

EU TRANSFORMED BY CRISIS OR FACING THE ULTIMATE TEST: THE OLD VALUES RETURN TO PRE-EU RE-NATIONALIZATION

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Abstract

Economic and financial crisis has had a stronger impact on the European Union. The effects were quickly felt by citizens and their concerns, in the absence of measures taken by policymakers, have continued to grow that in some cases become chronic. This fear (a suddenly and unexpectedly imbalance) reveals human values and attitudes that in the past, taken to the extreme, triggered conflicts that ground the continent.

Today, in a world increasingly globalized, where its actors are increasingly dependent on each other, the European Union as an actor of this scene, is forced to remain united. A disunited union is not a union. Therefore, to remain a major player on the international stage, the EU is forced to lead a fight externally and internally. If external policies tend to be increasingly better regulated, internally, crisis has revealed new (but also old) bogymen: the fear of an increase by extreme nationalism.

If for some EU was not just an umbrella under which they are more than safe but a comfortable rescue boat, it turned out to be the one who woke them up to reality under cold showers of financial constraints.

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