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**DIASPORA. EXPLORING A LIFE MODEL**  
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### **Publications:**

*A Measure of Dwelling: Reflections on Vernacular Cosmopolitanism*, Harvard University Press (forthcoming)  
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*Cosmopolitanism*, ed. Carol A. Breckenridge, Sheldon Pollock, Homi K. Bhabha, and Dipesh Chakrabarty, 2002.  
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The lecture series **“Diaspora: Exploring a life model. Neither Integration nor Parallel Society”** is curated by **Isolde Charim** (born 1959, Vienna, Austria), philosopher and free lance writer.

*Contrary to the dictum that economic conditions will bring forth matching types of people, we are currently confronted with a pronounced mismatch. The dynamism of capitalist economics is generating an apparently boundless mobility. Whereas locations follow the pull of flexibilisation, the people attached to them remain tied to fixed, ‘grounded’ identity concepts. The cultures of our nation states hold no mental resources for the life of modern nomads.*

*In view of this situation, we shall embark on a mental oil-drilling exercise in search of such resources. Our starting point is the concept of DIASPORA: The centuries-old dispersion of diverse peoples will not be perceived as synonymous with plight and displacement, but in its positive sense as a rich source of experience. The present series is an attempt at exploring a variety of ways of tapping this source. There may be national, cultural or economic differences, but what is common to all diaspora groups is the development of a specific form of non-territorial, supra-national network identity “avant la lettre”, which signifies neither total integration nor parallel society.*

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