

Imagining Europe : myth, memory, and identity / Chiara Bottici, Benoit Challand

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Abstrak

"In this book, Chiara Bottici and Benoit Challand explore the formative process of a European identity situated between myth and memory"-- Provided by publisher.

"In *Imagining Europe*, Chiara Bottici and Benoit Challand explore the formation of modern European identity. Europe has not always been there, although we have been imagining it for quite some time. Even after the birth of a polity called the European Union, the meaning of Europe remained a very much contested topic. What is Europe? What are its boundaries? Is there a specific European identity or is the EU just the name for a group of institutions? This book answers these questions, showing that in Europe's formation, myth and memory, although distinct, are often merged in a common attempt to construct an identity for its present and its future. In a time when Europe is facing an existential crisis, when its meaning is being questioned, *Imagining Europe* explores a vital and often unacknowledged aspect of the European project"-- Provided by publisher.