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## Europe in Four Parts: Tensions Within the Integration Process

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The European Union has often been characterized as a Europe of Bits and Pieces and the process of European integration has been described as following a “variable geometry”, “moving at different speeds”, and using “go it alone power”. The imagery suggests that the different parts of European integration are out of sync with one another. In this talk, I analyze four different aspects of European integration: Economic, Social, Fiscal, and Democratic Europe. These different Europes do indeed move at different speeds, but they are not unconnected to one another. Indeed, differential movement in one part of Europe serves as a stimulus for movement in other parts. Democratic, Fiscal, and Social Europe lag behind Economic Europe. What are the prospects for further European integration, especially in the social, fiscal, and democratic areas? These prospects are closely tied to the economic crises Europe presently faces.

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