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Abstract

The book comprises three main purposes: a) It treats the teaching and research field of the Political Sociology of Emotions and, responding to the international consolidation of the scientific field, it aspires to be the first of its kind in the Greek academic community. b) It introduces a new analytical perspective to the international debate, that of the intrinsic connection of emotional dynamics with socio-political dimensions of justice and the will, as well as the relationship of resentment in particular with the public good. c) Among other case studies, it deals with the two most intense recent socio-political events in Greece, that of the covid-19 health crisis and the perception of right wing extremism. Starting from the historical-theoretical conceptualization of emotions, the analysis scales from the micro-level of subjectivity to the macro-socio-political level. Basic views on the key emotions scrutinized

by the extant literature are analyzed, with the emphasis thereafter placed on the moral dimension of emotions. Through the discussion about the will, the first step towards the purely social dimension, that of political freedom, is made. The emotional dimension of freedom is considered pivotal for the subsequent discussion about risk, political interest and the legitimizing power of trust. The crisis of trust and the social trauma that it brings about is linked to socio-political pathologies and political strategies of subjectivities, such as cynicism, resentment, worthlessness and meritocracy, the derail of public interest and the common good, compassion and forgiveness. We analyze the emotional dimension of social movements, extremism as well as the current challenges to the rule of law and the Constitution which is perceived as a symbolic public sphere of overlapping consensus figured in society.

