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 19th 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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