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### *Global Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

- 1) *Technological development and human health/ quality of life*
- 2) *Climate change and environmental sustainability*
- 3) *Democracy and cohesion in Europe*

### *How is Cohesion Possible in Europe? A Philosophical Approach*

The main aims of this talk are: 1) to argue that the social and economic problem of cohesion in today's Europe cannot be understood correctly only by means of the pragmatic and bureaucratic strategies meant to diminish the differences, but also if one understands the transcendental conditions which make possible the cohesion; 2) to show that the philosophical roots of this concept can be found in the search for universality; 3) to analyze the universalist projects that gave birth to some concurrent models of cohesion and to identify the attitude that makes possible the cohesion.

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