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1. Introduction

RECON Deliverable No. 81 – *Workshop on the nexus between democracy, collective identity formation and enlargement* is part of work package 8 – Identity Formation and Enlargement. WP 8 addresses the question of how much trust and commonality is needed to establish democracy. In particular, it analyses the formation of collective identities with regard to enlargement processes. Special emphasis is on a comparison of the ‘old’ and ‘new’ member states in confronting particular contextualized (foremost national or European) belongings with larger cosmopolitan attitudes, based on the analysis of identity conflicts emerging in the process of EU constitutionalisation, democratisation and enlargement.

The main task of WP 8 in the final project period was to summarize the discussion on how European enlargement has influenced changes in collective identity formation and as a result the possible forms of democracy in the new Europe. The empirical data collected from various institutions would allow a comparison between the processes of collective identity formation and the reference to three models of democracy in Europe. WP 8 researchers would meet for the final workshop in Prague to present and discuss the final results and theoretical contributions of the WP.

2. Presentation of the workshop

The workshop ‘The Nexus between Democracy, Collective Identity Formation and Enlargement’ was organized by Zdenka Mansfeldova and Petra Guasti from the Institute of Sociology, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (ASCR) together with the WP 8 coordinators at the Jagiellonian University Kraków (JUK) in Prague in May 2011. The workshop presented and discussed the final results and theoretical contributions of WP 8. In addition to a number of participants from RECON, external paper-givers and attendees participated at this workshop that included ten papers. The workshop, which was open not only to RECON members and members of the wider academic audience, also welcomed students of several universities and members of civil society organizations in Prague. All twenty participants took active part in discussions, concentrating on the relevance of the findings to the three RECON models as well as to the various aspects related to the interactions between democracy, enlargement and collective identity formation.

The workshop participants were gathered to assess the interplay between democracy, collective identity formation and EU enlargement, to discuss the link between democracy and requirements for identity within the various polity models of the RECON project, and to map the tensions between the levels of identification: local and regional, national and European. The workshop discussed various groups of citizens and their role as ‘agents of Europeanisation’ at the level of collective identities in Europe and elaborated on what contribution the CEE enlargement experience (from transformation to Europeanization) present to the formation of democratic European polity. The contributions were based on original RECON research as well as on secondary analysis of empirical data on the interplay between national and European identities, and combined qualitative and quantitative approaches.

The first panel, chaired by RECON’s WP 5 co-leader Ulrike Liebert (University of Bremen), dealt with new theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of Europeanization, and in particular the use of applied methodology (Q-sort methodology). Findings from a

comparative study of young people in three countries; Germany, Hungary and Poland, were discussed (this study is published as RECON Report 18, Deliverable 74). The overall methodological approach was first presented by David Skully (JUK), who discussed Q-methodology as an innovative method for identifying common identity patterns, and also related this to the RECON models. Olga Brzezińska, Beata Czajkowska and David Skully (JUK) then presented the results of the Polish study, whereas Erika Kurucz (Corvinus University Budapest) presented those of the Hungarian study. In the final contribution to this panel, Rosemarie Sackmann (University of Bremen) offered a comparative approach by presenting overall findings from research on three countries. She also discussed in more abstract terms the use of comparative approach in qualitative research. The contributions, as well as the ensuing discussion, combined empirical, methodological and theoretical issues in a fruitful and novel way to perceive the study of identities in contemporary Europe. Petra Guasti served in the role of discussant for the first panel.

The second panel dealt with changing patterns of collective identity formation and EU enlargement and was chaired by Petra Guasti; discussant was WP 8 leader Zdzisław Mach (JUK). This session offered a combination of qualitative and quantitative approaches, with a focus on the dynamic changes in identity formation processes in relation to the processes of European integration. Marcin Galent and Paweł Kubicki (JUK) examined the gradual change in the Polish national identity's main characteristics among a particular newly emerged social category of 'urbanogentsia'. They argued that this segment of Polish society is primarily responsible for the identified changes in Polish national identity. Tomas Lacina (Institute of Sociology, ASCR/Charles University) and Aleksandra Sojka (University of Granada) focused on the sense of identity at the regional, national, and European levels employing the existing quantitative data from various surveys combining two levels of analysis: the elite and the mass level data. This panel helped to identify not only the newly evolving interplay between national and European identities, the processes of its formation and factors contributing to it, but also pinpointed the agents of these changes and the importance of the two-way interaction between elites and citizens.

The third panel, entitled 'Interplay between collective identity formation and democracy', combined the theoretical concept of changing collective identities, the intermediary role of the media and comparative perspectives on national identity. Magdalena Gora (JUK) and Zdzisław Mach analyzed the interplay between the transformation of collective identities in contemporary Europe and democracy. Combining a vast basis of empirical data and interdisciplinary theoretical approaches, Jacek Kolodziej (JUK) concentrated on the concept of axiological legitimization, which has become the dominating paradigm of future integration. He applied this concept to the case of the Polish elections to the European Parliament in 2009. Opting for a comparative approach, Petra Guasti presented selected findings of her quantitative research on national identities. Her contribution highlighted the necessity to focus on the mutually reinforcing interplay between European, national and regional identifications and identities. The panel was chaired by Zdenka Mansfeldova while the role of the discussant was performed by Aleksandra Sojka (University of Granada).

The workshop concluded with a panel discussion with Zdzislaw Mach, Magdalena Gora, Petra Guasti, Ulrike Liebert, Zdenka Mansfeldova and Aleksandra Sojka. The panel debate was followed by a discussion of practical aspects such as publications and other outcomes from this part of RECON's research, and of the finalization of WP 8 activities.

Many of the papers presented at the workshop were published in September 2011 in a book entitled *Nexus between Democracy, Collective Identity Formation and EU Enlargement* that was edited by Petra Guasti, Jessie Hronešová and Zdenka Mansfeldová (more information on this volume is available at the 'Books and Special Issues' section of the RECON website: <http://www.reconproject.eu/projectweb/portalproject/BooksSpecialIssues.html>)

3. List of participants

See attachment.

4. Programme

See attachment.

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COLLECTIVE IDENTITY FORMATION AND ENLARGEMENT”
5th -8th May 2011**

List of participants

1. Olga Brzezińska *Jagiellonian University*
2. Beata Czajkowska *Jagiellonian University*
3. Marcin Galent *Jagiellonian University*
4. Daniela Gawrecka *Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic*
5. Magdalena Góra *Jagiellonian University*
6. Petra Guasti *Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic*
7. Maria Heller *Corvinus University*
8. Jacek Kolodziej *Jagiellonian University*
9. Paweł Kubicki *Jagiellonian University*
10. Erika Kurucz *Corvinus University*
11. Martin Kuta *University of Economics*
12. Tomas Lacina *Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic*
13. Ulrike Liebert *University of Bremen*
14. Zdzisław Mach *Jagiellonian University*
15. Zdenka Mansfeldová *Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic*
16. Rosemarie Sackmann *Jean Monnet Centre*
17. David Skully *Jagiellonian University*
18. Aleksandra Sojka *University of Granada*
19. Katri Vaaks *Edinburg Napier University*
20. Pavla Vamberova *Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic*

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Program

5.5. Thursday – arrival of participants, informal gathering

6.5. Friday meeting

9.30 official opening of the workshop – Zdenka Mansfeldova and Zdzisław Mach

9:45 – 10.00 Coffee Break

10:00- 12.30 **Panel 1. – New theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of Europeanization**

Chair: Ulrike Liebert

Discussant: Petra Guasti

Paper Givers:

1. David Scully “Q-sort methodology”
2. Brzezińska Olga and Czajkowska Beata “Q Sort Polish Case Study”
3. Kurucz Erika “Collective Identity Patterns among University Students in Hungary: Q-study”
4. Rosemarie Sackman “Q Sort German Case Study”

12.30-13.45 Lunch break

13.45-15.30 **Panel 2. Changing Patterns of Collective identity formation and the EU enlargement**

Chair: Muftuler-Bac (Sabanci Univeristy)

Discussant: Hans-Joerg Trezn

Paper Givers:

1. Meltem Muftuler-Bac “The Tradeoffs between Secularism and Democracy”
2. Marcin Galent and Pawel Kubicki “Not Just a Nation Set in Stone. The Undercurrents that are Making the National Structure More Porous”
3. Crudu Emanuel “Eastern Enlargement and the Persistence of the Narratives of Alterity Making Inside the EU”

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

19.00 Dinner

7.5. Saturday

9.15 arrival/coffee

9.30-11.30 **Panel 3 Interplay between collective identity formation and democracy**

Chair: Zdenka Mansfeldova (IS AS CR, Prague)

Discussant: Aleksandra Sojka, Univ. Granada

Paper Givers:

1. Gora Magdalena and Mach Zdzisław “Transformation of Collective Identities in Europe and Democracy”
2. Kolodziej Jacek “Axiological Aspects of Mediated Identity: The Interplay among Politicians and Media during European elections '09 in Poland”
3. Guasti Petra “National Identity in Comparative Perspective”

11.30-12.00 Coffee Break

12.00-13.30 Final Panel Discussion

(Mach/Góra, Guasti, Trenz/Liebert, discussants),
followed by discussion of the practical aspects such as publications and other outcomes and about the finalization of the WP8

14.00 Lunch

8.5. Sunday – departure of the participants