

Call for Papers

Nation – Exclusion – Crisis (Nation – Ausgrenzung – Krise)

Critical Perspectives on Europe

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We are editing an anthology on nationalist and exclusionary thought in the context of the current financial and economic crisis. The anthology will presumably be published in 2013 with the publishing house edition assemblage (Münster/Germany).

Project and Contents

Exclusionary thinking and nationalist thinking are to be understood as closely related to capitalism and economic ideologies. In recent years, it has been argued in various social sciences that the homogenization, dichotomization and devaluation of various 'others' is based not just on naturalistic arguments, but also on arguments concerning the economic ambition, utility, performance and success of those 'others'. The constructions of the 'others' may, for example, relate to categories like 'nation', 'race', 'class', 'education' or religion.

The anthology *Nation – Exclusion – Crisis* analyses changes in nationalist, marginalizing and exclusionary thought brought forth by the current financial and economic crisis. The terms 'nationalist', 'marginalising' and 'exclusionary' thought relate here not primarily to the political far right, but explicitly to the social and political centre of society.

The anthology wants to build on current academic research and debate. There are no methodological or theoretical limitations for contributions, but the contributions should connect to the posed questions and problems.

The anthology will have two parts. The first part is dedicated to general social analysis. Current developments will be examined in a broader historical and theoretical context. The second part consists of the analysis of specific countries and aims at illuminating the political and social situation in particular nation states.

Part 1: Theoretical and historical analysis (working title)

Topics might include but are not limited to:

- Historical analysis of nationalism. What is nationalism? What is a nation state? What is the historical relation between capitalism and the nation state? What is the connection between nationalism and economic exclusion? – Contributions should not exceed 20.000 characters.
- (Neo-)liberalism, nationalism and exclusion. What are the ideological links between (neo-)liberalism, nationalism and exclusion? How have the relations between those concepts changed, for example compared to the 19th century? How might the current crisis affect these relations? - Contributions should not exceed 40.000 – 45.000 characters.
- Globalisation and nationalism. How has nationalism developed in the age of globalisation? What are the ideological functions and effects of the competition between national economies and the decline in wages, taxes and social security? How are current debates on protectionism and neo-mercantilism to be analysed in the light of theories of the nation and nationalism? What might be further changes in the context of the ongoing crisis? - Contributions should not exceed 40.000 – 45.000 characters.
- Economic configurations of racism. How is racist thought shaped by economic ideology? What is the relation between racism and the economy in the current crisis? - Contributions should not exceed 40.000 – 45.000 characters.

- Exclusionary thought on the individual level. How is exclusionary thought on the individual level shaped by economic ideologies? What is the importance of 'nation', 'race', 'culture', 'class', 'education', 'religion' etc. for the socio-economic and ideological positions of individuals? How is the relation between exclusion and the economy changing in the context of the current crisis? -Contributions should not exceed 40.000 – 45.000 characters.

Part 2: Analysis of specific countries.

Contributions to the second part should be dedicated to one country or a group of countries. Topics might include but are not limited to:

- How are specific groups of the population in the respective country affected by the crisis? How is the crisis discussed?
- How is nationalist and/or exclusionary thought working in the respective country?
- What is the importance of specific ideologies, histories and traditions in different countries?
- What is the importance of economic ideologies in the respective country?
- How is nationalism and/or exclusion institutionalised in the political system (governments, parties, interest groups, media)?
- What changes are to be observed in the context of the current crisis? How is nationalist / exclusionary thought a way of coping with the crisis? - Contributions should not exceed 30.000 - 35.000 characters.

Countries might include but are not limited to:

Belgium	Germany	France
Greece	United Kingdom	Ireland
Italy	The Netherlands	Norway
Poland	Portugal	Rumania
Russia	Sweden	Spain
Turkey	Hungary	Belarus

*** Abstracts/proposals***

We kindly ask you to send abstracts/proposals of one page to nation-ausgrenzung-krise@web.de. The deadline is August 15, 2012. The abstracts should contain a description of the content and argumentation of the proposed article. We will choose the articles for the anthology based on the abstracts we receive. Please do not send full essays.

Abstracts and full articles can be written in English or German.

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