basic perceptions underlying much economic and social life. The tradition of governmental intervention has been much stronger in Europe than in the U.S., although this, also, may be changing. If, in the future - as the Rand Corporation and the Hudson Institute tell us - some 2-3% of the (U.S.) labour force may be able to do all the work, what will happen to people? Even if these long term projections may be exaggerated, the problems are serious enough to merit close attention. Co-operation is needed for these and other, including security related, reasons. This is no time to allow a serious gap of basic, underlying perceptions to develop between groups of like-minded countries who share a democratic heritage.