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**Dell'identità (e di alcune opposizioni binarie che non ci aiutano a comprenderne le dinamiche) /  
About identity (and about some oppositions that help us understand the social dynamics) (pp. 27-36)**

**Abstract:**

The issue of identity stands for a central theme of anthropology in the last twenty years. In the discussions about identity, on the one hand theoretical references are being made at the durkheimian sociology, boasian cultural relativism or the functionalism of Malinowski, and on the other hand, the issue of identity is a central theme in the actual analyses about the local or regional communities, public institutions or the mega and trans national organisations. I will try to present the complexity of the identity issue, the epistemological gaps in which the identity anthropological discourse can fail. The analysis will be made by tackling some binary opposition which engender strong epistemological tensions. These oppositions are : individualism vs. Collectivism, theory vs. practice. and true vs false. Their analysis will permit us to observe the complexity of identities but also their dynamics.