

**ISSUES OF TIME ORGANIZATION
IN PUBLIC DISCOURSE AND
IN
THE POLITICAL AGENDA
YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW**

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YESTERDAY

THE SEVENTIES AND EIGHTIES, *TRAVAILLER AUTREMENT*
the focus is on the economic crisis and unemployment.
Working differently”?

THE LATE EIGHTIES, *TIME TO CARE* the focus
is on the welfare system, a “caring society”, the role of adult women
as caregivers.

ALSO: TIME AND UNPAID WORK, TIME AND THE URBAN SETTING,
TIME AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION

MORE RECENTLY: THE FEMINIZATION OF MIGRATION

WORK-LIFE RECONCILIATION POLICIES

the focus is on women
(migrant women; “equal opportunities” policies in the European
Union)

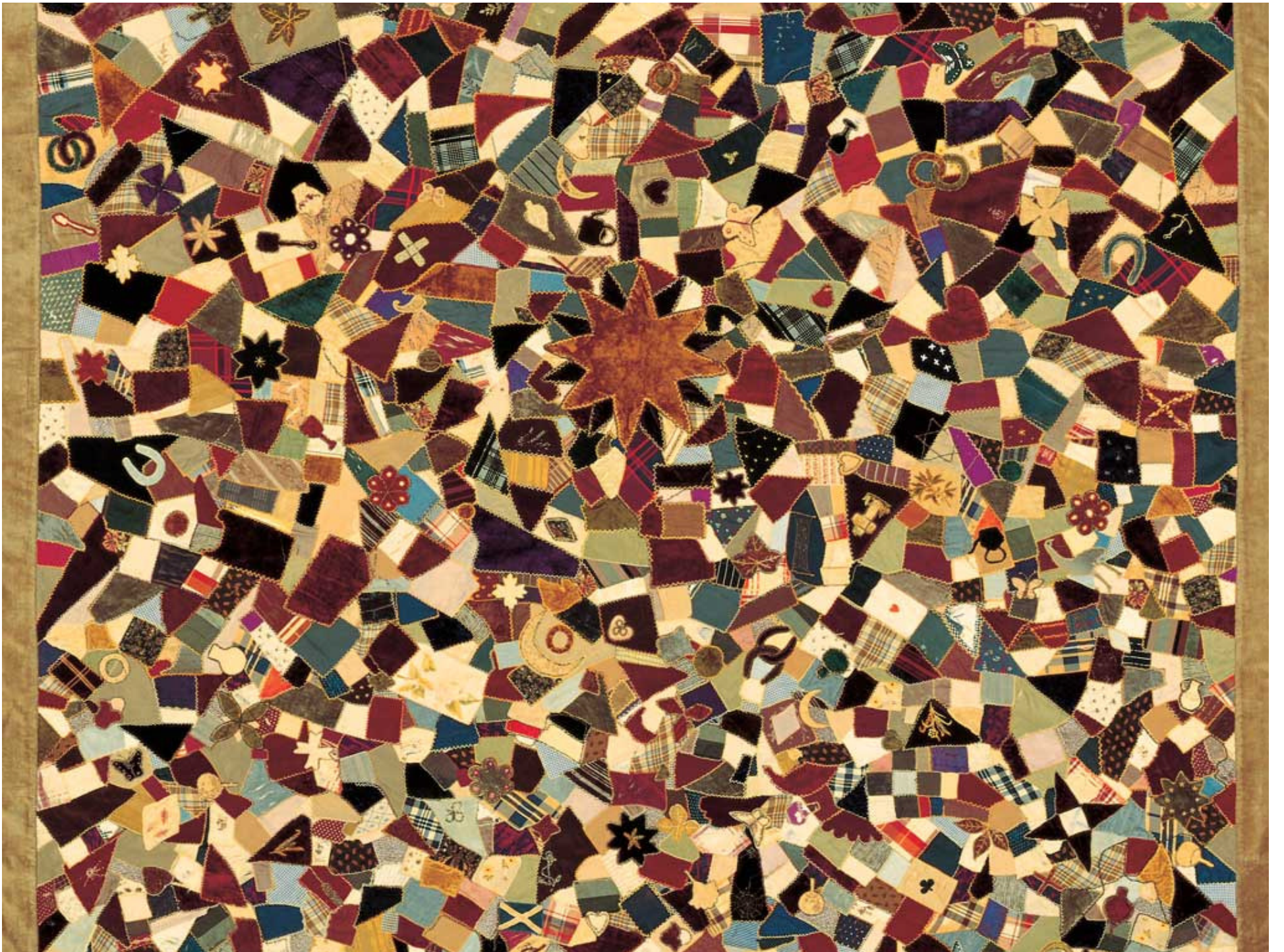
TODAY

THE INTERNATIONAL CRISIS, A CHANGE OF PERSPECTIVE
the focus is on loss of jobs, poverty, our uncertain future
also: a more problematic approach to change

TOMORROW

“CAUGHT UP IN A GRAND EXPERIMENT”

CHANGES, ADAPTATIONS, IMPROVISING, LEARNING



TIME: PATCHWORK AND QUILTING

About quilting: “..the art of gathering up all the fragments so that nothing is lost. I mean the fragments of time as well as materials. Nothing should be thrown away as long as it is possible to make use of it”
(L.Maria Child, *The American Frugal Housewife*, 1820)

“Quilt-making entails hard work, long hours, patience and repetition...yet it is creative...reflects women’s longing for beauty, demonstrating their often unrecognized capacity for self-expression and communication”
(Patricia Mainardi, *Quilts. The Great American Art*, 1978, p.17)

“The earliest quilts known were known as crazy quilts...Women sewed odd-shaped scraps of fabric together...though there was no order or design to the pieces, there seems to have been from the beginning a natural tendency to introduce some elements of order..”
(Patricia Mainardi, *Quilts. The Great American Art*, 1978, p.12)



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TODAY AND TOMORROW

“WE ARE ALL CAUGHT UP IN A GRAND EXPERIMENT”
TRENDS, INTERPRETATIONS, POLICIES
CHANGES IN DAILY LIFE,
STRATEGIES, “IMPROVISING”, LEARNING

“We are all caught up...in a grand experiment... The global experiment of modernity intersects with, and influences as it is influenced by, the penetration of modern institutions into the tissue of day-by-day life...Everyday experiments ...involve a multiplicity of changes and adaptations in daily life.”

(A.Giddens, *Modernity and Self-Identity*, Stanford, Stanford University Press 1991, p.22)

“ Ongoing improvisations are required ...and this is to be seen as an emergent pattern rather than as an aberration...composing a life is what we all, in the reality in which we live, are called upon to accomplish...”(M.C. Bateson, *Composing a Life*, Grove Press, 1990, pp. 232-233)