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TRANSNATIONAL CONCEPTS OF SELF-DETERMINATION

AND THE FUTURE OF CENTRAL EUROPE IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR, 1917-1918

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The presentation argues against the current grand narratives of 'national self-determination' focusing on the key figures of V. I. Lenin and Woodrow Wilson. I rather argue that the concept rather developed as a subject of transnational discourses between jarringly different understandings of the notion. During my dissertation project, I analyze the discourse of the transnational pressure groups of the *New Europe* and the *New Republic* along with the debates of the Austrian Reichsrat accordingly during the period of 1917-1918 in connection to the future of the Central European sphere. Besides 'self-determination', I also focus on the connected terms of 'nation' and 'autonomy' to set up a synthetic conceptual history of the notion.

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