The developments in European integration in the first years of the new decade have not only provoked the questions of institutional reform and geographic scope of the EU. They have also influenced the identity of a politically constituted Europe and the global role of Europe. The whole spectrum of developments can only be understood by looking equally at different facets of the process (enlargement, identity, etc.). The articles by the Director at the Center for European Integration Studies, Prof. Dr. Ludger Kühnhardt, reflect the current and basic trends and tendencies in the latest phase of European integration. They set priorities within a flux of facts and provide interpretations within still open integration processes.