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GLOBALISM AND NATIONALISM: TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN?

Abstract: This paper takes the view that, contrary to the prevalent view, globalism and nationalism are not opposing phenomena and they have been and still are mutually enhancing and thus to a certain degree compatible processes. They do not only negatively strengthen, but also positively enhance each other. The fact that they negatively strengthen each other is pretty obvious as seen in the rise of anti-global nationalist movements and discourses in various countries. The idea that globalism and nationalism are mutually enhancing is subtler and may not be easily comprehensible. The paper argues that the two movements as we understand them are the product of modernity and have been accelerated in the last centuries. They mutually enhanced each other by consolidating uniformity in respective areas and denying diversity, which opens up the channels of remedy for the perils of both nationalism and globalism.

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