The limits of cosmopolitan Europe

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Abstract

The political crisis sparked in Europe by the "long summer of migration" of 2015 made one thing abundantly clear: the ideal of a cosmopolitan Europe is, and has been since its inception, an oxymoron. For cosmopolitanism is universal in nature, while the European integration project is merely continental. Even though the European Union does bear some of the hallmarks of a Kantian cosmopolitanism, such as a membership restricted to democratic states, a transnational citizenship or a foreign policy respectful of international law, it crucially failed in 2015 to uphold its commitment to grant a cosmopolitan right of hospitality to third-country nationals. In this public lecture, I will put forward the claim that the recent evolution of the EU's migration policies mark a turning point in the European project. I will first examine critically the conceptual plausibility and normative fallout of the notion of a bordered cosmopolitanism. I will then explore its political consequences on the project of European integration.

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