

Theoretical input III: Transnationalism; Civilizationism; Collaborative concepts of the European far right

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Transnationalisation

- Today world – **globalized**
- Political actors act internationally (transnational activities)
- Move to international level in order to get bigger support and to be stronger

- Transnationalisation is understood as interactions between national and foreign actors aimed at engaging in protest, making demands and communicating a message.

- Attractive also for the nationalists

Collaborative concepts of the European far right – „United Europe“

Neo-Nazi framework for united Europe

- Called as Aryanism or pan-Europeanism
- Main principle: protection of Europe as a civilization from inappropriate foreign influences and elements, and protection of white race
- Already Nazis used the idea of unified Europe, justifying their aggressive policies
- And to nowadays neo-Nazis this historical „heritage“ (historical roots) serves as legitimacy how to explain internally what they ask for
- Their vision of unified Europe is concept with long history

United Europe according to neo-Nazi vision

- Reference unit is a race, not nation
- Protection of race – opportunity to find common language, overcome historical experiences, opportunity to enter international level and put effort to creation of transnational movement
- Unified Europe as a common project how to protect white race – common interest

- **William Pierce** (architect of neo-Nazi collaboration): in 1999 notion of international neo-Nazi collaboration; neo-Nazis in Europe and US all face a common enemy: international capital
- Called for common international action
- It is not about defending nations anymore; Pierce understood nationality through race rather than through citizenship or geographic factors; it is white race that needs to be protected

- 2003: **Udo Voigt** (former leader of German NPD): *„Never again will European nations rise against one another. We neo-Nazis, are connected by a common historical experience and a common enemy!“*
- **Ian Stuart Donaldson** (founder of Blood and Honour international neo-Nazi network): calling for international neo-Nazi collaboration from 1986 (alternative to communism and capitalism)
- **David Lane**: *„We must secure the existence of our people and the future for white children.“*

- This all results in **pan-Aryan worldview**
- No longer antagonist to Slavic nations
- Russia as a possible key to the salvation of the white race
- Russia is stressed a lot as a partner

- „**Europe of nations**“ – target system of government
- Coexistence of national socialist regimes
- Elimination of the EU, IMF, WB
- But no detailed description of the system and policies
- „Clear“ is only the way to this - rahowa

Europe according to far right(nationalist) political parties

- Concept of **Fortress Europe**
- related to issue of immigration
- Far right, anti-immigrant political parties use this term *in context of protection of European nations and European civilization*
- Also mainstream politicians use this term – legitimate concept

Fortress Europe

- Couple of levels where the concept is applied:
 - 1) Demography
 - 2) Socio-economical
 - 3) Cultural
 - 4) Security
 - 5) Political
 - 6) Human rights

Final vision of the far right(nationalist) parties?

- Agreement on the Fortress Europe – built from national states
- National states based on authoritarian principles
- National welfare chauvinism

- Not common language in economical issues – mix of social state and liberal economy

- End of the EU, but they want something as EU
- BUT Should membership be defined by nation or by state? What degree of integration would be desirable? What sorts of policies would be necessary to establish cooperation?
- Moreover, opinions differ even concerning one policy; Which are the policies to be solved together and which to be confined to the national level?

Civilizationism

- National socialists and nationalists talk about „civilization“ which needs to be protected.
- A way how to engage in the international arena and establish transnational movement (of nationalists)
- A way how to use international opportunities and mobilize international resources
- In order to protect nations it is necessary to protect the European civilization
- *Labeling Islam as a civilizational threat, civilizationism can be understood as a new articulation of nationalism.*