



NATIONAL HISTORY AND NEW NATIONALISM IN THE 21st CENTURY

11th–13th APRIL 2018

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

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In recent years, the dramatic rise in nationalism, in politics but also in research, has accompanied a renaissance of national history as a genre and patriotic »exceptionalism« as narrative. Irrespective of national specificities, the structures involved are similar everywhere: Underlying a historical continuity stretching back hundreds or thousands of years lies the timeless, often religiously defined character of a people, which, through heroic freedom struggles conducted by towering leadership figures and the sacrifice of martyrs, has succeeded in asserting itself over the opposition of neighbouring peoples.

Such portrayals of national history are implicitly, and often explicitly, directed against universalistic orientations; more concretely, they oppose that which, in recalling and taking responsibility for the nation's own previous crimes and misdeeds or diminishing its alleged civilizational achievements, they deride as self-accusation, groundless remorse, inappropriate apology, or the erection of »monuments of shame«. And they argue that the media, and particularly school history curricula, should no longer be a place where the nation and its history are contested or questioned, as such doubts damage and dishonour the nation.

The aim of this conference at the GHIP is to create a broad international overview of the techniques, contents, and contexts of this resurgence of national historical narrative, with contributions either focusing on a particular nation or comparing multiple cases.

The languages of the conference are English, French and German.

→ **Wednesday 11th April 2018**

- 13:30 Arrival of participants and registration
- 13:45–15:30 Tatjana SARANCA (Konrad Adenauer Foundation): Welcome
Chair: Pierre MONNET (IFRA Frankfurt)
Thomas MAISSEN (GHI Paris): Introduction
Stefan BERGER (University of Bochum):
National Historical Master Narratives and War Museums
in Contemporary Europe – a Comparative Analysis
Martin SABROW (Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam):
Challenging the German Aufarbeitungsdiskurs?
- 16:00–18:00 *Chair: Éric BUSSIÈRE (Paris-Sorbonne University)*
Georg KREIS (University of Basel):
The Swiss Case: Also a Clash of Culture
Chris LORENZ (VU University Amsterdam):
National History and New Nationalism in the 21st Century:
the Dutch Case
Aurore CHERY (University of Lyon III):
Usages publics de l'histoire et résurgence du roman national
dans la France du XXI^e siècle
- 18:30 **Panel: National Narratives and Global History**
Olivier DARD (Paris-Sorbonne University)
Etienne FRANÇOIS (Free University of Berlin)
Pierre SINGARAVELOU (Pantheon-Sorbonne University)
Chair: Beatrice HEUSER (University of Glasgow)
Cocktail dînatoire



Thursday 12th April 2018

9:00–11:00 *Chair: Eric SANGAR (FNRS/University of Namur)*

Miloš REZNIK (GHI Warsaw):

The Nation as Historical Actor and its Enemies. National Historical Narratives and their Ramifications in Present-Day Poland

Balázs TRENCSENYI (Central European University Budapest):
Historical Politics and Authoritarian Regime-Building in Hungary after 2010

Florian BIEBER (University of Graz):

The Past that Never Left? The Yugoslav Wars as Source of Nationalism

11:30–12:50 *Chair: Guy P. MARCHAL (University of Lucerne)*

Ekaterina MAKHOTINA (University of Bonn):

Between Europe and the Tsardom of Russia, Between Empire and Nation: Dilemmas of Russian Politics of History

Tanja PENTER (University of Heidelberg):

Independence, Revolution, War and Renaissance of National History in Ukraine

14:00–16:00 *Chair: Zaur GASIMOV (Orient Institute Istanbul)*

Michael BENTLEY (University of St Andrews):

Nationalism in Modern British Historiography

Xosé M. NÚÑEZ SEIXAS (University of Santiago de Compostela):

On the Resilience of National Histories:

The »two Spains« vs. the Periphery?

Luigi CAJANI (University of Rome, La Sapienza):

The Italian Risorgimento: a National Myth under Attack

16:30–18:30 *Chair: Miloš REZNIK (GHI Warsaw)*

Mordechai KREMNITZER (Hebrew University Jerusalem):

New Nationalism in Israel: National History as a Political Tool

Konrad JARAUSCH (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill):

National Pride Versus Self-Criticism: American Memory Wars

Neeladri BHATTACHARYA (Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi):

Memory, History and the Politics of New Nationalisms in India

Dinner on invitation of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation



Friday 13th April 2018

9:00–11:00 *Chair: Beatrice HEUSER (University of Glasgow)*

Takashi YOSHIDA (Western Michigan University):

National History and Nationalism in Japan in the 21st Century

Rwei-Ren WU (Academia Sinica):
Civic Nationalism and History as Societal Consensus:
An Analysis of the Movement Against the Revision of Guidelines
for High School History Curriculum in Taiwan, 2014–2015

Hans VAN ESS (Ludwig-Maximilian University Munich):
Chinese National History: The Manchu-Qing in New Clothes

11:30–12:50 *Chair: Jean-François BAYART (Graduate Institute, Geneva)*

Ibrahima THIOUB (University Cheikh Anta Diop Dakar):
Mobiliser l'histoire et les historiens dans la construction
de l'État-nation en Afrique: l'exemple du Sénégal

Jocelyne DAKHLIA (EHESS):
La Tunisie et l'impératif historiographique de l'exception

14:00–16:00 *Chair: Torsten WEBER (German Institute for Japanese Studies
Tokyo)*

Tanıl BORA (Tarih Vakfı/History Foundation):
»National and Native« – The Nationalist Discourse of AKP
and Erdoğan

Thanos VEREMIS (University of Athens):
A National History in Spite of a Resurgent Nationalism:
The New Trends of Greek Historiography

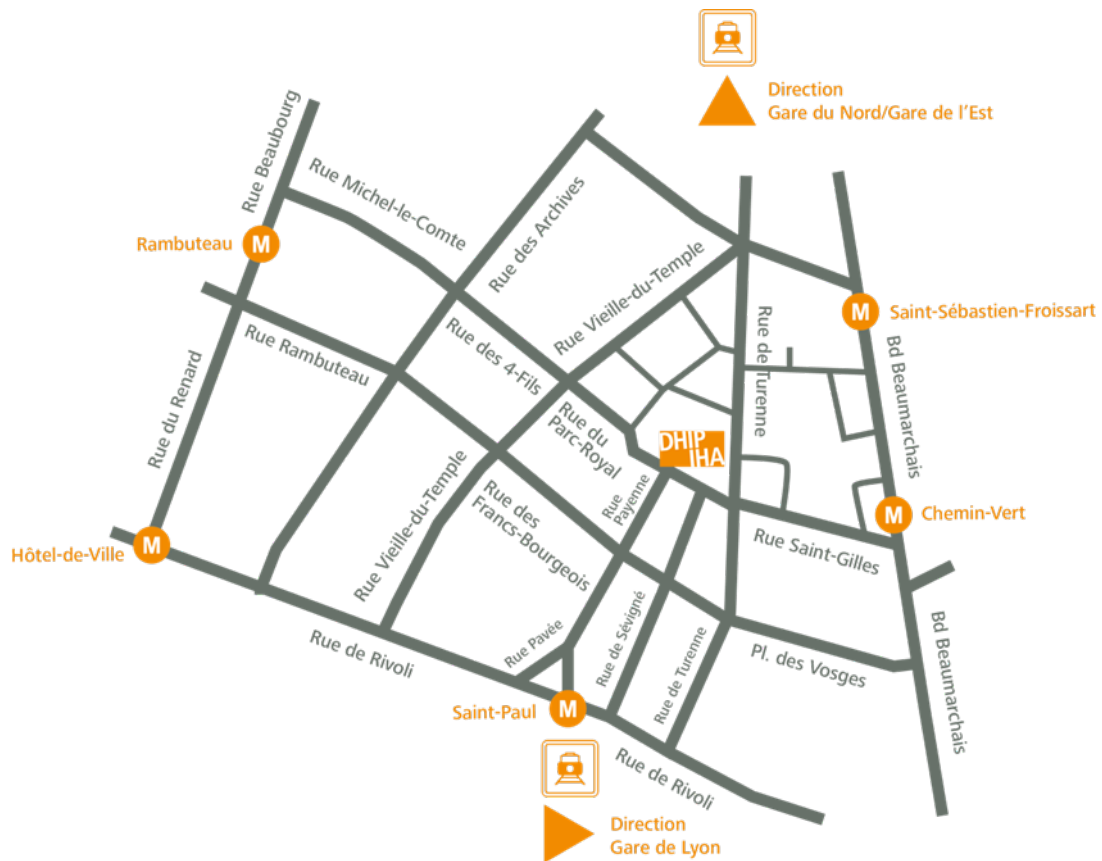
Michael GOEBEL (Free University of Berlin):
The Partisan Past: Nationalism and History in Argentina

16:00–17:00 **Closing remarks and discussion**
Chair: Henry ROUSSO (CNRS)
Comment: Guy P. MARCHAL (University of Lucerne)

Partners



Pre-registration and information: event@dhi-paris.fr



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