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Diversity is a fundamental characteristic of all cultures and all identities, traversed as they are by competing and interrelated specificities of class, gender, generation and sexuality. But such divergent specificities as these are typically experienced by a person as though they were part of a continuous singular identity, **related as they are through a historically binding tradition that appears to be culturally self-contained**

No matter how static, or self-referential a cultural tradition may appear to be, no cultural tradition is ever unchanging. That said, **the term hybridity will be reserved to refer to instances in which the fusion of elements of two or more traditions is so new and distinct, as to be self-conscious**(Et Al, 153:2008).

