

THE NATURE AND FUTURE OF PAN-NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS

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Abstract

Increasing awareness can be seen in present-day international relations analyses related to the effects of diaspora politics and cross-border policies based on cultural relations. Besides the kin-state policies which meet the principles of international law, there are pan-nationalist ideas diverging in nature. The following questions are suggested to guide the discussion:

What is the notion and present-day definition of pan-nationalism?

What is the place of pan-nationalism in Cultural Relations Policy?

Which are the successful examples of current pan-nationalist movements?

What are the characteristics of ethnic/cultural pan-nationalism?

How does the presence of a kin-state influence the nature of an ethnic pan-nationalist movement?

What are the problems of pan-nationalism?

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Although there are diverse interpretations of pan-nationalism, this term can be explained by summarizing the theoretical knowledge and analyzing the effects of current pan-nationalist ideologies. The characteristics of pan-nationalism, described by Snyder (six factors) are however can be true in the case of current pan-nationalist movements.

Today's pan-nationalist ideologies are intra-cultural movements (ethnic, expansionist and religious) and ideas based on intercultural relations (regional, continental or international integrations).

In most cases the presence of a *kin-state* determines the nature of pan-nationalist movements. According to this approach inter-regional, inter-state and hybrid interregional (state-region) relations can be distinguished regarding the cultural relations of the relevant entities.

Concerning pan-nationalism, however, critical approaches emerged. Firstly, the relation of pan-nationalism and macro-nationalism is unclear. Secondly, the terms in connection with nationalism are primarily related to nation state (e.g. independence, sovereignty, recognition and legitimacy). Thirdly, pan-nationalist ideologies in some cases include irredentist concepts which could result the conflict of such ideologies. Finally, the greatest weakness of pan-nationalist ideologies is derived from the influence of economic interests over national affection.

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