

From Memory of Insecurity towards Culture of Solidarity

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The culture we have inherited from the past two centuries and cultivate today, relishes the environment of freedom and independence. Now the environment incorporated also the sphere of cultural diversity, understood as a unique wealth of languages and local identities demanding protection against the unifying globalization. The culture created on the matrix of the industrial era, modernist individualism and Enlightenment worldview, wellcorresponded with the bids for national independence and emergent, as a result, modern states and identities, as well as with the construction of the European Union based on the theme of unity in diversity. Especially for the nations for centuries deprived of statehood it became a genuine and often the only spiritual and physical haven. And yet today, there are places on the map of the world where this mission of culture has not been accomplished. This does not change the fact that the libertarian aspect alone, similarly to the defense of diversity and respect for difference, does not exhaust the mission of the culture engaged today in the most important issues of our time. For the globalizing and increasingly interdependent world, the most important challenge becomes solidarity.