



The Engelsberg Seminar 2003



Towards a Cosmopolitan Culture?

Future Consequences of Religion, Ethnicity and Migration

June 13th to 15th, 2003 at Avesta Manor, Sweden

A SEMINAR ARRANGED BY
AXEL AND MARGARET AX:SON JOHNSON FOUNDATION

Outline

Towards a Cosmopolitan Culture?

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Europe in recent decades has been increasingly characterised by an ethnic and cultural diversity with a growing non-European element. The conflicts and problems arising in this connection are perhaps to be viewed as a species of teething trouble on the road to a fruitful hybrid culture. Coupled with a growth of socio-economic stratification, they can also mark the beginning of a profound fragmentation whereby ethnic sub-cultures, instead of being integrated with European societies, reject the values and norms of the dominant culture. There are fears of such a society becoming characterised by strong suspicion and hostility, a "conflict of civilisations" in the everyday context.

The trend towards even greater ethnic and cultural diversity in Europe seems inevitable in the century that lies ahead of us. The European population is ageing steadily, and all the indications are that its low nativity will have to be made up for by means of large-scale immigration. What will it take for this kind of Europe to become a smooth-

running society? What demands will be made on European societies and on people migrating to them? On what philosophical and political foundations is such a society to rest? What, for example, will be the role of religion? Will a cosmopolitan culture arise as a consequence of generation changes, with new generations becoming less and less tied to their ethnic identity and adopting a global culture and lifestyle? Or will separate identities flourish but prove less of a problem than expected; perhaps the fear of them is just a legacy from the homogenisation ideals of modernism?

There are perhaps important lessons to be learned for the future by studying the situation in present-day Europe. Different countries – France, Britain and Germany, to take just a few examples – have adopted different standpoints on immigration, and comparisons between them could provide important clues for what a future policy might bring, and what can Europe learn from the United States, with its long tradition of being a melting pot?

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FRIDAY 13 JUNE

2:15-3:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION, COFFEE and SANDWICHES

3:00-3:15 p.m.

Opening

Viveca Ax:son Johnson, *Chairman*
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Kurt Almqvist, *President*
Axel and Margaret Ax:son Johnson
Foundation

Cosmopolitan Cultures in a Comparative Perspective

3:15-3:20 p.m.

Introduction

Göran Rosenberg, *Moderator*

3:20-3:50 p.m.

Philip Bobbitt

*Sovereignty and Identity in a
Historical Perspective*

3:50-4:20 p.m.

Ingvild Saelid Gilhus

*The Role of Religion in Cosmopolitan
Cultures*

4:20-4:50 p.m.

COFFEE BREAK

4:50-5:20 p.m.

Richard Swartz

*Historical Experience of European
Cosmopolitanism – The Habsburg Empire
and the Fall of Yugoslavia*

5:20-5:50 p.m.

Zygmunt Bauman

*When Strangers Meet Strangers –
The Challenges of Cosmopolitanism*

5:50-6:35 p.m.

Panel debate

**Philip Bobbitt, Ingvild Saelid Gilhus,
Richard Swartz and Zygmunt Bauman**
Moderated by **Göran Rosenberg**

6:35-7:10 p.m.

DRINKS and MUSIC

7:10 p.m.

DINNER

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SATURDAY 14 JUNE

Europe vs. America - Diversity within Unity?

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| 9:30-10:00 a.m. | Nathan Glazer | <i>The Reality of Multiculturalism in America</i> |
| 10:00-10:30 a.m. | Russell Jacoby | <i>The Myth of Multiculturalism</i> |
| 10:30-11:00 a.m. | COFFEE BREAK | |
| 11:00-11:30 a.m. | David Goodhart | <i>Solidarity and Diversity: The Progressive Dilemma</i> |
| 11:30-12:00 p.m. | Norman Birnbaum | <i>USA and Europe – The Identity Divide</i> |
| 12:00-12:45 p.m. | Panel debate | Nathan Glazer, Russell Jacoby, David Goodhart and Norman Birnbaum Moderated by Göran Rosenberg |
| 12:45-2:15 p.m. | LUNCH | |

The Pressures of Pluralism

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| 2:15-2:45 p.m. | Catherine Audard | <i>Multicultural Citizenship and the Politics of Recognition - The Case of France</i> |
| 2:45-3:15 p.m. | Michael Bommès | <i>German Identity and Ethnic Diversity</i> |
| 3:15-3:45 p.m. | COFFEE BREAK | |
| 3:45-4:15 p.m. | Jytte Klausen | <i>Euro-Muslims: Rejection and Belonging</i> |
| 4:15-4:45 p.m. | Ayaan Hirsi Ali | <i>The Case of Holland</i> |
| 4:45-5:30 p.m. | Panel debate | Catherine Audard, Michael Bommès, Jytte Klausen and Ayaan Hirsi Ali Moderated by Göran Rosenberg |
| 5:30-6:15 p.m. | DRINKS and MUSIC | |
| 6:15 p.m. | DINNER | |

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SUNDAY 15 JUNE

Cosmopolitan Culture

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| 9:30-10:00 a.m. | Elazar Barkan | <i>Historical Crimes and National Identity</i> |
| 10:00-10:30 a.m. | Adam Kuper | <i>The Culture of Discrimination: Reflections on Multiculturalism</i> |
| 10:30-11:00 a.m. | <i>COFFEE BREAK</i> | |
| 11:00-11:30 a.m. | Kenan Malik | <i>Multiculturalism and Individual Freedom</i> |
| 11:30-12:00 p.m. | Christopher Hitchens | <i>Should the World Become American?</i> |
| 12:00-12:45 p.m. | Panel debate | Elazar Barkan, Adam Kuper, Kenan Malik and Christopher Hitchens Moderated by Göran Rosenberg |
| 12:45-1:00 p.m. | Closing of the Seminar | |
| 1:00-2:30 p.m. | <i>LUNCH</i> | |
| 2:30 p.m. | <i>DEPARTURES</i> | |

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