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I. Introduction

Ralf Dahrendorf and the two concepts of democracy.
The question about the effect of John Locke's ideas on the European Continent.
Program outline and methodology.

II. Limited government and civil society pluralism

Two theories of democracy: Karl Popper.
Two views on self-government: James Madison vs. J. J. Rousseau.
Representative government as limited government: Edmund Burke.
Liberty as dispersion of power: Rousseau vs. Tocqueville, Stuart Mill e I. Berlin.
Civil pluralism versus militant monism: F. A. Hayek and Michael J. Oakeshott.

III. Dogmatic rationalism at the origins of relativism

Relativism as a threat to liberty: Popper, Hayek, Berlin e Strauss.
Rationalism: Critical or Dogmatic? Popper, Hayek and Oakeshott.
The road from dogmatic rationalism to dogmatic relativism: Oakeshott, Popper and Hayek.

IV. Non-comprehensive answers to Relativism: Liberty as a gentlemanly conversation.

Liberty as Conversation: Popper, Oakeshott and Strauss.
The dialogue between faith and reason: Tocqueville and Gertrude Himmelfarb.
Gentlemanship: G. Himmelfarb, Burke, Newman, Samuel Smiles.
Liberty as the protection of the existing ways of living: Locke and the effect of "alcohol in an empty stomach".



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