

Title

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~~This session will address  
"the articulation of w's public voice  
and "the emergence of women's agenda"~~

~~At the outset, I want to ~~also~~ say very  
clearly  
that my main interest is to contribute  
to the emergence of w's agenda.~~

~~Introduction~~

~~1) ~~in~~ in practically all countries in Europe,  
w's "issues" are taken up in institutional } mechanisms  
governmental }~~

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~~3rd wave of w's issues~~

~~is taking stock of w's culture  
and how can ~~women~~ this culture  
affect main societal + political issues.~~

~~- but how to do that ?~~

√ w's issues are survival  
of persons,  
groups  
planet

New issues, new actors, new perspectives

## Introduction



2) A window of opportunity :

2 open spaces,

→ one the European space; complexity of its institutions (EC/CSCE/Council of Europe/WEU...)

- unpredictability of about evolution of its components

→ the other: the social territory of women

- theoretically embracing all sectors, but in practice a narrow territory (mainly <sup>absent from</sup> decision-making, of Lisbon Council)

- still very often focused on W as the receiving end, recipients, objects, victims...

∴ to seize the opportunity for W to be the subjects, actors of the current change; to influence, to decide, to act;

• integration vs fragments

• deepening vs. enlarging of EC/a few months ago still debatable, now just a question of calendar



g) A time of interdependence at all levels:

- among issues
- " countries
- " actors

~~Beyond the dichotomy subject/object~~

• Even without process of integral European countries would be facing consequences of globalisation of issues

• Beyond the dichotomy subject/object  
the ideologies { peace/sovereignty  
economy  
envir./progn./dev.  
" ~~ideologies~~ (already obvious in exact sciences)  
" ~~"objective"~~ but.

∴ need to think new issues  
with new actors

opening new perspectives

- how can  $\bar{w}$  become actors?

- <sup>real</sup> deep down feelings (EE docu/)
- men's games
- women's lack of self-esteem (refusal to take office)
- lack of complicity among  $\bar{w}$
- critical mass of  $\bar{w}$



# Political governance



- 1) - diversity of groups, ideas, modes of thinking  
in a context of interdependence  
becoming part of a complex system;
  - regulation mechanisms not yet discovered,  
hence delays in decision-making;  
contradictory gestures (Germany <sup>(Dec.)</sup> → Costa  
France <sup>(June)</sup> → Sergio)
  - (Europe + world integrated  
in the Renaissance period  
but asymmetric to the world + inside its borders  
+ centered on elites → change with  
communications)
- 2) - what is democracy in this new space? (X)
  - since 70's challenge to parliamentary  
democracy or to politics as a profession
  - ~~political cycles vs. real-life cycles~~
  - polls replacing votes
  - new types of external pressures
  - role of media, alienating the public (no  
time to form one's own opinion)
  - towards a participatory democracy

②) democracy

7 4! Third world

new types: political conditionality  
since Nov. 89

1.3. pg 5 Democracy at stake



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### 3) individual rights in the context of collective rights

- the need for coupling the two:  
the collapse of a collectivist political regime should not erase the reality of collective needs, rights + obligations;
- threat of individualism / hedonism / indifference
- the supreme dignity of each person in the shaping of the political reality:  
- "politics belongs to everyone"

### 4) citizenship and sovereignty as basic to political culture + practice

anglo-saxon  
vs. continuous

- citizenship as fulfilment of all rights
- capacity of self-organization in an interdependent system
- new forms + new concepts have to emerge

W → to make a difference  
→ risking to be deviant  
from the norm



# Management of the economy



1) Status of economy  
not a goal but a means  
is urgent need to address the ethics

— understanding the limitations of the economic science, so far unable to devise new instruments (e.g. economies in transition)  
∴ not a dogma! not the criterium to evaluate where is a country, a people ...

2) new regulatory + redistributive mechanisms  
to compensate for the blindness of the market (situation of Sweden / NL)

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3) Market as a logic of internal + external exclusion, built-in inequality, leaving aside the poor / disorganized / vulnerable  
∴ another logic

w → patterns of consumption  
" of production  
conscious decisions of  
individuals

# Survival process



## 1) From war to peace

(- "new" phenomenon for this generation:  
European wars! - easier in Irak!!)

- leading the process of transformation from "peace-keeping" to "peace-making" (in Jan: to create "corridors" in Bosnia to avoid confrontat....)
- transformation of military - industrial complexes into peace instruments
- stopping arms trade (watch over!)
- leading the process of comprehensive banning of nuclear tests

## 2) Key-role of STR in peace-making

- nexus environ/ dev. / popula
- continent where science & techn. were born needs to think anew the political role they play

W: "universal adjustment"  
change of life-styles  
new self-discipline



# Cultural + spiritual primacy

- 1) Trans-national identity
  - common history
  - a project together : to contribute to the betterment of all humankind
  
- 2) Beyond the paradigm of the "winner"

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W → to create trust  
to appropriate into ~~oneself~~ <sup>one's own</sup> identity  
the great cultural + spiritual  
traditions of the continent

