

TOWARDS A NEW POLITICAL TOPOLOGY; **MEMORY** AS A SPACE AGAINST THE CRISIS OF LIBERAL IDENTITY POLITICS AND DEMOCRACY

Space, as a concrete abstraction, bears the holistic and philosophical counter potentials against social powers in which socio-political and theoretical approaches can be constructed within the praxis of resistance and democracy. This conceptual power allows us to re-consider possible-actual futures basing on philosophy, sociology, politics of history, memory and geography. And the idea of now, creating futures; derives from these potentials and spatial category that creates utopian and spatial futures where we encounter with the notion of class as an updated, theoretical periphery. Therefore, the concept of class and identity should be challenged with some current socio-political categories such as space, and spatial consciousness replacing class and class consciousness. This replacement is crucial as many liberal and postmodern identity based theoretical canons reproduce the power of capitalist tyranny and hegemonize the idea of space (same as the idea of class) as a basic social category. That is why current compressions in political theory such as *class against identity* should be replaced with new horizons including a spatial category. Space also bears the permanency of all sociopolitical and economical intersections in which society is constantly reproduced and produces the space within a contextual reflexivity. This ontological base should be conducted with a holistic and relational way of understanding for social relations and political categories. Thus, social space and the potential resistance points regarding to democracy, should be evaluated as transection (not intersection) where the epistemology, social knowledge and the crisis of current democracy - immanent to both ontology and epistemology- could embrace different categories as class, gender, race and nature. Furthermore, memory itself as spaces play a basic role to show us how social and political relations activated, contradicted and constructed in daily life and politics like a litmus paper. With the help of this specific position, memory-space should be used as a main category to understand how different actors of politics and power relations are produced and consumed within the socioeconomical and political contexts. That is why we need to materialize memory as space.

Within this frame; the main subject of this research will be analyzing memory as a queer space, and examining the relation between space and resistance and transect these relations within different scales as philosophy, sociology and political theory by offering new resistance-based concepts to the political topology. The study approaches the concept of space regarding to the new challenges and positions of political theory and objecting a new macro topology basing upon transactional relations between space, class and identity politics within 3 different but

interrelated scales. Via these concerns; the research is constructed on the basic question: “How notion of memory as a space and the concept of spatial consciousness can be framed with new alternatives and replace some historical categories that have been discussed so far in a vicious circle in terms of liberal philosophy, corrupted capitalist sociology and chronical crisis of current political theory basing upon the example of living memoria?” In order to answer this main question, the study seeks to ask further sub-questions:

- How are the debates around the concept of space and time basing on liberal and critical thoughts positioned in the crisis of democracy, radical democracy and politics of identity?
- How memory, space and spatial consciousness, as main and fresh categories show and reflect the progress of political thoughts on socioeconomic base via living memoria?
- What kind of discourses and practices are identified by the ongoing experience of living memoria in terms of liberal vs radical philosophical paths causing class vs identity politics clash?
- Which practices and discourses rise from living memoria in terms of redefining the space towards new political horizons and futures regarding to proximities of philosophical, sociological and political thoughts? And what they offer to build a new holistic horizon against the conceptual crisis of western liberal democracy?