

BREXIT and glocalism

A historic date: glocalism emerges!

The Brexit result confirms that a transition is taking place from the inter-national world to the dawn of the glo-cal world.

In fact we are glimpsing the confirmation of the demise of Westphalia, of Hobbes, of the frontier idea of the Nation-State, and consequently of inter-state bodies such as the U.N. and the European Union.

Issues of the environment, the web, metropolisation with the new role of mayors, the new e-money and Beetcoin are appearing on the horizon.

The Camerons and Hollandes of this world are falling; new figures are emerging, such as Sadiq Kahn in London, Nicola Sturgeon in Scotland and Carles Puigdemont in Catalonia.

The votes of the elderly and the young, of Yorkshire or Sunderland in opposition to those of London, Edinburgh and Gibraltar, have all spoken.

In the background lies the prospect of warning shouts from Belfast, Barcelona and Bilbao.

Will the people of Brittany, Padania and Sicily soon be making their own demands known?

Will Westminster soon be more in trouble than Buckingham Palace? Great Britain more than the Commonwealth? The Élisée Palace more than the Hôtel de Ville in Paris? Palazzo Chigi more than Palazzo Marino in Rome?

Who will win between the logic of territories and that of networks?

Are we about to see the triumph of Blüte und Blumen? Or will we be capable of setting an understanding among the territories against by now global functions such as technology, climate, security, finance, e-money and welfare?

All this is not being talked about at the moment: nobody is telling us if the drama we are witnessing is that of Londoners, Brits or the Commonwealth. We hear the Farage, the Le Pens or the Salvinis, but nobody is taking up the invitation to reflect that is implicit in the 3 million votes for Remain, or those made by the Pope, Bill Gates or Michel Onfray.

What is clear is that a phase of battle lies ahead for us.

Where is the meeting point? We say: in the words of glocalism that are already resounding and that only the deafening and destructive noise of most of the old media prevents us from hearing.

Words that are not only those of the Catholic Pope and that would also be very useful in the search for an understanding of the unacceptable contradictions that the inter-national political world would like to have accepted by the 7 billion people who inhabit it.

A world of people that our technology has irreversibly placed in the same planetary game; a world that already talks to us every day from the web and that only an innovative political-institutional reorganisation of a functional type on a glocal basis can set about restructuring.

So let's listen to the alarm call reaching us from Brexit and from the United Kingdom. An alarm call coming from the country that, after Rome and its Empire, was the only one capable of providing a model of political organisation of the world in which we Westerners all found ourselves living in a way that Dante's insightfully referred to as "like fish in the sea".

While the United Kingdom sets about regressing to the sum of a larger London plus some small Britains, it is the continent of Europe that has to find out how to wake up and produce - together with others from China to Africa - the political model that the new glocal world so wishes it can trust.

That's what Globus et Locus thinks! What about you?!