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#### ABOUT THE NECESSITY OF CULTURE:

#### SHIFTING CULTURES

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- Production and Resource Center since 1996. A hub for local, regional and international cultural action.
   Organises seminars and workshops. Creates coproductions. Arranges guest performances from abroad. Develops new audiences. Advocates progressive cultural policy.
- Since 2008, a national mission as The European Resource Center for Culture and a European Union mission as Europe Direct office in Sweden.



### The Function of Migration

- to challenge our fixed patterns
  - to update our self-image
- to bring our fears to the surface



### **FEAR**



#### Interculture

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#### **Mutual Transformation**



### INTER // LOCAL



### Natural Identities.



### Imposed Identities.



### Imagined Identities.



### Multiple Identities.

[Ongoing negotiation]



### **Culture & Democracy**



### CITIZEN // VISITOR



### WHERE ARE WE TODAY?

# CAN WE IDENTIFY CHALLENGES?

DO WE SEE THREATS?



### "Re-creating the circle ... "



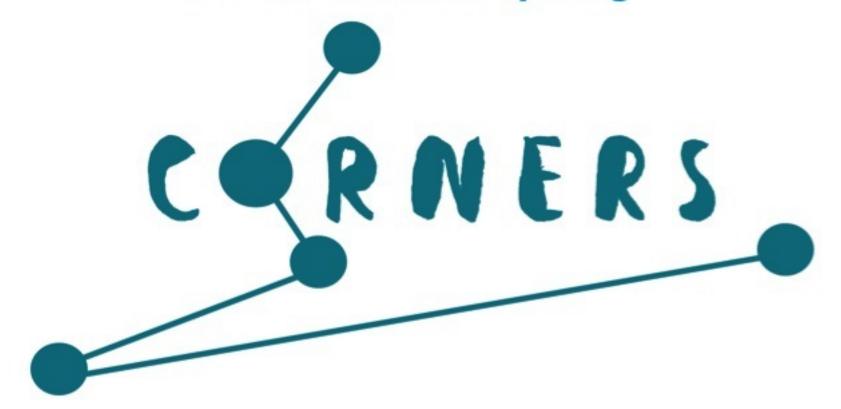
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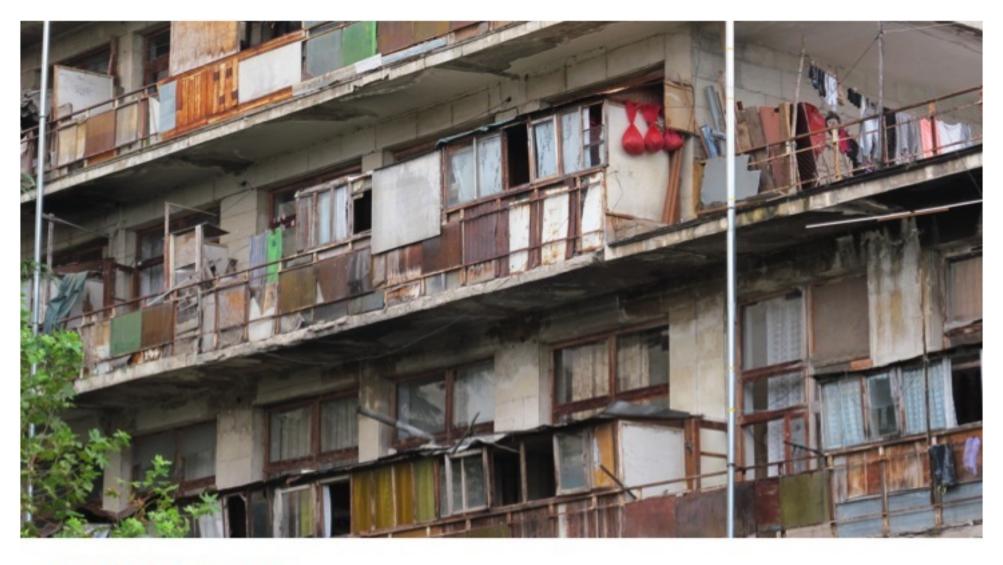
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## Yoghurt Cultures





#### **Central Question 1**

#### What **PLACES** are needed?

- cultural centres
- public spaces
- digital arenas
- schools and workplaces



#### **Central Question 2**

#### What **COMPETENCE** is needed?

- training
- study travel
- practical experience
- social skills
- empathy



SEAS Xpedition - Hopa, Turkey, September 2010



#### **Environmental change**

(technology, sustainability)

## Reduced democratic participation (apathy)

Increased fear of immigration

(islamophobia, cultural introversion)

Shift of economic power

(globalization)



# What is an appropriate cultural response?



# developing intercultural competence



# "Cultures do not dialogue with each other.

They compete, clash, fight, interact and mutually influence each other."

Dr. Dragan Klaic (1951-2011)







#### International Outreach

Intercultural Insight