

Nations in Cyberspace

The Nationalism Studies Department at Central European University

JUNE 28-30, 2018 / OKTOBER 6 U. 7, OKTOBER HALL (GROUND FLOOR), CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST

JUNE 28

13:00 – 17:00 – Registration

15:00 – Excursion (CEU and the city center)

16:30 – 17:00 – Coffee break

17:00 – Keynote lecture: **Robert 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.*

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 29

11:00-13:00 – Exploring Cyberspace: Theoretical Frameworks

Discussion moderator: **Luca Váradi**

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

13:00 – 14:00 – Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 – Cyberspace and neo-nationalist mobilization

Discussion moderator: **András Kovács**

1. **Nino Gozalishvili** (Central European University). *The National-Populist Mobilization of "Georgian March": Facebook as a Platform for Legitimizing Anti-Immigrant Discourses.*
2. **Daniel Odin Shaw** (Central European University). *Christendom without Christ: Religion, Atheism and the Alt-Right.*
3. **Pinar Sonmez** (Central European University). *Anti-refugee Antagonism was Retweeted in Turkey: #Idontwantsyriansinmycountry.*

15:30 – 16:00 – Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:30 – Long-distance Nationalism: Diasporic Communities online –

Discussion moderator: **Erin Kristin Jenne**

1. **Lilia Sablina** (Central European University): *"Glory to Russia! Glory to the AFD!": The Rise of Online 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*

JUNE 30

10:30 – 11:00 – Coffee Break

11:00 – 13:00 – Nation-states and the Manufacture of Cyber-nationalism

Discussion moderator: **Jack Atmore**

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. **Guzel Yusupova** (Durham University): *Minority Nationalism in Challenging Settings: The role of Digital Media in the Movement for Protection of Second-State Languages in the Russian Federation*
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 – Culture and Nationalism Online

Discussion moderator: **Robert Saunders**

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 Pavasović** (University of Belgrade): *Expressing National Identity on Social Media: The Case of Serbia and Croatia.*

16:30 – 17:00 – Coffee Break

17:00 – 18:00 – Final Discussion