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Minority in Turkey, Foreigner in Greece: The Institutional Gatekeeping of Antiochian Greek Orthodox Belonging

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Association of Serb-Majority Municipalities in Kosovo: Community Self-Governance between Decentralization and Personal Autonomy

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The Distance Principle, Nationalism, and Miščević's 'Hated Neighbor Truism'

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Marginalized History of Racial Capitalism and Abolition of 'Europe'

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Everyday Nationhood and Academic Freedom: How Banal Nationalism Shapes Academic Freedom in Albanian Higher Education

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The Yugoslav People's Army in Civil War: National Identity and the Tearing of the Social Fabric, 1990–May 1992

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The Idea of the "Serbian World" as a Response to the Trauma of 1991

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Victim by Conviction: Ontological Security and the Introjection of Global Crises in the Serbian Official Narratives

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Ethnic Minority Resistance in Latvia

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Between Secession and Unity: The Role of Parent State Titulars in Shaping Separatist Conflicts in Moldova and Georgia

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Lawmaking and the Depoliticization of Ethnic Diversity: Formerly Deported Peoples in Russia

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Panel 05 National Identity in North Macedonia

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Macedonian National Identity between Domestic Reframing and External Contestation, 2008–2018

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Borderland Anxieties and the Reinvention of the Past: Contesting National Identity Narratives in North Macedonia

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Fair Is Foul, and Foul Is Fair? Examining Support for Different Understandings of Fairness in North Macedonia

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Panel 06 National Identities and Protests in Serbia

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Towards New Patriotism in Serbia? Political Contestations and the Idea of Nationhood in/around 2024/26 Student Protests

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From Ethnicity to Solidarity: Reimagining Serbian National Identity through Transnational Mobilization

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Nationalising Policies and Cultural Diversity: What Kind of 'the People' Do We Want to Be?

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Gorals: Slovakia's Latest Recognized National Minority

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The Situation of Ethnic Hungarians in Ukraine and Slovakia: To What Extent Do Kinstate–Host State Relations Matter?

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Extracting the Nation: Mining, Territorial Belonging, and Minority Survival in Two East-Central European 'Margins'

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Learn Your Neighbor's Language, Ignore Your Enemy's Language: When Serbs in Kosovo Learn Albanian

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Panel 09 War, Law, and Memory

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Memory Proxy Wars: Identifying International Conflict in Local Mnemonic Practice in the Western Balkans

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Forging Europe's Youngest Nation-State: How Memory Politics Have Shaped Kosovo's National Identity since Its Declaration of Independence in 2008

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'Who Sit Here Now in Judgment': Problems in Designing a Court to Try Aggression

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National Heroes by Law: The Legal Enactment of National Heroism in Contemporary Romania

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Nationality as a Narrative: Three Perspectives from Post-Yugoslav Literature

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Panel 11 National Identities in the Age of Empires

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National Identity as 'corpus delicti'? The High Treason Trial in Zagreb (1909) as a Source for Studying Popular Nationalism in Late Habsburg Croatia-Slavonia

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National Categories in the Village: Rural Appropriations of Nationalist Propaganda in Late Dualist Hungary

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Panel 12 Russian and Belarusian Identity in Exile

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Claims to Modernity and Negotiation of Status in Politically Driven Migration: Russian Migrants in Serbia and Symbolic Boundary-Making

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"How Are You?" – Everyday Questions as Sites of Intercultural Difference and the Reconfiguration of Negotiation of National Identities in War-Driven Migration

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Articulating Minority Rights: Petitions to the League of Nations in Interwar Europe

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Overlapping Sovereignty and Forced Belonging: Competing Regimes of National Belonging in South Tyrol, 1939–1943

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Panel 15 The Impact of Russia's War on Kin Politics in the Region

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How Do Kin-states Matter? A Typology of Methodological Approaches and Challenges

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Kinship in the Eyes of the Beholder: Russia's Civilizational War in Ukraine

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Kin-Minorities as Hostages and Bargaining Chips in Times of War

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Transnistrian Poles, between the Kin-State and the Patron Russia

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Unwilling Kin-Minorities

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Panel 16 Croatia's National Narratives on War, Communism, and Nationalism

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"The Veterans Shouldn't Be Trusted": Alternative Narratives among Croatian 1990s War Veterans

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Contesting or Converging? Croatian Political Responses to ICTY Judgments on Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Minority Identity and Democratic Participation in the Context of an Aggressive Kin State

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Deliberation and Anti-Deliberation: Communicative Practices in Weak Post-Conflict Democracies

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Parliamentary Debates: Anti-deliberation as a Smoking Gun of Autocratization

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Deliberating Reconciliation: A National Citizens' Assembly on Dealing with the Past in Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Farewell to Liberal Universalism: Three Contemporary Wars and the Mainstreaming of Czech Soft Nationalism

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Civil Society as a Mode of Hybrid Governance in Serbia

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Panel 20 Turkish Identity in Turkey and Beyond

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Greek and Turkish Everyday Nationalisms in Divided Cyprus

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External Legitimacy vs. Internal Agency in Northern Cyprus

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Panel 21 Labor Migration and Conditional Inclusion in Southeast Europe

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Do I Belong Here? Investigating the Influences of Skill Development, Mismatch, and Workplace Justice among Migrant Workers

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Panel 22 Populism, Backsliding, and Contested Identities

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Populism, Democratic Backsliding, and Ethnic Politics: Lessons from Upper Silesia

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Challenging Gendered National Norms and Narratives in Poland. Alternative Practices of National Identity Through Engaged Clothes

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Panel 23 National Identity from Socialism to Post-Socialism

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From Primordial Origins to Discourse: An Analysis of Theoretical and Research Approaches to the Nation in Scholarly Monographs from the Second World War to the Present

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Constitutionalization of National Identity: Yugoslav and Serbian Case Study

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Nationality and Patriotism in Primary School Textbooks in Serbia (1950s to 2000s)

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Becoming European: The Myth of 1989, National "Normalization," and the Teleology of Transition in East Europe and the Balkans (1990s-2000s)

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Panel 24 New Labor Migration in Croatia

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New Labor Migration and Gendered Violence in Europe's Semi-Periphery: Counter-Economies at the Edges of Racial Capitalism

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Roundtable 03 The Balkans in the World Turmoil

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Panel 25 Migration, Racialization, and Belonging

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Familiar Foreignness: Turkic Affinity and the Reconfiguration of National Identity in Central Asian Women's Migration to Türkiye

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Domesticating the State Through Immigrant Encounters

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Reclaiming the Nation Through Solidarity Acts and Moral Emotions

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Panel 26 Ukrainian Identity, Language, and Culture

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Protection of Minority Languages in Ukraine from the Perspective of the European Charter on Regional or Minority Languages

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Schools as Instruments of Cultural Genocide: Education under Russian Occupation in Ukraine

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Queer Ukrainian Identities in the Time of War: From Disidentification to Anti-Imperialist Subjectivity

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Roundtable 04 The Balkans in Crisis. Populism, Post-Democracy, and the Geopolitical Impact

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Panel 27 Everyday Life and Political Economy in the Yugoslav Space

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Football as a Contested Space of National Narratives and Urban Imaginaries: Rijeka/Fiume across Regime Changes (20th–21st Centuries)

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Socialist Servants: Domestic Workers in Yugoslav Expat Households in Zambia

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Socialism on Borrowed Time: Sovereign Debt and Temporal Crisis in Yugoslavia

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National Identity through Nationalist Music: Soft Power and Cultural Nationalism in Republika Srpska

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Panel 28 Ukrainian Identity, Memory, and War

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Panel 29 National Identity and European Union Enlargement

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