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Local Organisation, Cultural Identity and National Integration in the North Atlantic

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Aarhus University Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Local Organisation, Cultural Identity and National Integration in the North Atlantic, Susanne Dybbroe, Poul Brobech Moller, This volume contains conference papers from the 3rd North Atlantic Studies Conference. The papers seem to indicate a connection between progressive centralisation -- corresponding with increased homogeneity of culture at the national level -- and a concomitant relative heterogenisation of peripheral regions and minority culture in political terms, expressed through the assertion of difference -- of local, regional, ethnic and other identities. This "heterogenisation" may be defined in cultural terms as "differentiation" or in structural terms as expressing "relative distancing" from the centres of power. The factors giving form and content to these movements seem to reflect institutional arrangements made by the centres in an effort to integrate peripheral communities. In other words, expressions of "localism" are linked to the manner and structure of integration in the social system or society in question. This puts focus on public institutions as integrating mechanisms and possible arenas of struggle for control. Paraphrasing Jenkins (this volume), comparing Northern Irish and Welsh nationalism, "the character of nationalist movements is inextricably bound up with the processes of modern state formation"



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