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The Citizenship Paradigm

To redeem the Union in Europe, which is hijacked by the substitution of the grand promise of peace and better life for all – the idea of European unity – with the internal market ideology, which meant to serve as a means of integration, rather than an end in itself, this paper suggests to deploy the concept of European citizenship as a means of integration alongside the internal market, proposing the citizenship paradigm of European integration to inform the Union's future. This proposal based on a combination of the initial promise of European unity and the potential of EU citizenship is not purely utopian and is directly rooted in the primary law as well as in the very purpose of the integration project.