistemological aspects of research on identity and legitimacy formation in the eu part i investigates key elements such as the relationship between the europeanization of the eu member states and its effect on the political identity of their citizens the relationship between the politicization of the eu and processes of identity and legitimacy formation and the indispensability of european identity for legitimizing the eu part ii looks at pathways to identity formation and legitimacy construction in the eu by considering alternative types of constitutional legitimacy political symbolism europeanization and politicization of the debate on eu focusing on the foreign policy domain bringing together a wide but coherent range of high profile perspectives this book will of interest to students and scholars of european studies political science philosophy sociology and law

making sense of the perplexing diversity of europe is a challenging task how compatible are national identities in europe what makes europe european what do europeans have in common european national identities explores the diversity of european states nations and peoples in doing so the editors focus on the origins and elements of different national identities in europe and different themes of national self understanding each chapter contributes a unique view of national identities gravitating around myth historical experiences and traumas values ethnic and linguistic

differences and religious fault lines this work grounds european national identities within cultural historical and political dynamics which makes the work approachable for many readers including historians sociologists and political scientists in addition the editors illustrate that national identities continue to be a source of contention and a challenge to political developments the demands of immigrants and minorities and the dynamics of european integration this book draws particular attention to identity shifts and conflicts within individual european countries

this book uses a theoretical and empirical approach to explore the philosophies of european citizenship and european identity the author applies a focused analytical framework to argue that european identity and citizenship should be perceived as postmodern categories which are multi layered dynamic and fluid the book offers a detailed review of political and legal studies which do not comprehend or explain postmodernist concepts of citizenship and identity in the theoretical part of the book various philosophical models of citizenship and identity from antiquity to the postmodern era are portrayed and the author s own theory and analytical framework is developed the empirical part of the book discusses a variety of case studies illustrating how european union policies apply to this framework

this book examines eu discourses on turkey in the european commission european parliament and three eu member states france germany and britain to reveal the discursive construction of european identity through eu representations of turkey based on a poststructuralist framework that conceptualizes identity as discursively constructed through difference the book applies critical discourse analysis to the analysis of texts and argues that there are multiple europe s that are constructed in talks over the enlargement of turkey varying within and between different ideological national and institutional contexts the book discerns four main discourse topics over which these europe s are constructed corresponding to the conceptualization of europe as a security community as an upholder of democratic values as a political project and as a cultural space the book argues that turkey constitutes a key case in exploring various discursive constructs of european identity since the talks on turkey pave the way for the construction of different versions of europe in discourse

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