

Nations in Cyberspace

The Nationalism Studies Department at Central European University

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JUNE 28

13:00 – 17:00 – Registration

15:00 – Excursion (CEU, Budapest city center)

16:30 – 17:00 – Coffee Break

17:00 – Keynote

Robert A. Saunders (Farmingdale State College – SUNY): *Who Gets to Imagine the Community in Cyberspace? A Reflection on the Past(s), Present, and Future(s) of Digital Nationalism.*

19:00 – Rooftop Reception

JUNE 29

11:00 – 13:00 – Panel 1

Conceptualizing Nations in Cyberspace: Theories and Methodologies

1. **Tamara P. Trošt** (University of Ljubljana): *Debating the Nation Online: User Comments as a Tool for Understanding Everyday Nationalism*
2. **Noah Buyon** (Central European University): *Nations, Networks, Publics? Making Sense of Online Communities*
3. **Julia Preisker** (Austrian Academy of Sciences, University of Vienna): *The Constitution of Im/Mobility: Perspectives on Hegemony and Nationalism within Social Media*
4. **Zsuzsanna D. Ihar** (University of Sydney): *Viral Posts, Viral Fears: A Biopolitical Analysis of the 'European Migrant Crisis' through Hungarian Social Media Content*

13:00 – 14:00 – Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 – Panel 2

Nation-States and the Manufacture of Cyber-Nationalism

1. **Nino Gozalishvili** (Central European University): *The National-Populist Mobilization of "Georgian March:" Facebook as a Platform for Legitimizing Discourse Fields*
2. **Guzel Yusupova** (Durham University): *Methodological Challenges in Research of Online Solidarity in Defense of Minority Languages in Russia*
3. **Pinar Sonmez** (Central European University): *Anti-Refugee Antagonism Was Retweeted in Turkey: #IDontWantSyriansInMyCountry*

15:30 – 16:00 – Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:30 – Panel 3

Long-Distance Nationalism: Diasporas on the Internet

1. **Lilia Sablina** (Central European University): *Far-Right Attitudes Online: The "Germany in Russian" Forum and the Rise of Islamophobia and Populism Among Russian-Germans*
2. **Marina Zhir-Lebed** (University of Bamberg): *More Russian Through Social Media? Social Media Usage Patterns and National Identity of Young Ethnic Russians from Kazakhstan*

3. **Corina Kesler** (University of Michigan): *Global Community Builder, Presidential Campaign Platform, Social Activism Tool: Facebook, the Many Splendored Thing.*
4. **Hossein (Jiyar) Aghapouri** (University of Auckland): *Kurdish Nationalism Online: The Wider Imagination of Kurdish Differences: The Case of Kurdish Diaspora on Social Media*
5. **Diana Chis** (Central European University): *National Narratives and Self-Regulation: The Case of Romanian Diaspora*

JUNE 30

10:30 – 11:00 – Coffee Break

11:00 – 13:00 – Panel 4

Neo-Nationalist Mobilization Online

1. **Nathan Brand** (University of Leeds): *The Conservative Revolution in Post-Soviet Russia: A Visual Construction.*
2. **Catrina Gaber** (Gothenburg University): *Contesting the Thai Hyper-Royalist Nationalist Imaginary Through Infrapolitical Everyday Resistance Online*
3. **Daniel Odin Shaw** (Central European University): *Christendom without Christ: Religion, Atheism, and the Alt-Right*
4. **Kirill Mironov** (Higher School of Economics): *Russian Nationalism in Retreat: Content Analysis of Russian Nationalists after the Minsk Agreements*

13:00 – 14:00 – Lunch

14:00 – 16:30 – Panel 5

Nationalism and Internet Pop Culture

1. **Dandan Chen** (Farmingdale State College – SUNY): *Meme Nationalism/Anti-Nationalism and Political Subjectivity of Post-Socialist Chinese Social Media.*
2. **Jonathan Carter** (Eastern Michigan University): *Putting Putin on the Ritz: Memes Making Cosmopolitan Memories.*
3. **Jani Korhonen** (Central European University): *National Stereotypes in Online Memes: Bottom-up Redefinition of National Identities.*
4. **Aya Yadlin-Segal** (University of Haifa): *Between Iran and Israel: Transnational Engagement and National Identification through Holocaust Commemoration Online.*
5. **Nikola Pavašević** (University of Belgrade): *Social Media and Identity: The Display of Serbian and Croatian National Identity on Instagram.*

16:30 – 17:00 – Coffee Break

17:00 – 18:00 – Final Discussion

