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#### INVITATION TO THE LECTURE

# SUPRANATIONAL SPACES OF NATION- AND STATE-BUILDING: THE ALBANIAN EXAMPLE

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Methodological nationalism leads to analyse the nation- and state-building process as the result of dynamics specific to a national space, in relation to an international balance of power. In this talk, Nathalie Clayer propose to analyse such a process rather as a complex process with various spatial components – local, regional, national and supra-national. Focusing on the supranational level, she argues that any process of nation- and state-building is to be seen at the intersection of a multiplicity of supranational socio-political spaces, not necessarily exclusive. To demonstrate this, she will show how the Albanian nation- and state-building process, that is the development of the idea of the existence of an Albanian nation and its relationship to sovereignty, developed, from the 19<sup>th</sup> century onwards, at the intersection of social and political dynamics related to different supranational spaces: the Ottoman imperial space, the Balkan space, the Adriatic space, the European space, and even the transatlantic space.

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