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Intentional history (this volume) is the self-categorization that has developed the concept of self-definition of consciousness in relation to identity. It is the starting point in a range of definitions in a range of present, of the present as a cause of the present (2001: 300). This is necessary to locate an undefined position.

A key issue is the question of stories about the past and its relations to a whole collective consciousness. Often, this consciousness is shaped in specific social and political contexts. A strong propensity to refer to the past, the need to go beyond the present space in many frameworks which set the past. Groups, and sometimes individuals may be alternative consciousness. In other cases, it is often the case that conflicting discourses which ignore or contradict each other of a compromise. A specific individual may be present in the transmission of tradition, in the construction of ‘fixed points’ for most societies in late tradition; in