

# 30th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN)

28-30 MAY 2026

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PANEL BE2  
**Government, Authoritarianism, and Nationalism  
in Contemporary Belarus**

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*Belarusian Banal Nationalism in the Context of  
Other National (Autocratic) Models Within Ex-Soviet States*

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*Civil Society in Contemporary Belarus:  
Legal Environment and Capacities for Advocacy*

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*Rewriting the History of the Second World War in Belarus*

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*Thinking About Europe and Governance Expectations:  
Evidence from an EU Candidate Country (Montenegro)*

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*The EU Accession Process as a New Opportunity for Historical Revisionism  
and Nationalism: The Macedonian Case*

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*Clashes of Nations: Albanian Interests and Engagement  
in North Macedonia's Bilateral Disputes*

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**Imperial and Post-Imperial History  
in Central Europe**

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*Anxieties and Ambiguities of Nation Building in a Multinational Empire:  
The Case of Austria-Hungary, 1867–1914*

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*To Stabilize an Empire: Authoritarianism, Nationalism,  
and Electoral System Design in Late Imperial Austria*

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*"A Showcase for the Orthodox Peoples": Institutions, Colonial Practices and Imperial Rule  
in Bessarabia as a Model of Reform in the Danubian Principalities, 1818–1834*

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*The Treatment of Former Occupier's National Group  
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*A Peasant Believes Us and Joins Us in a Struggle. Networks and Transfers of Violence  
between Warsaw and Provinces in Interwar Poland*

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Chinese-Kazakh Identity in the Works of Omarghazy Aitan*

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*A Maoist Reading of Carl Schmitt:  
A Theoretical Justification of Nationalism in China*

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*A Personal Journey of Nationality under State Policy of Nationalities:  
Manchu Identity under Discussion*

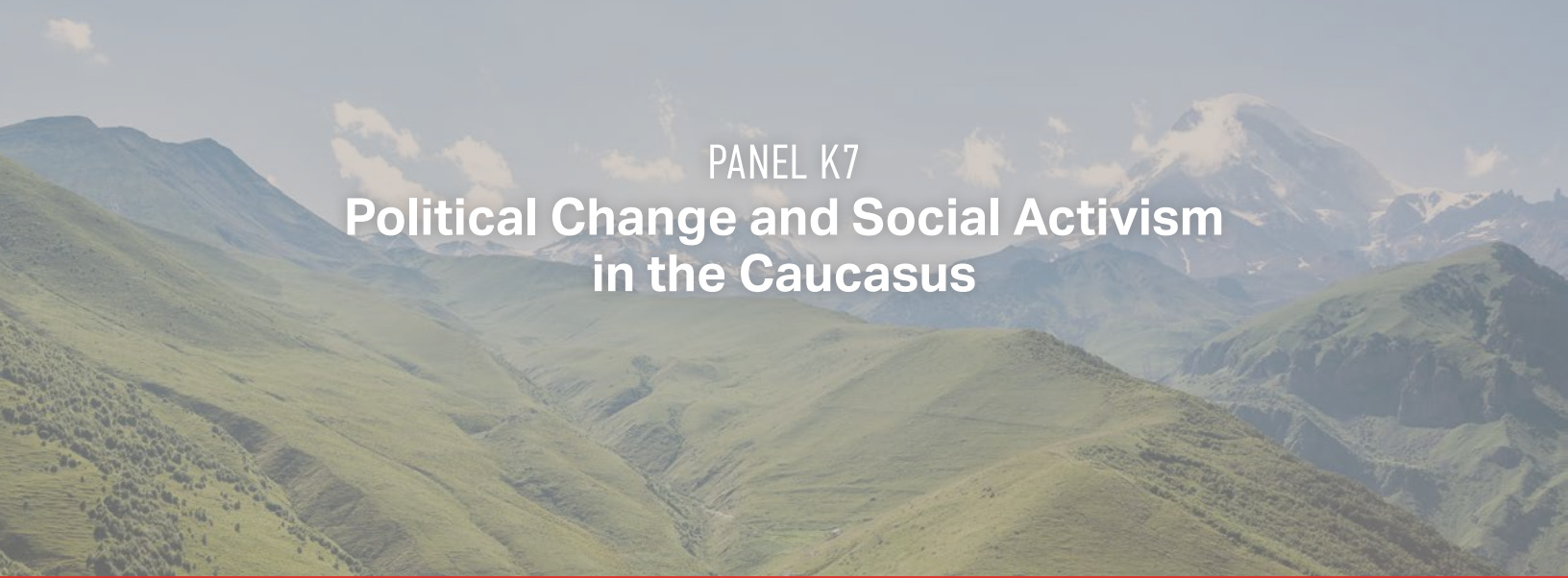
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Governance of Islamic Communities*

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National Identity in Museums in Mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan*

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**Political Change and Social Activism  
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*The Perils of Discontinuous Democratization:  
How Judicial Autonomy Facilitated the Autocratic Turn in Georgia*

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*In Search of Peripheral Historiographies of International Law  
in Post-Soviet Space: The Armenian Case*

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*Disposable Soldiers: Authoritarian Governance, Colonial Legacies,  
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*How Far-Right Populism Harms Ethno-Racial Minorities' Health:  
The Case of the United States*

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*Patterns of Anti-Sikh Hate Crimes in the U.S.:  
A Decade of Evidence from FBI Data*

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*Conspiracism as Policy :  
How the Street Gang Became a Worthy Enemy of the State*

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*Legal Responses to Honor-Based Violence in the United States*

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**Russian Autocracy, Public Opinion  
and the War in Ukraine**

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Enemy Images in Wartime Russia*

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*Measuring Loss of Resolve In A "Spin Dictatorship":  
Tracking Russian Public Opinion Since the 2022 Invasion of Ukraine*

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*Putin's Many Bodies:  
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*Branding the Nation at War:  
Digital Propaganda, Historical Memory, and Identity Formation in Rostov-on-Don*

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**Caught between Multiple Temporalities of the War**  
Experiences of People from Ukraine after 2014

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*Tracing Time in the Darkness: Perceptions of Temporality in Ukrainian Intellectual  
Discourse in Times of Russo-Ukrainian War*

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*Between Loyalty, Habit, and Expectations:  
Changing Language Practices of the Ukrainian Refugees in Poland after 2022*

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*(Im)Possible Futures during the War:  
Proximity to the Rupture and Assessing Time in Ukrainian Society after 2022*

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**Russia-Ukraine War**  
Shifts in Narratives, Identities, and Value Systems

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*Towards the Anthropology of War:  
Constructing (De)Military Masculinity by Ukrainian Combatant Authors*

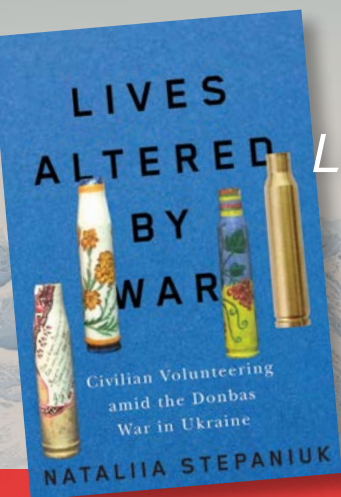
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*I-Witnessing to the Truth in War:  
Ukrainian Women's Testimonial Poetry, Interviews, and Diaries*

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*New Enlightenment as a Way to Overcome Fakes in the Challenges of  
Contemporary Democracy and the Threats of Authoritarianism*

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**Book Panel on Nataliia Stepaniuk's**  
*Lives Altered by War: Civilian Volunteering  
amid the Donbas War in Ukraine*

(McGill-Queen's, 2025)



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**Symbolic Nation and Identity Building**

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*Cinema of Nationalism:*

*Serbia's Submission for the Oscars (2006-2026)*

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*The Construction of the Kosovar Self in Cinema (2017-2025)*

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*Religious Nationalism:*

*What Do Contemporary Serbian Orthodox Church Walls Tell Us?*

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*How did the Far Right Replace the Liberal Opposition in a Hybrid Regime?*

*The Case of Albania*

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**Minorities Politics in Central Europe**

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*From Vulnerability to Agency:  
Ethnolinguistic Minorities and Youth Resilience in the Baltics*

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Polish Minority Ethnic Brokers in Transnistria*

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Challenges and Limitations*

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*The Level of Support for Bessarabian Autonomy and Independence in 1917-1918  
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**Gender Dynamics in Central Asia**

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Navigating Ambivalence, Discipline, Gender Scripts  
and postcolonial Sentiments*

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*At the Borderlands of the Ferghana Valley:  
The Role of Local Women Peacebuilders from NGOs*

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**Contested Identities and Belonging in Georgia**

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*Making Heroes, (Re)shaping the Past:  
Memory Construction in Georgia in the First Years of Independence*

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Rebranding the National Hero in the Wake of Georgia's Independence Movement*

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Politics, Protest, and Literature in Contemporary Georgia*

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*Fractured Solidarity: Identity Negotiation and Mobilization  
in the French Russian-Speaking Jewish Diaspora after February 2022*

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*How Cultural Proximity Frames Refugee Experiences:  
Syrians and Ukrainians in the UK*

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*Ukrainian Displaced Women Entrepreneurs in the UK*

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*Politics Lived through the Body:  
How Belarusian Migrants Navigate Health, Illness, and Care in Exile*

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**Everyday Nationalism**

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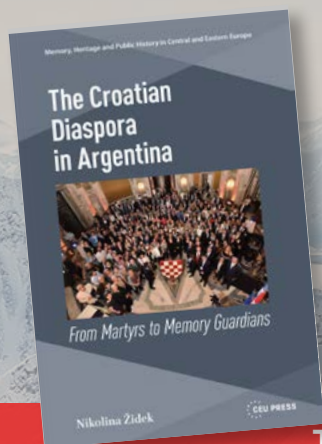
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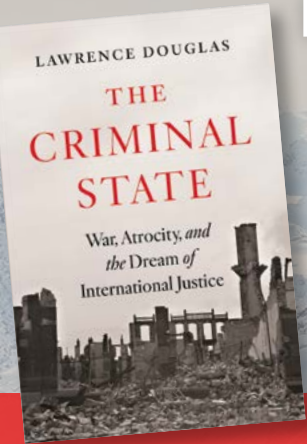
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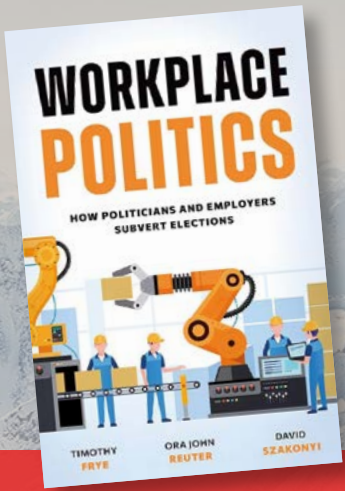
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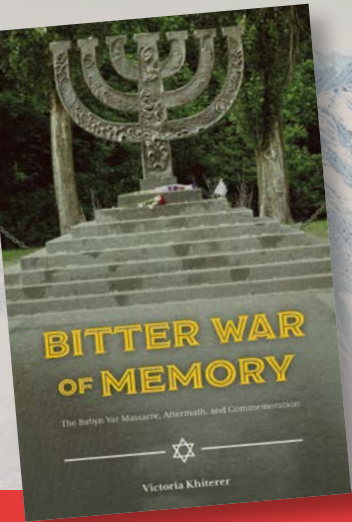
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*Bitter War of Memory:*  
*The Babyn Yar Massacre,*  
*Aftermath, and Commemoration*  
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Intergenerational Transmission of Memory, Activism,  
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**Hungary After the Elections**  
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*Confronting Goliath: Competitive Authoritarian Elections in Hungary*

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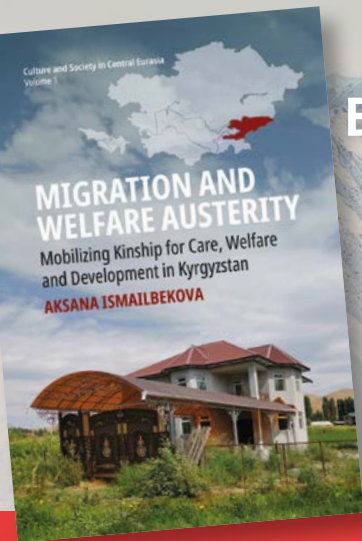
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*Migration and Welfare Austerity:  
Mobilizing Kinship for Care, Welfare,  
and Development in Kyrgyzstan*

(Berghahn, 2026)



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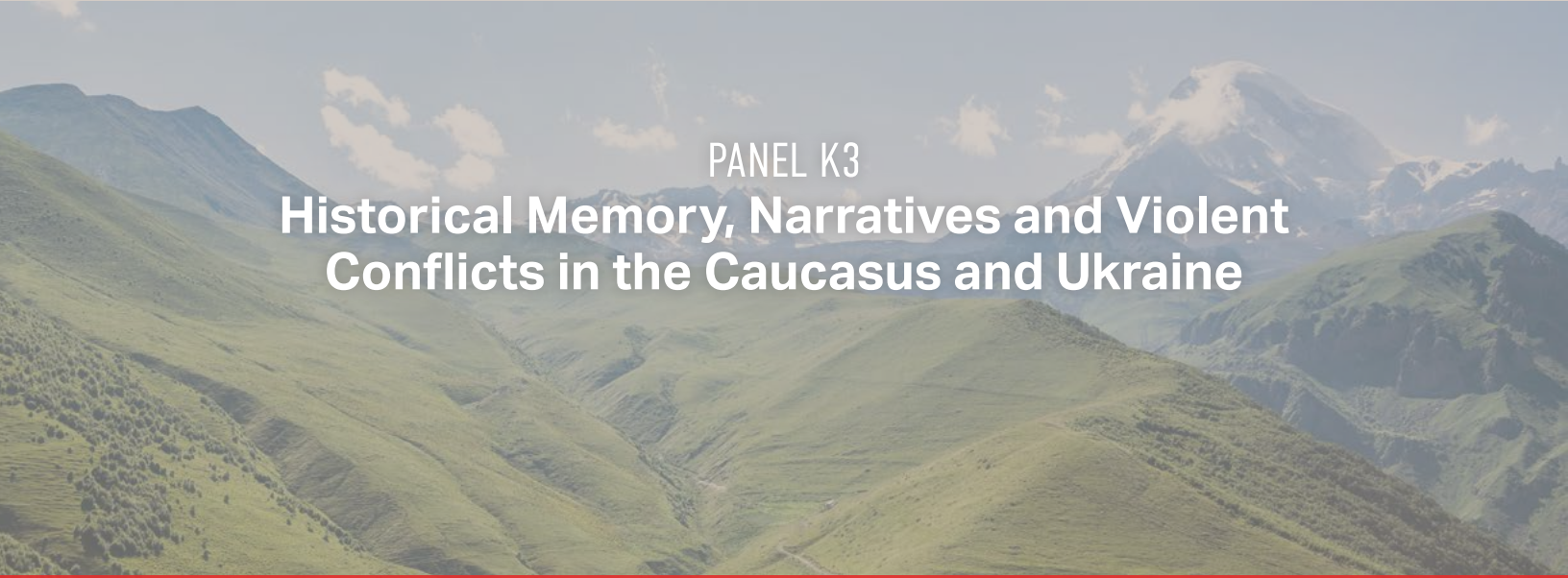
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*Becoming French/German in Istanbul? National Belonging, Mobility, and Racialization Among Women of Turkish Descent in France and Germany*

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*Theodor Adorno and the Critique of German Nationalism*

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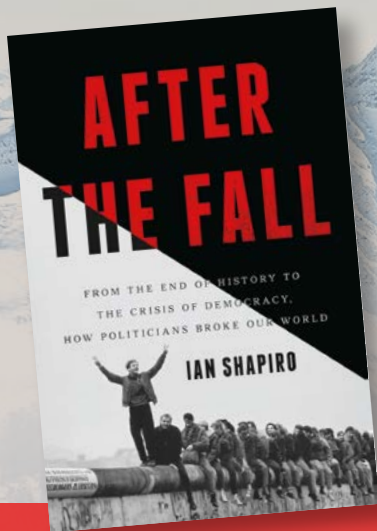
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**Book Panel on Ian Shapiro's**  
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**Legitimization Strategies for  
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**Scripts of Power**  
Literature, Cultural Codes, and the Making  
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*The Cultural Codes of Russia:  
Imperial Anxieties and the Rejuvenation of the Peripheries of the Russian North*

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# Obstacles to and Successes in Fostering the Study of Ukraine Across Disciplines Abroad (an ASN 30th Anniversary Colloquium)



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*Incitement to Genocide and War of Aggression in the Russian Media Space*

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*Ukraine's Representation in Global Comics before 2014*

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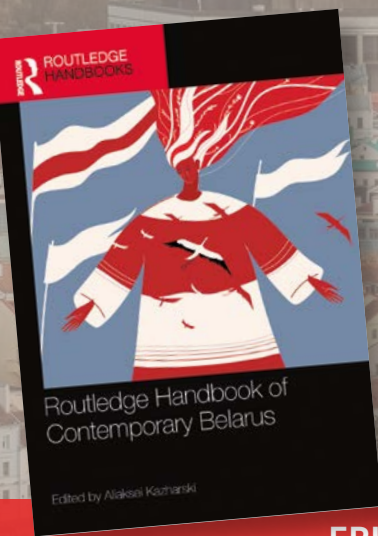
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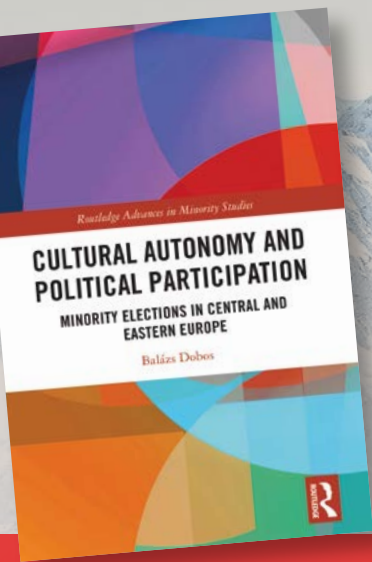
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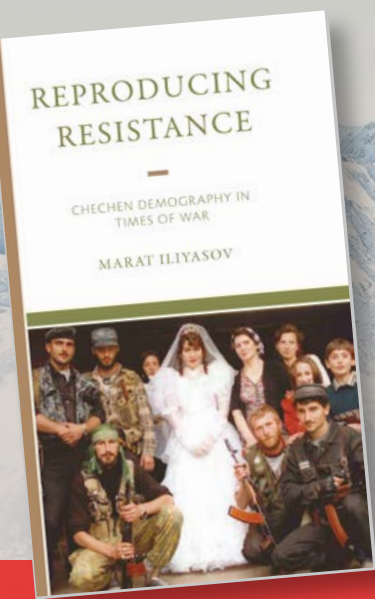
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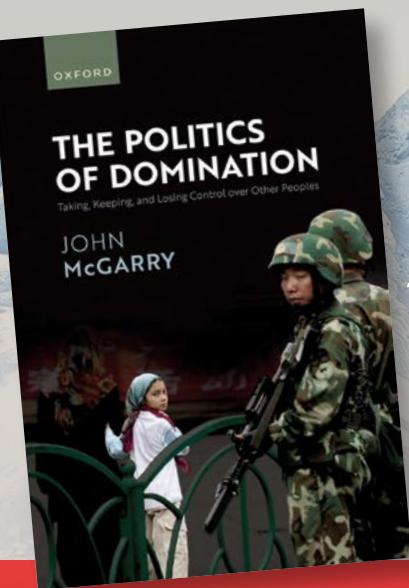
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*Antifascist and Anticolonial Solidarity between Yugoslavia and Africa*

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*Ukrainian Expert Diplomacy and the Soft Power of Resilience*

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*Redefining Nationalism to Include its Dominant Variants*

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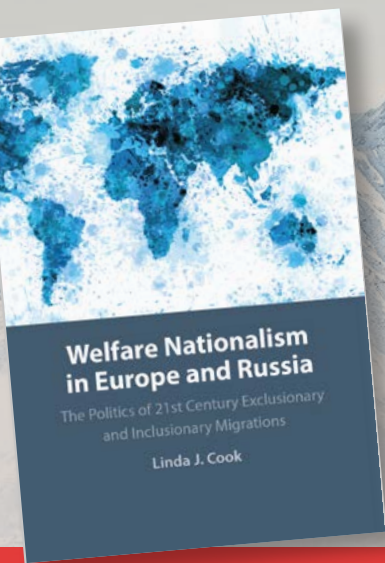
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The Baltic National Movements as Case Study*

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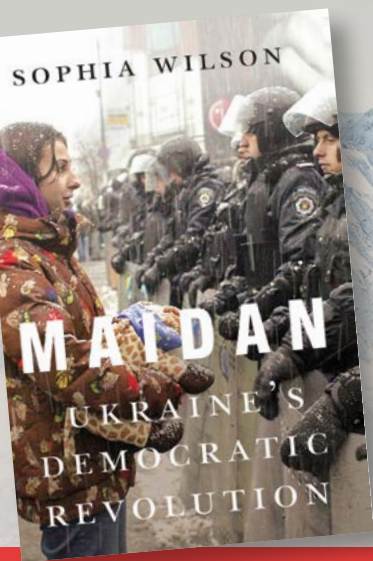
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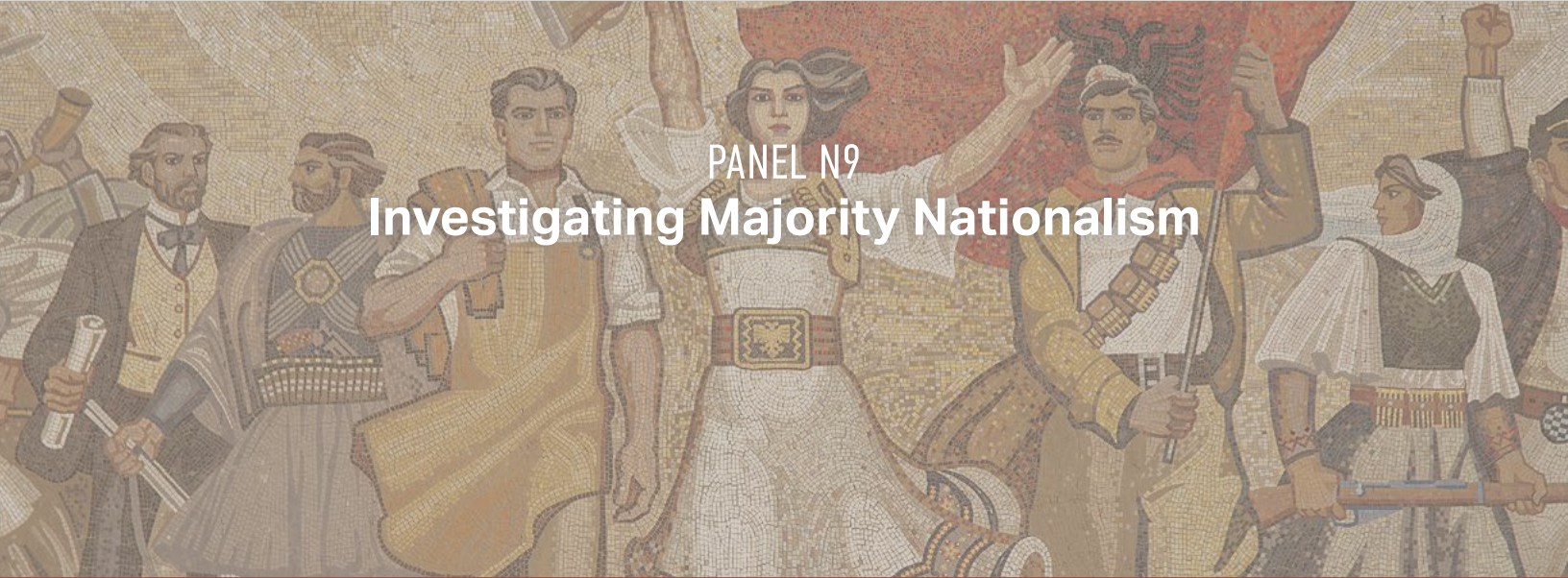
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