

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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*The Internet as an Instrument of Power:
Between the Promise of Freedom and Authoritarian Control in 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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Rebranded Resistance in and out of Belarus

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Foreign Affairs and Europeanization

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The EU's Strategic Resource Interests and Democratic Backsliding in Serbia

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Funding Values: The EU, International Financial Institutions, and the Rule of Law in Serbia

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Thinking About Europe and Governance Expectations:

Evidence from an EU Candidate Country (Montenegro)

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EU Accession as a New Opportunity for Historical Revisionism and Nationalism:

The Case of Northern Macedonia

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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
by Formerly Occupied Nations in 20th Century Europe*

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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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*Managing the Tension between the National and Transnational in Memory Activism:
Defusing Czech and German Antagonisms over Post-War Forced Migrations*

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National Identity in Central Asia and China

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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:

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Sinicization's Sharp Eyes: Surveillance, Islamophobia, and China's Authoritarian Governance of Islamic Communities

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Exhibiting Nationalism:

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

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**Political Change and Social Activism
in the Caucasus**

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Security Forces and Autocratization in Georgia

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*The Perils of Discontinuous Democratization:
How Judicial Autonomy Facilitated the Autocratic Turn in Georgia*

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*Warlords of Reconstruction: Migration, Illicit Economies, and the Political
Economy of Postwar Control in Nagorno-Karabakh*

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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,
and Wartime Militarized Inequality in Russia*

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*Moral Foundations and Agenting as Predictors of Youth Hybrid Activism
in Georgia's Political Crisis*

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Book Panel on Andras Pap's
Race, Ethnicity, Nationality and the Law
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Violence and Nationalism US

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Popular "Terror":

Conceptualizing Radical Italian/American Political Violence in Historical Perspective

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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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*By Their Enemies Shall Ye Know Them:
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:
Conspiracy Theories, Political Theology, and the Perils of Personalism*

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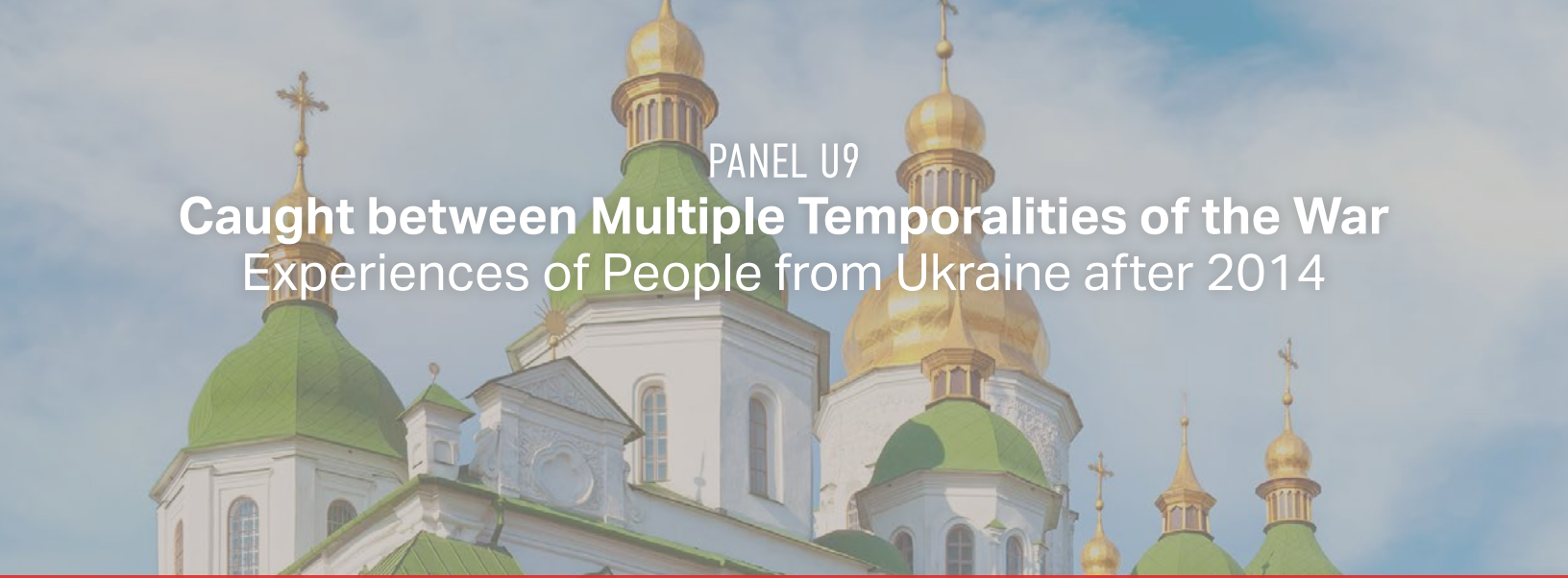
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*Branding the Nation at War:
Digital Propaganda, Historical Memory, and Identity Formation in Rostov-on-Don*

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Caught between Multiple Temporalities of the War

Experiences of People from Ukraine after 2014

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*Rethinking Temporal Belonging in the Ukrainian Refugee Experience:
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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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The Image of the Hostile "Other"
in the Socio-political Narrative of Ukraine and Russia

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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*

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Symbolic Nation and Identity Building

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The Kosovar National Team Fighting for Recognition at Home and Abroad

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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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Watershed Politics:

Riverine Citizenship and Environmental Protests in Bosnia and Croatia

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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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*Minority Informal Representation in Non-Democratic Settings:
Polish Minority Ethnic Brokers in Transnistria*

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*Ethnic Data Collection in Slovakia:
Challenges and Limitations*

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*The Level of Support for Bessarabian Autonomy and Independence in 1917-1918
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Decolonization and Central Asia
Prospects and Pitfalls

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Towards a Decolonial International Relations of Central Asia

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Discourses of Decoloniality in Kazakhstan

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Decolonial Debates and Subalternity

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Contested Identities and Belonging in Georgia

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Contested Belonging: Meskhetian Identity and Displacement in the Post-Soviet Space

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Making Heroes, (Re)shaping the Past:

Memory Construction in Georgia in the First Years of Independence

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Between Identity Discourses:

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

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*Queer Resistance and National Anxiety in Magda Kalandadze's The Second Room
Politics, Protest, and Literature in Contemporary Georgia*

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Rumor as a Mechanism of Social Boundary-Making :

Identity and Mobilization in the 2017 Batumi Riot

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The Changing Contours of Diaspora

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*Bridging Divisions: The Effect of Democratization at Home
on Ukrainian and Tunisian Diasporas in Canada*

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*Fractured Solidarity: Identity Negotiation and Mobilization
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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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*The Nationalist Politics of Flag Design :
Debates and Processes in Canada and New Zealand*

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*Everyday Nationalism through the Lens of Mixed Families:
Connecting Micro–Meso–Macro Scales*

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*The Emergence of New Literacy Practices in Digital Tunisia:
Derja and the Reconfiguration of National Identity*

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Democratic Answers to Populism and Conflict

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Nationalism and the Democratic Chain of Conflict*

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*Mediators in Peace Settlement Talks:
A Citizens Conjoint in What Works Best*

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Opposition Strategies to Counter Democratic Erosion in Ecuador

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*Smart Repression and Democratic Tolerance:
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The Russian Orthodox Church
Nationalism and the State

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The Transnational Reach of Russian Soft Power: Propaganda, War, and Influence in the Diaspora and Russian Orthodox Church

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Faith and Force:

Religious Rhetoric and the Legitimation of Authoritarianism in Putin's Russia

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Churches in Post-2020 Belarus: Raising Voices in the Time of Repression and War

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Russian Foreign Policy and the War

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*Russia's Authorization of Sexual Violence in Ukraine
at the UN Security Council, 2014-2024*

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*Observing Russia's Wartime Diplomacy:
Everyday Disruption in the OSCE*

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*Incentives, Opportunities, and Interventions: Explaining Russia's Gray Zone Campaigns
in Ethnic Conflicts through the IOI Model*

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*Sanctions on Russian Oil Exports since 2022:
How the Kremlin Turned Sanctions into an Opportunity to Attract Partners?*

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*Authoritarian Alliances and the Failure of Offensive Realism:
Russia's Use of Non-State Actors in its Foreign Policy*

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Multiculturalism in Ukraine
Past and Present

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Alone in the Highlands:

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*Frontier of Memory: World War II and the Decolonization of History in Wartime
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*The Crimean Tatar National Narrative and the Problem of its Interaction
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Europe and Ukraine — Ukraine in Europe

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Mapping EU Salience in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine*

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*Rethinking European Union Enlargement against the Background
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*Translocal Citizenship in Action: Ukrainian Migrant Initiatives
and Their Role in Local Politics across Europe*

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Enduring Resistance

Recognizing and Rethinking Ukrainian Resilience
in the Fifth Year of Full-Scale War

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*Understanding Ukrainian Cultural Activism:
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*Occupation as Social Order:
Social Dynamics and the Space of Everyday Resistance*

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*Doing what Must be Done:
Civilian Wartime Engagement and the State in Ukraine*

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Book Panel on Nikolina Židek's
*The Croatian Diaspora in Argentina:
From Martyrs to Memory Guardians*
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Book Panel on Cristina Florea's
Bukovina: The Life and Death
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*Shifting Attitudes and Social Distance Toward Russians Among Ethnic Georgians:
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Beyond Religious Retraditionalization: Islamic Women's Activism as an Element of Post-Socialist Civil Society in Kyrgyzstan

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*Aesthetic Labor among Women in Modern Kazakhstan:
Navigating Ambivalence, Discipline, Gender Scripts and postcolonial Sentiments*

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*The Local Effects of Global Human Rights to Health:
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*At the Borderlands of the Ferghana Valley:
The Role of Local Women Peacebuilders from NGOs*

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Internal Borders and Asylum Pathways: The Im/mobility of Syrian Refugees in Turkey

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The Long Shadow of Nation-Building: Institutional Legacies and the Persistence of Refugee Policy Scripts in Bangladesh

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Return Migration and the Transformation of Identity: The Reception of Refugees from Syria in Armenia

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The Shortened Refugee: The Socio-Political Limbo of Ukrainian Displacement in Europe

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Exclusion/Inclusion of Minorities

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National Minority Protection at a Crossroads: Reframing or Quiet Retreat?

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The Downstream Effects of Prior Statehood on Contemporary Secessionism

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Indigenous Will and Demand for Plebiscite: Indigenous Ideations of Nation in South Asia

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Onshore Microsovereignties: Illicit Financial Flows and Ethno-National Boundaries among Indigenous Populations in North America 1980-1990

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*Resurgence of Ethnonationalism in the Post-Pandemic Era:
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Faith without Citizenship: The Hazara Condition under Iran's Shi'a Nationhood

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The Political Economy of Nationalism

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National Pride, Trust, and Support for Income Equality*

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Founding an (Inter)National Oil Industry: Romanian Oil, 1895-1913

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Did Transition Work?
A Comparative Assessment of the Legacy of Shock Therapy versus Gradualism

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*Researching Economies in Hard-to-Access and Data-Sparse Settings:
Methodological Reflections from Eurasian De Facto States*

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*Old Dogs with New Tricks:
Elite Continuity and Reproduction of Patronal Politics across Post-Soviet Eurasia*

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Water Power in Tajikistan: (Agrarian) Politics in a post-Soviet Hydraulic Society

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Book Panel on Lawrence Douglas'

*The Criminal State:
War, Atrocity, and the Dream
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(Princeton, 2026)

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Book Panel on Timothy Frye's
Workplace Politics: How Politicians
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Devout but Distant:

Political Secularization in Response to Religious Nationalist Policies in Turkey

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Forging Alliances with Adversaries:

How Kurdish Political Parties Navigate Survival, Strategy, and Intra-Kurdish Conflict

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Across Borders, Within Homes:

Public Activism, Gender, and the Trans-local Kurdish Family

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Diasporic Abolitionism Across Borders:

Global Circulation of the Justice Model of the Kurdish Freedom Movement

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Will Neutrality Protect Ukraine?

Evaluating the Impact of Neutrality on the Outbreak of War

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Missed Chances? Why the West Failed to Secure Ukraine

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*Give Peace a Plan? The Russian invasion of Ukraine,
Proliferating "Peace Plans" and a War That Just Won't End*

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The Alignment of Sociological Boundaries and Territorial Borders of Nations

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*Representatives of Russia's Ethnic Minorities in the Ukrainian Armed Forces:
Combat Participation and the Pursuit of National Independence*

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Identities, Narratives, and Politics in the Context of Russia's War against Ukraine

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War, Emotions, and Identity:

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*The Effect of the Full-Scale Invasion on Both Loyal
and Disloyal Members of the Servant of the People Party*

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"If I Can't Have You, No-One Else Will":

The Escalatory Cycle in Russia's Relationship with its Post-Soviet Neighbours

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The Social War:

Ukrainian Narratives of War through Social Media Channels

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Book Panel on Victoria Khiterer's
*Bitter War of Memory:
The Babyn Yar Massacre,
Aftermath, and Commemoration*
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Memory and Belonging in Bosnia and the Western Balkans

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*Symbolic Patronage, Thin Dialogue:
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*The Role of Elites (Athletes and Politicians) in Promoting Interethnic Contact
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*Reframing the Past:
Intergenerational Transmission of Memory, Activism, and Nationalism in Bosnia*

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*"A Continuous Flow of Dead Bodies":
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*The Role of Preferential Electoral Provisions for National Minorities
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*The External Ethnic Kin Electoral Voting Scheme and Electoral Behavior
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Book Panel on Aksana Ismailbekova's

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

(Berghahn, 2026)

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*Politics of Memory at War: Urban Space, Exclusion, and Belonging amidst
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Emerging Issues in Global Migration

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*Conflict, Coexistence, and Everyday Encounters: Russian- and Ukrainian-
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*How Migration and Migrants Have Been Transnationally (Re) Configured
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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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*Beyond Integration: Rethinking Religious Conversion and National Identity
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Conceptual Insights into Nationalism and Nation Building

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Projectionist Nationalism in Indian New Media

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Book Panel on Ian Shapiro's
*After the Fall: From the End of
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How Politicians Broke Our World*

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Legitimization Strategies for Russia's Warfare and Occupation

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*Repurposing Yunarmia for War: Wartime Legitimation Strategies
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*Victory in the "Special Military Operation":
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Scripts of Power
Literature, Cultural Codes, and the Making
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*Russian Imperial Cultural Myths as a Challenge to the Construction
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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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*(Un)Forgotten Classics: From Pushkin to Contemporary Nationalist Discourses —
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*Historical Memory in Street Art:
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*The Influence of Turkish-Islamic Synthesis in History Textbooks:
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*A Past More Unpredictable Than the Future:
Staging History in Erdoğan Era Political Videos in Turkey*

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*Education Under Displacement: School Attendance, Child Labor, and Early Marriage
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*"Soon I'll Be Saying Goodbye to İstanbul":
Russian Relocants' Uncertain Lives in Motion*

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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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"As Strong as a Diamond":

The Soviet People, the Friendship of Peoples, and the Ukrainian Nation in 1968

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Post-National Nationalism? Understanding Extra-Territorial Nationalist Sentiments through the Case of Russia and Armenia

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Visible after Invasion?

Ukraine's Representation in Global Comics before 2014

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Erasing the Other: How the Narrative of "Ukrainian Nationalism/Nazism" Shapes Contemporary Russian Self-Identity

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"The Border Exists":

Territorial Attachment and Nationalist Attitudes in Republika Srpska

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*They've Done It Before, They'll Do It Again:
Support for Irredentism in Republika Srpska*

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Drawing the Line:

The Inter-Entity Boundary, Post-War (Re)Migrations and Peacebuilding in Bosnia

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Individual Pathways:

Cross-Ethnic Relationship Orientations in Divided Societies (Bosnia and Israel)

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Minorities and Generations in the Hungarian Parliamentary Elections

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Ethnocorruption and Electoral Fraud:

Can the Hungarian Parliamentary Elections be Hacked?

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*Minority Right to Participation in Public Life in the Parliament
under International Law and in Hungary*

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*Representation of Whom, by Whom and for Whom?
Minorities and the Hungarian Parliamentary Elections, 2014-2026*

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*Generational Divides and Political Polarization in Hungary:
The Role of the Digital World Ahead of the 2026 Elections*

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*From Hegemony to Contestation:
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Authoritarian Drift and Democratic Resilience?

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Georgian Dream and Its System of Survival

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Georgia's Crisis and the Emancipatory Power of Societal Movements

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*Navigating Georgia's Political Crisis :
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Gendered Dimensions of Georgia's Authoritarian Turn

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Borders in the Courtroom: Belonging in the U.S. Courts

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*Halal New York: How Success Happens for Second-Generation
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*The Path of Citizenship:
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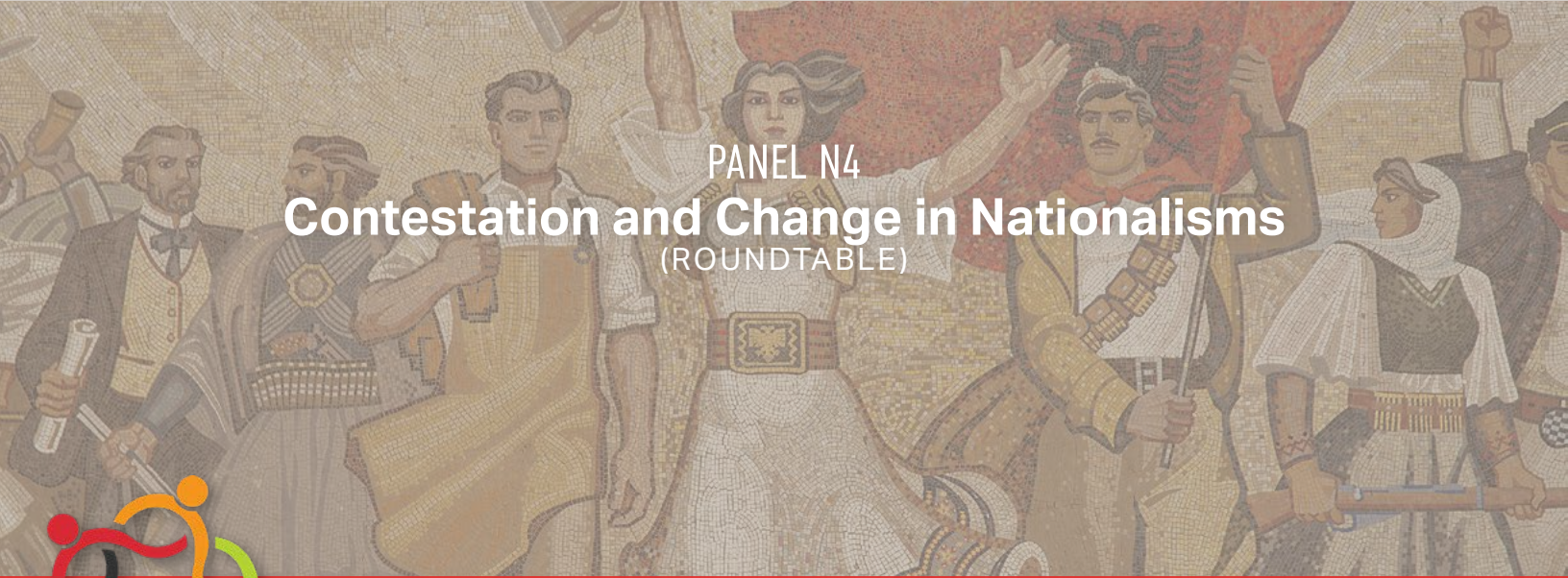
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Continuity and Change in Regimes of Ethnicity since 2010

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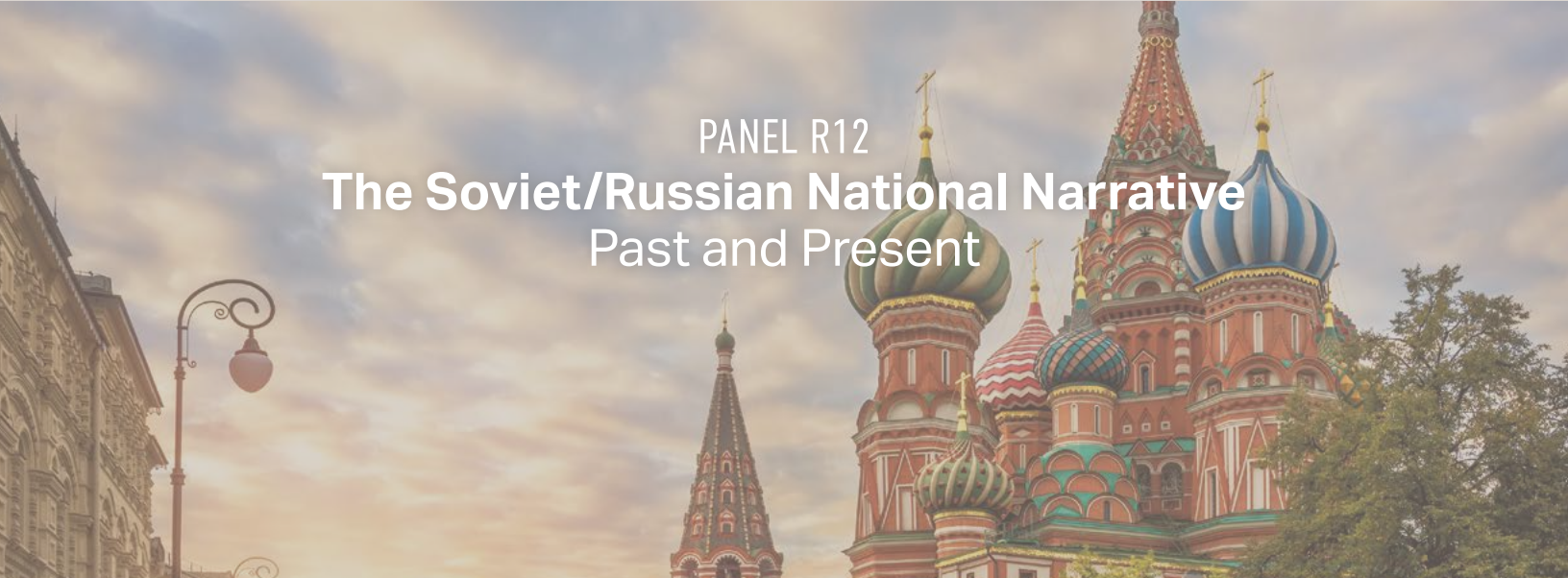
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*Producing the Geo-Body of Russia:
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The Soviet Byzantinology during the Second World War and its Aftermath

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Monumental Architecture and the Production of Civilizational Nationalism in Putin's Russia

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Russia's Youth and the Failure of Patriotic Mobilization

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*Deterrence or Deployment:
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Political Polarization and Geopolitical Implications:

Russia as a Friend or Foe to the Greek Nation?

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Local Agency against Transnational Authoritarianism:

Turkey's Failed Co-optation of Serbia's Muslim Elites

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Testing the Boundaries:

Ritual Intensity and National Belonging in Turkey and Iran

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**Understanding Citizen Experiences in Wartime
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*Past Repression, Present Solidarity:
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*Attitudes and Priorities Across Migrant Groups in Ukraine:
What can be Accurately Gleaned from the General Population Survey Results?*

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*How Does PTSD Impact Political Behavior?
Information-Seeking, Tolerance, and Orientation to Authority in Wartime Ukraine*

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*War and Democratic Resilience: Panel Survey Analysis of the Relationship Between
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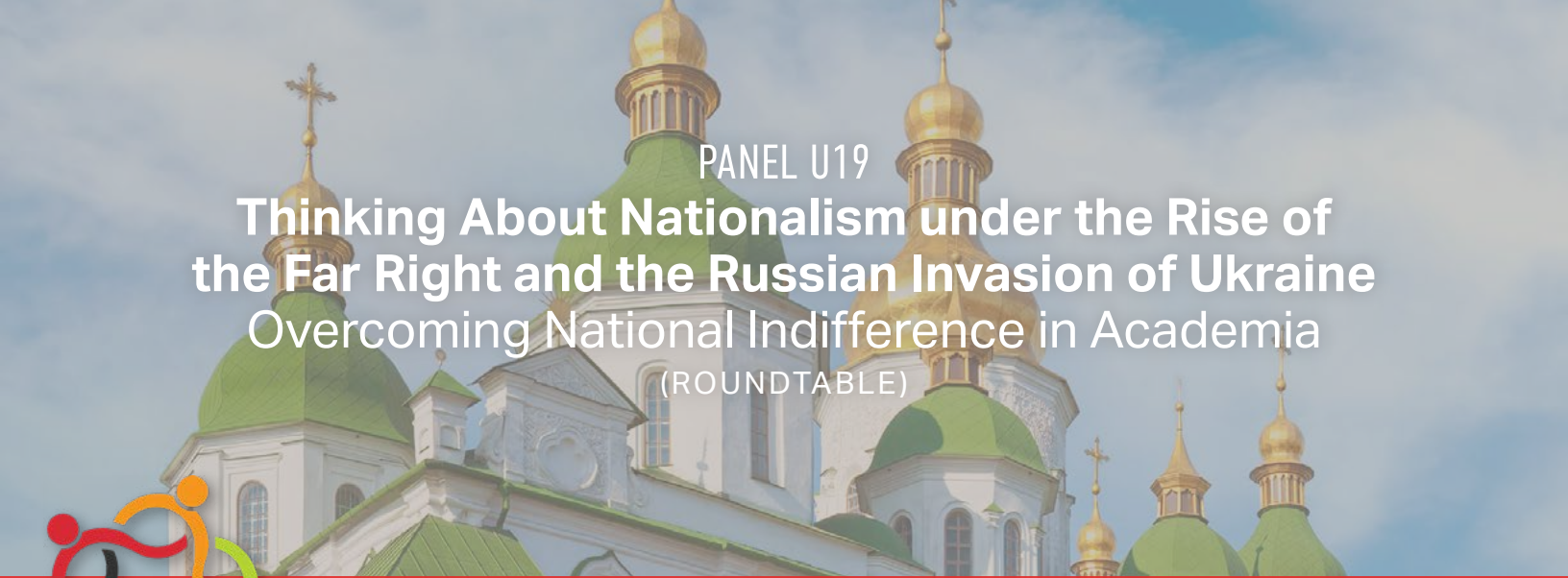
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Thinking About Nationalism under the Rise of the Far Right and the Russian Invasion of Ukraine

Overcoming National Indifference in Academia

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*The Return of Nationalism:
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*Thinking About Nationhood, Methodological Nationalism,
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*What's New in Nationalism for Memory Studies? Perspectives on Securitisation,
Transnationalism, and Regionalism in East European Memory Conundrum*

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*National Indifference, Imperial Violence, and Ukrainian Nationhood:
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*Decolonizing Ukraine :
The Indigenous Peoples of Crimea
and Pathways to Freedom*
(Rowman and Littlefield, 2025)

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Roundtable on
*The Routledge Handbook
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*When Coalitions Lose Balance:
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in Armenia, Georgia, and Montenegro*

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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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*Institutional Capture and Media Decline:
The Case of Serbia's Regulatory Body for Electronic Media*

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Book Panel on Balázs Dobos'
*Cultural Autonomy and
Political Participation: Minority Elections
in Central and Eastern Europe*
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Contracting Chinese Security Aid: The Case of Tajikistan

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*China's Engagement in Transboundary Water Management in Central Asia:
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*Planes, Trains, and Autocratic Deals:
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Book Panel on Marat Iliysov's
Reproducing Resistance:
Chechen Demography in Times
of War

(Bloomsbury Academic, 2025)

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Book Panel on John McGarry's
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Taking, Keeping, and Losing Control
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Nationalism and Jewish Identity

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National and Socialist:

Jewish Identity (Trans)Formation in Early Soviet Georgia

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Between Poland and British-Ruled Palestine:

Examining the Paradoxes of Peace and War

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Jewish Leadership in Times of Crisis:

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Activism Across Borders:
Humanitarian and Exile Civic and Political
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Integration Trajectories of Russian Activists After 2022*

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The Nation as a Political Party:

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The Autonomous Cretan State, a Case of Non-Territorial Autonomy, 1898-1913

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Print Alliances:

How the Greek Press Built and Unbuilt Balkan and Ottoman Solidarities, 1912-1913

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The Politics of Greek National Identity in the Italian-occupied Dodecanese (Twelve Islands)

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Memory, Museums, and Materiality

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Holocaust Representation in Yuri Vynnychuk's Tango of Death*

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Ukrainian Diaspora Self-Expression through Fashion, 1940s–1980s*

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*Jewish Odesa :
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Book Panel on Anastasia Fomitchova's

*Volia: engagée volontaire
dans la résistance ukrainienne*
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Legacies and Meanings of Antifascism in Yugoslavia and Beyond

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Antifascist and Anticolonial Solidarity between Yugoslavia and Africa

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Traces of Antifascism and Italo-Slavic Solidarity in the Northern Adriatic

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Memory, Monuments, and Representations of Yugoslavs in the Spanish Civil War

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*Mobilising Knowledge in Wartime:
Ukrainian Expert Diplomacy and the Soft Power of Resilience*

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Diabolus ex Machina: The Machinery of Forced Migration in Kazakhstan

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Undesirable Shelter: Seeking Refuge in and out of Tsarist Central Asia

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*Digital Bridges and Physical Borders: Kachin Ontological Security in Post-COVID
Myanmar-China Borderlands Post-Soviet Sovereignty and China's New Silk Road*

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*The Influence of Ethnodemographic and Foreign Policy Factors
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*Armenia–Azerbaijan Peace Process :
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Georgia's Evolving Regional Position in a Time of Domestic Political Turbulence

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Civic Agency in Georgian Conflict Transformation

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The Canary Islands' Elastic Borderzone: A Dual Filtering System

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*Co-creating Future Imaginations of the Border:
Artistic Resistance in Dehumanised Migration Landscapes in Greece and Spain*

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*When Routes Become Borders: How EU Migration Governance Transforms
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Migrant Deaths in the Name of Law

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*Tracking the Rot: The Use of Wagner Paramilitaries
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*Borrowed Cars and Old Guns:
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*Middle Powers in a Multipolar Age:
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*Rethinking Turkish–Russian Relations
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*The Holodomor through the Prism of the Ukrainian American Press:
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*The Vyshhorod Group:
A Grassroots Dissent Movement in 1960s Soviet Ukraine*

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*Together in Diversity:
How Inclusion and Social Cohesion Shape Citizen Participation
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*Human Rights, Legitimacy, and Democratic Resilience in Hybrid Warfare:
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*Holding Education Together:
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Reframing the Nation:

*How Digital Media Accelerate Collective Memory Change
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*Pursuing Dignity: Ukrainian Women Activists Expressing their Agency,
Empowerment and Self-Worth on Social Media*

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From Folklore to the Frontline:

Nationalist Feminities in Ukrainian Wartime Social Media Imagery

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Russian Media :

Post-Truth or the Use of "Kino-Pravda" during the War in Ukraine

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War, Drones and the Normalization of War Crimes:

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Martyrs of the Nation:

Religion, Sacrifice, and the Politics of Memory in Late Ottoman Albania

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Social Foundations of Insurgent Mobilization: Evidence from Kosovo

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Under the Invisibility Cloak:

The Struggle for Recognition and Rights of Stateless Roma in North Macedonia

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*Mapping Multilingual Visibility: A Macro-Micro Approach to Public Signage
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Building Homes as Self-Narration:

Women's Practices of Urban Formation in Kamza, Albania

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Invisible Citizens:

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*Who Speaks for Europe?
Populism, Digital Sovereignty, and the Discursive Politics of Online Speech Regulation*

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*Rights on Paper, Wrongs in Practice:
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Beyond Masterpieces: Folk Art and the Social Life of Culture Wars

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*The Resources of the Rise of Romanian National Populism
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*Cultural Professionals as Political Leaders:
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*"Motherhood with Dignity":
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"War Minus the Shooting": Soccer and Polarized Memory in Post-Conflict Europe

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*Understanding the Backlash over Transitional Justice Policies
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*Why is it Painful to See Old Trees in Berlin:
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The post-Colonial Radical Right and the Zionist Question

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*Provincializing the Nation: Pre-National Identity Models
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*Teaching the "Russian World":
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From Rebellion to Dialogue :

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Ukrainian National Identity Today : Civic, Ethnic, European, Multicultural?

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*The Dynamics of Ukrainian-Russian Bilingualism in Ukraine and Migration:
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*Heroes Never Die:
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*'Sophia of Kyiv' against Russkii Mir:
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*Storytelling Movements: Renegotiating the Inclusivity of National Stories
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*Political Inclusion Through Grassroots Mobilization:
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Media as Jungle: Information, Authoritarianism, and History in Serbia

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*Russians in the Ranks? Ethnic Representation
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*The Sustainability of Transnistria as a De Facto State
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*Security-Driven Integration:
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From Copenhagen to Kyiv: Recalibrating EU Minority Protection in a New Geopolitical Era

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«You are What You Read:»

Muslims' Perceptions of Islamic Radicalism in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan

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Reimagining «Noble» Kazakhs:

National Identity in Kazakhstan's Soviet and Post-Soviet Literature and Cinematography

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Gender and Nation after Socialism: Mixed Marriages in Kazakhstan

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*Peculiarities and Nuances of the Resettlement of Ottoman-Armenian Refugees
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*Lenin, Stalin, and Their Three Underage Admirers: Revolution, Nation, and Anti-Imperial
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*Global Health Diasporas in Comparison:
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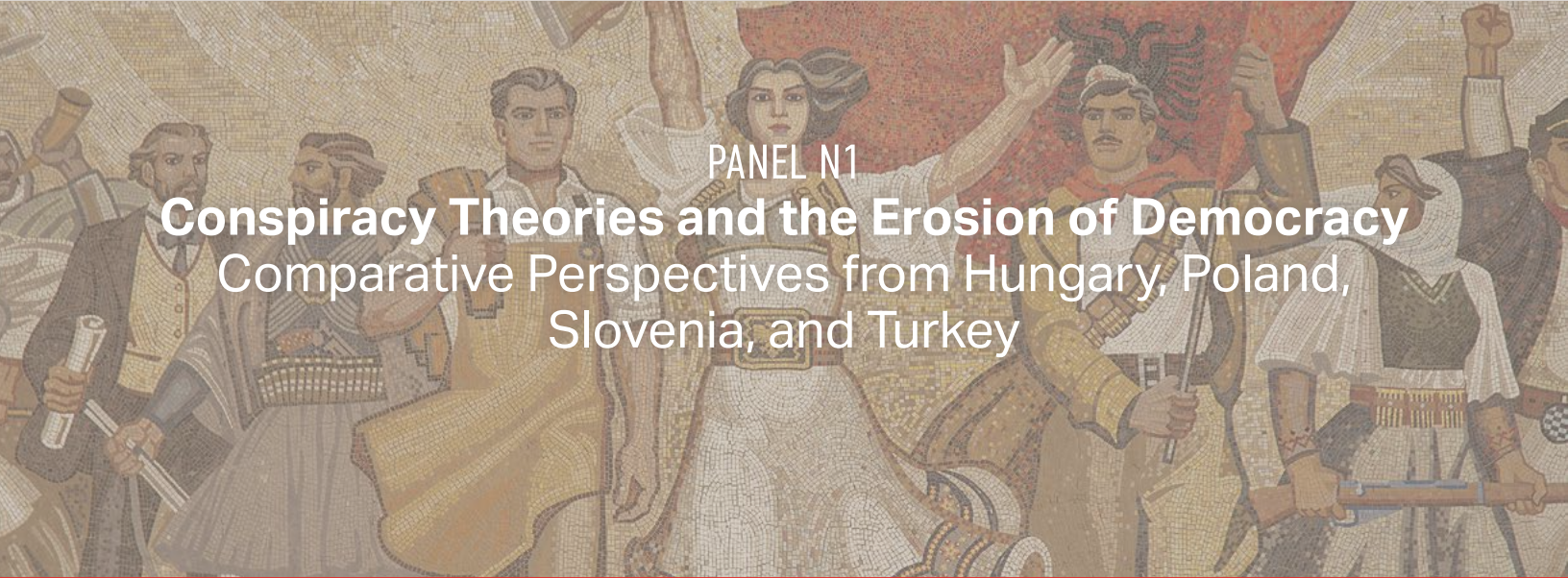
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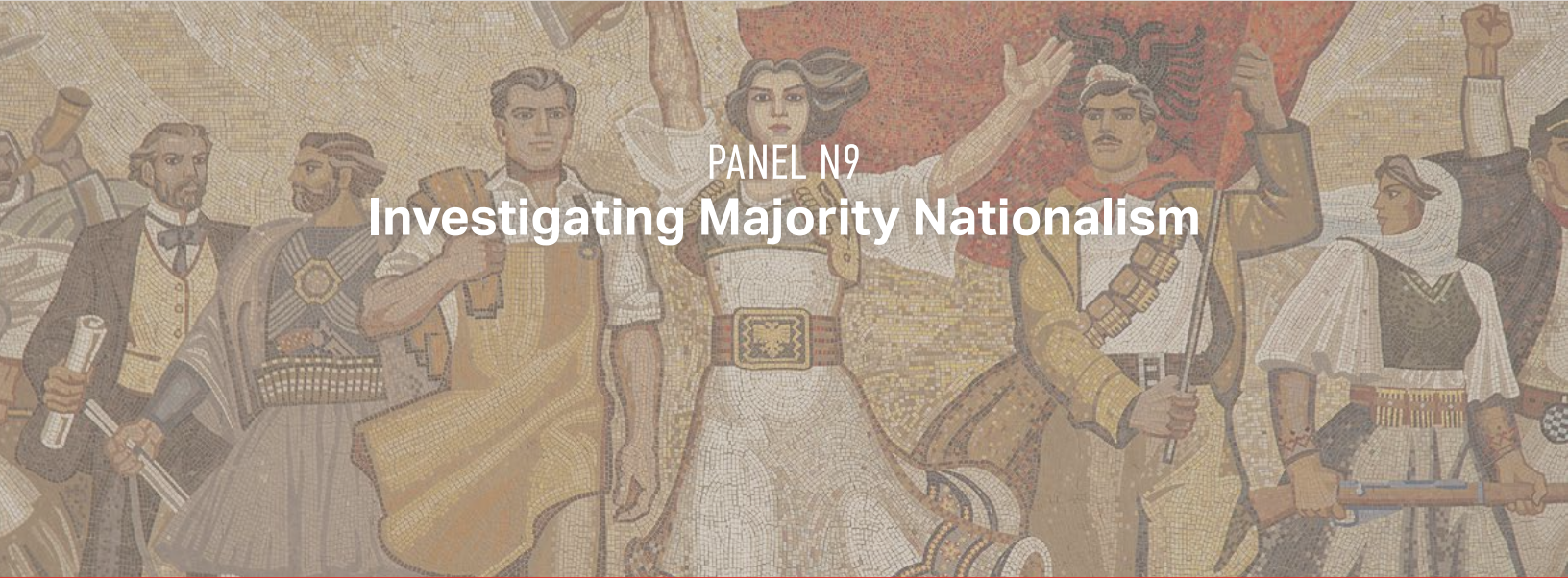
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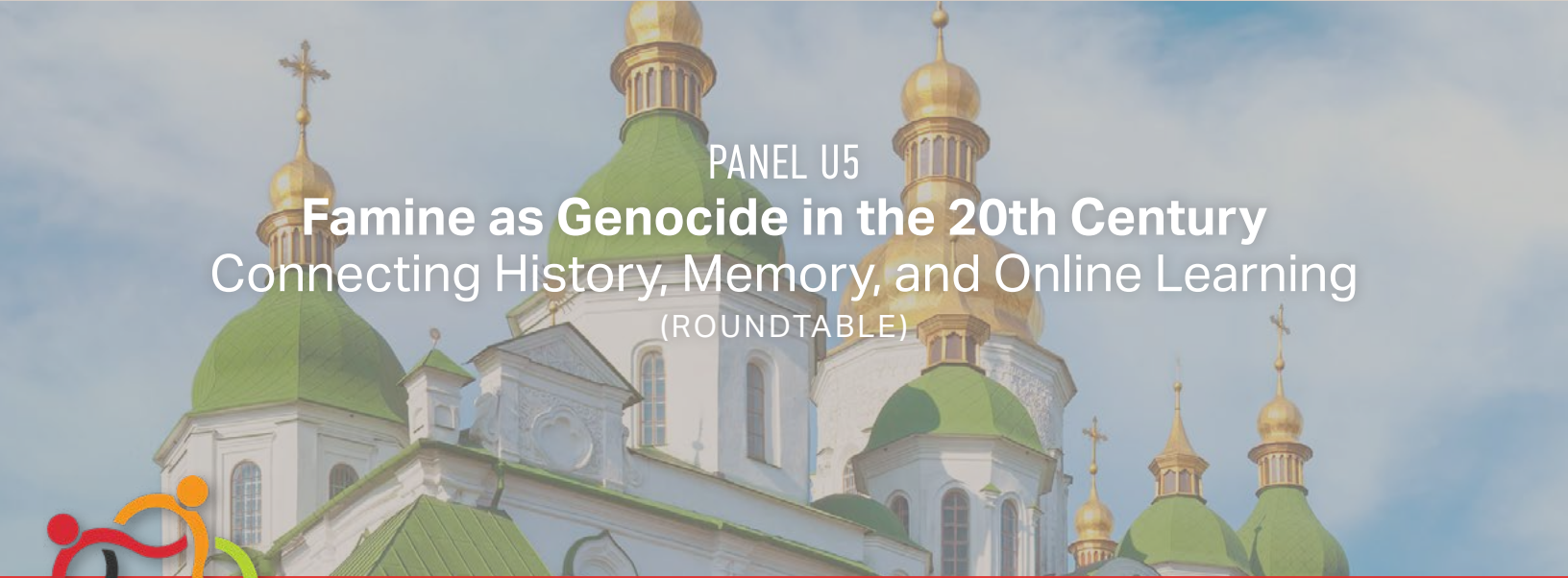
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