Crisis and Democracy - Democracy in Crisis: Social Anthropological Perspectives on the Fragility of the Social Contract

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ABSTRACT:

The crisis has undoubtedly produced new communities of discontent, and novel spheres of economic, moral and political exclusion but it has not succeeded in changing fundamental patterns of accountability, historical and political causality. Keeping a focus on radicalisation the paper examines particular concerns with sovereignty, democracy and asymmetrical relations of power as these are formulated by the Greek people and sustained by realpolitik, the post second world war climate, populism and institutionalised nationalism. The present paper wishes to place some of the most prominent social responses to the crisis in their historical and political context grounding political analysis firmly in the everyday reality of citizens and publics.