A Theorist of European Federalism: Alexandre Marc

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Abstract: The federalist idea, so often invoked in the current economic crisis, is not a new one, but it is very old, even ancient, many theorists considering it as a result of the particularity of European civilisation, namely of its diversity. Developed as a solution to the problem of dispersed political and territorial entities, and with the aim to solve their more difficult objectives concerning their identity, federalism will be reconsidered during the interwar period and after the Second World War, when several groups of intellectuals related its principles to the idea of European unity. The conceptual approaches of many federalists intersected and complemented each other, representing, in the end, a source of inspiration for the workers of the European Union as we know these days. The present paper aims to highlight and analyse some thoughts of the impassioned European federalist who was Alexandre Marc, and how they could be considered for the actual period.

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