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Abstract:

History of Poland has elected the concept of nation to the highest esteem. Two hundred years of the enslavement and the struggle for independence left national community an obvious point of reference for any political action. Even after collapsing of communism in 1989 much of political problems have been conceptualized in terms of the unity of nation and recovering the lost national community. The aim of my paper is to look at the recent discussions in Poland from the point of view of Deweyan concept of community and his idea of democracy as a political form of community. Using the insights developed in my book *Politics of Dialogue. Non-Consensual Democracy and Critical Community* (Edinburgh University Press 2014) I will try to resolve the problem of the relationship between community and democracy.