

Redefinind spațiul public. Între drepturile omului și revendicările identitare

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Abstract: This study examines the dialectical relationship between inherited and constructed identities in defining the public space characteristic of modern Western societies. It is discussed how they were gradually abandoned the marks of identity arising from the membership in historically constituted traditional communities, from the loyalty to certain sustainable membership in favor of certain provisional identities that characterize groups of interest, the modern individualism, the contractualism and the new forms of socialization. I try to analyze the conceptual tension that emerges between the universality of human rights (as inescapable normative dimension in the public policies and legal practices) and the undeniable reality of the irreducible cultural diversity. It is an analysis of the compatibility between human nature (assumed to be uniform by the doctrine of universal human rights) and cultural relativism.

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