

## PUBLIC SEMINAR

THE NATIONAL EUROPE CENTRE AT THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY IS PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO:

# European Integration and the Nationalities Question

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at the National Europe Centre

The Australian National University, 1 Liversidge Street,

Parking available in Balmain Lane, opposite University House

(Light refreshments will be served after the seminar)

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European integration both helps and hinders a resolution of Europe's nationalities and minorities question. It potentially transforms both states and nations thus providing for a new relationship between the two. It undermines traditional sovereignty and weakens the need for statehood. Minority nationalist movements have in many cases adopted the European theme, adjusting their ideology and strategy and abandoning claims for statehood. Some have used 'new regionalist' themes to construct new systems of action below and beyond the state. Europe provides opportunities for territorial movements and grants some minority protections. There are differences between Western Europe and Central and Eastern Europe because of the evolution of state structures. The draft European constitution, however, did not help matters, as it risked formalizing the EU as a two-level game of states and the Union, with little room for regional and minority claims.

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