

Call for Papers
to a conference on

Nation-building and nationalism in today's Russia

organized jointly by the University of Oslo and Tallinn University,
to be held in

Tallinn, Estonia
28-29 April 2016

Proposal deadline: January 15, 2016

The conference “Nation-building and nationalism in today's Russia” represents the final event within the scope of a 3-year project funded by the Research Council of Norway. While the conference on the one hand intends to serve as the public promotion of our edited volume (*The New Russian Nationalism: Imperialism, Ethnicity, Authoritarianism, 2000– 2015*, Edinburgh University Press, March 2016, [http://www.eupublishing.com/book/9781474410427?template=toc&](http://www.euppublishing.com/book/9781474410427?template=toc&)) produced by the members of the research team, on the other hand we invite scholars to participate in analyzing the results of our research project and contribute to a broader discussion on nation-building and nationalism in today's Russia. The project and the accompanying volume focuses on the period since Putin took office in 2000 – but conference paper proposals are not limited to this period, and comparative or theoretical approaches are also welcome.

We encourage submissions from both established scholars and advanced graduate students. Participants chosen to present at the conference will have their accommodation (three nights) and meals provided, but only a limited number of grants are available for travel funding. (Junior researchers from Russia will have priority)

There are no conference fees and all panels are open to the public.

Keynote lecture will be delivered by Professor John Hutchinson (London School of Economics).

We encourage scholars who are interested in participating in the conference to consult the quantitative results of the research project (surveys conducted in 2013 and 2014 available at <http://www.hf.uio.no/ilos/english/research/projects/neoruss/>) and incorporate them in their paper proposals.

Possible paper topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Case studies or comparative research in nation-building, national identity, nationalism
- The role of religion and religious institutions in nation-building
- The politization of ethnicity and minority policy in Russia/the Soviet Union
- Language and identity politics
- The impact of migration on Russian nationalism and Russian national identity
- The role of ethnicity and nationalism in the Ukraine crisis
- Commemorative practices as nation-building
- Debates in historiography and history textbooks
- Geographical identities and debates about borders
- Construction, destruction, and reinterpretation of monuments and memorials
- Popular culture and national narratives
- Theoretical reflections on the relationship between state- and nation-building
- Economic factors and the success (or failure) of nation-building.
- Sports and the nation

We intend to publish selected papers from the conference as an edited volume.

All proposals must be sent in *a single email message* to Sofiya Khayitova sofiyak@student.iln.uio.no with an attached proposal in a Word document containing contact information, an abstract (300-500 words), and a 150-words long biographical statement in *narrative form*.

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