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***From the introduction:***

European integration is more, much more, than the economic integration of markets. It has, and needs, a strong political dimension. Indeed, social democrats need to emphasise the primacy of politics; and, within politics, the primacy of democracy. In future debates about the European Social Model we cannot dilute the universal objectives of economic democracy and social justice, which have been visionary in the past and remain highly relevant today. The European Social Model needs a much bigger European consciousness with much more conscious European players if it is to be sustained against internal and external pressures. Only if this is achieved will the European Social Model also become attractive to other parts of the world. Who else other than the European Left is fit to lead this undertaking?