

The Bulletin

Year in Review



This week, we take a look back at The New Federalist's first draft of history: our top stories from a historic 2020.



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U.S. President Donald Trump waves to the crowd during his 2017 inauguration parade. Credit: US Air Force.

“THE WORLD’S OLDEST DEMOCRACY” NOW LIES BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH

NOVEMBER 3, 2020

BY CHRISTIAN GIBBONS

- A VICTORY FOR DONALD TRUMP WOULD MEAN A VICTORY FOR HIS SELFISH, ISOLATIONIST “AMERICA FIRST” DOCTRINE, WHICH HAS ALREADY CAUSED MANY A PROBLEM FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION. ON THE OTHER HAND, UNDER TRUMP’S OPPONENT JOE BIDEN, AMERICA WOULD RETURN AT LEAST PARTIALLY TO AN APPROACH ANCHORED IN MULTILATERAL COOPERATION.

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The Covid-19 Pandemic



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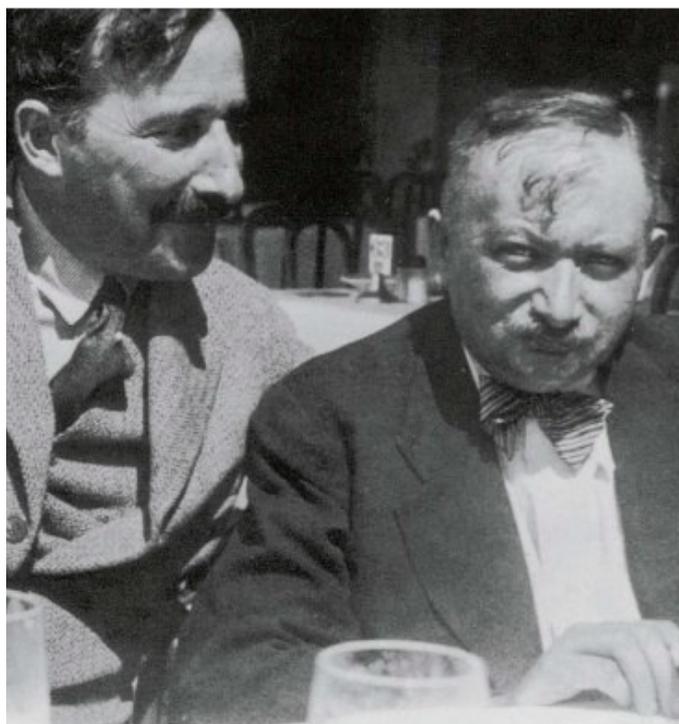
THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S RECOVERY PLAN: A "HAMILTONIAN" LEAP?

May 22, 2020

By Antoine Potor, Théo Boucart

Translated by Elena Vardon

The European Commission has presented its proposal for a recovery plan to tackle the economic fallout of coronavirus. With this plan, the executive branch of the European Union is attempting a blend of debt mutualisation and classic loans: altogether, €750 billion incorporated in the next European budget. Is this a decisive turning point for European federalism?



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THE SUMMER TRAVEL CEASED

August 3, 2020

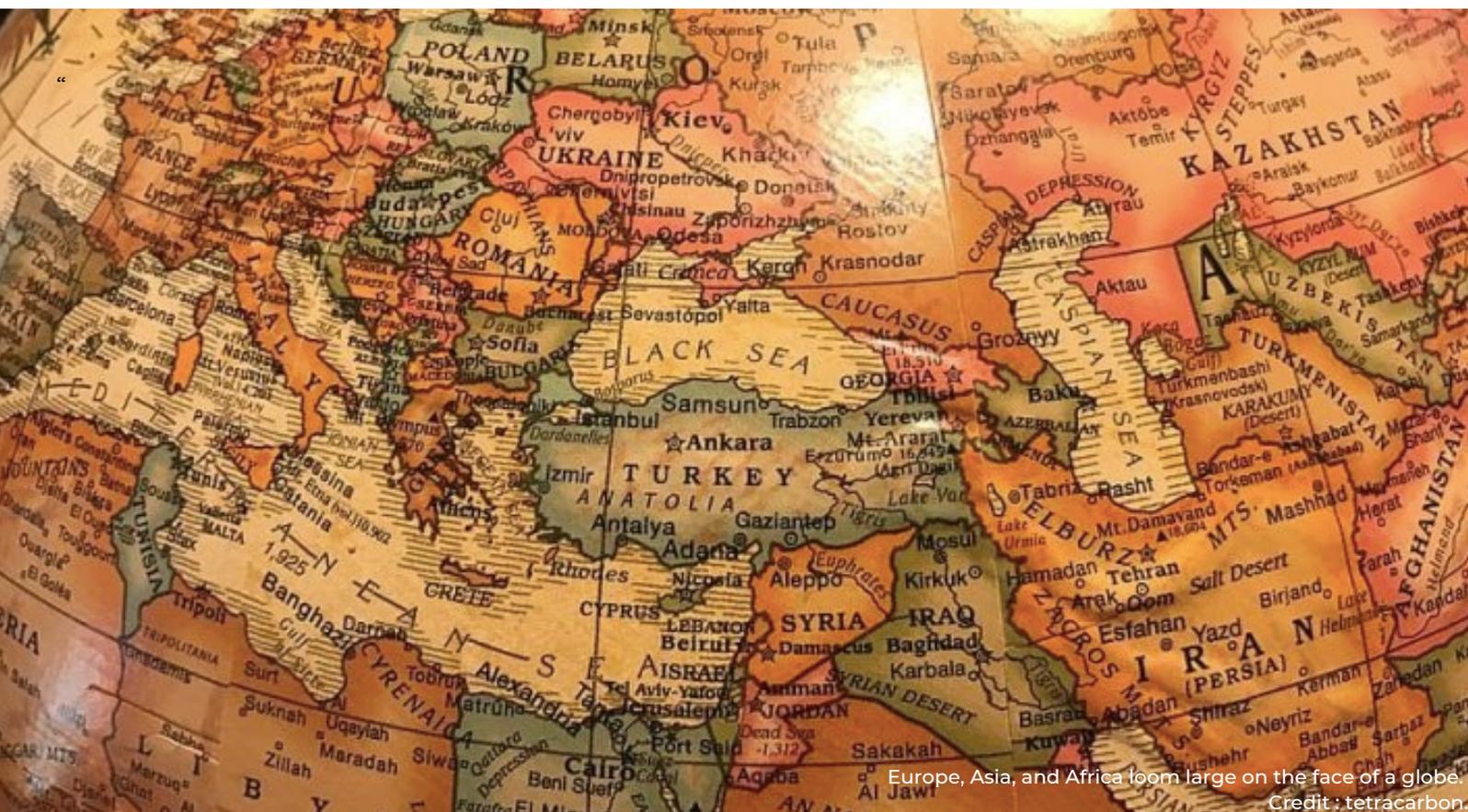
By Guillermo Íñiguez

"The summer of 1914", writes Austrian novelist Stefan Zweig, "would have been memorable for us even without the doom which it spread over the European earth. I had rarely experienced one more luxuriant, more beautiful and, I am tempted to say, more summery. Throughout the days and nights the heavens were a silky blue, the air soft yet not sultry, the meadows fragrant and warm, the forests dark and profuse in their tender green; even today, when I use the word summer, I think involuntarily of those radiant July days which I spent in Baden near Vienna."



Europe in the World

EDITORIAL : WHAT FUTURE FOR A “GEOPOLITICAL” EUROPE?



Europe, Asia, and Africa loom large on the face of a globe. Credit : tetracarbon.

MAY 25, 2020
BY CHRISTIAN GIBBONS

As various European countries begin to reopen, a “new normal” is slowly emerging. Although it is impossible to know definitively how our lives will be changed in the next few months, plans are already being re-evaluated, principles are being tested, and issues that were once in the foreground have been set aside for another day. Even the Schengen Agreement—widely and rightly considered a pillar of European integration—has suddenly been thrown into question.

With that said, there is no reason to think that the European Union should abandon the progress on various issues that it has been working towards.

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EU Institutions



SPITZENKANDIDATEN AND TRANSNATIONAL LISTS ARE GREAT IDEAS, BUT DON'T MIX THEM TOGETHER

November 25, 2020

By Juuso Järviemi

Several institutional questions remain unresolved following last year's European election.

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THE ENEMY WITHIN? ARTICLE 259 AND THE UNION'S INTERGOVERNMENTALISM

December 12, 2020

By Guillermo Íñiguez

The developments witnessed throughout the past few weeks point towards an increasingly likely possibility: that Poland will be brought before the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) not by any European institution, but by another EU Member State.

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CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE – A STEPPING STONE TO A EUROPEAN FEDERATION?

June 3, 2020

By Juuso Järviemi, Kalojan Hoffmeister

With the coronavirus pandemic occupying decision-makers' headspace at all levels, the European Commission's flagship initiative for debating the future of Europe is in limbo.

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EDITORIAL | BETWEEN CHALLENGES AND ASPIRATIONS: URSULA VON DER LEYEN'S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

BY GUILLERMO ÍÑIGUEZ, MADELAINE PITT

Ursula von der Leyen's first State of the Union address, delivered in Brussels this morning, was a packed-out whistle-stop tour of how the Commission plans to tackle a great many of the issues Europe is facing today. It was an eloquent speech - polished and decisive - in which she switched, in her habitual manner, between English, French and German, and which combined short-term policy proposals and a clear vision of how the European project should evolve.

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Ursula von der Leyen gave her first State of the Union address/
Photo: European Parliament.

“ THE COMMISSION PRESIDENT ATTEMPTED TO HUMANISE THE QUESTION OF MIGRATION AND PLEAD FOR A UNITED EUROPEAN RESPONSE, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF THE TRAGIC OUTBREAK OF COVID AND THEN FIRE IN THE MOIRA CAMP. ”





European Herstory

ROSA LUXEMBURG

OCTOBER 3, 2020
BY RAFAEL SILVA

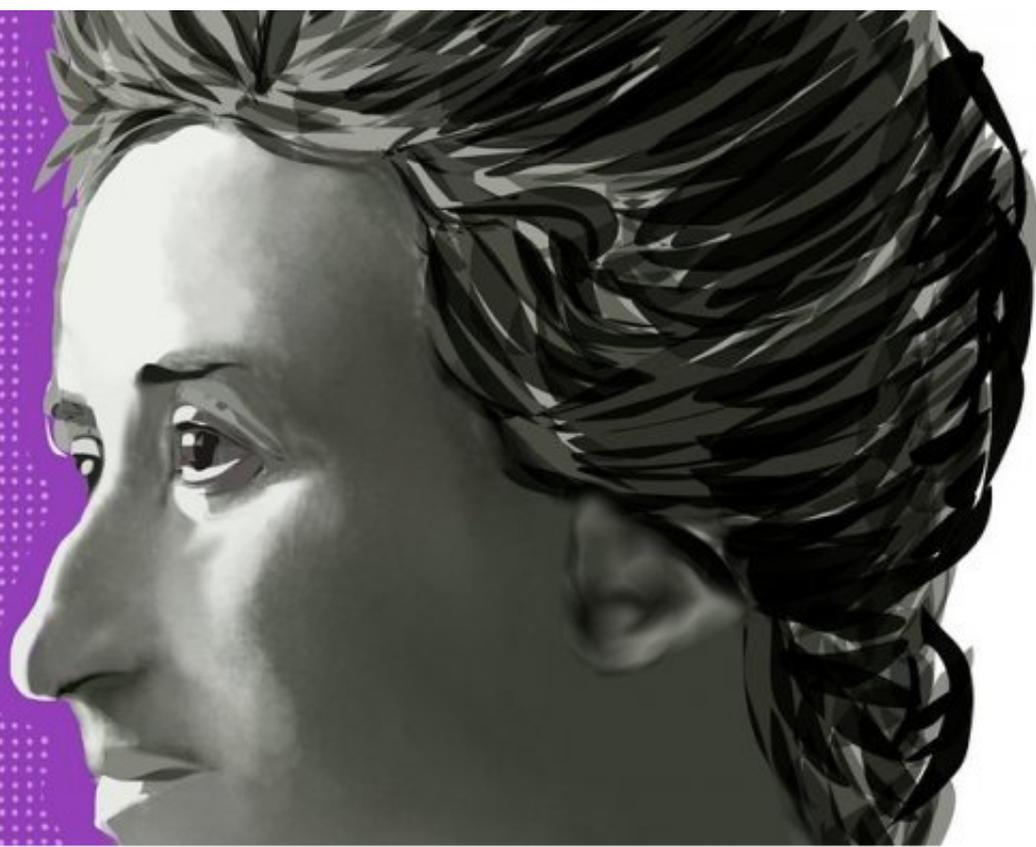
History is not merely a question of fact but of how it is recorded and how we interpret it. What is remembered, and how we remember it, is shaped by our socially constructed understandings of the world as it was at the time and as we know it today.

With the feminine history of our continent often sold short under the weight of enduring patriarchal structures, women's contributions to science, art, politics and beyond are often at best overshadowed or at worst forgotten.

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