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THE NATION AND THE RADICAL LEFT

PRACTICES AND DISCOURSES OF NATIONAL
IDENTITY IN LEFT-WING POLITICS

WHEN & WHERE

28 November 2019

Department of Social and Political Sciences,
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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Benjamin De Cleen (Vrije Universiteit
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PANEL DISCUSSANTS

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IMPORTANT DATES

25 July 2019: Deadline submission of
abstracts

8 September 2019: Notification of selection

15 November 2019: Submission of papers

28 November 2019: Conference at Palazzo
Strozzi, Piazza Strozzi - 50123 Firenze

Organizing Committee: Jacopo Custodi (Scuola
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CALL FOR PAPERS

CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION

The conference aims to explore and evaluate the intricate relationship between national identity, nationality and nationalism on one side, and left-wing, emancipatory and radical politics on the other side. We welcome both theoretical and empirical papers on the following themes:

- Left-wing populism and nationalism
- The radical left and the nationalist-globalist cleavage
- The radical left and the nationalist revival
- Imagined communities and left-wing projects
- National identity and migrant solidarity activism
- Alter-Europeanism and Euroscepticism
- Radical left and nationality in post-colonial contexts
- Transnational leftist movements beyond the nation
- Patriotism and anti-imperialism
- Internationalism and cosmopolitanism
- Internationalism and popular sovereignty

The conference intends to cover cases from different areas of the world, as a necessary step in order to better grasp the complexity and the polymorphism of national identity within radical left politics. Consequently, we welcome papers assessing European as well as non-European cases.

HOW TO APPLY

The deadline for paper proposals is 25 July 2019. Please send an abstract (400 words max) and a short bio (100 words max) to jacopo.custodi@sns.it. The abstract and the short bio have to be attached to the email as two separate pdf files. Please name the former with the title of your paper, and the latter with your name and surname. If accepted, full paper (6000 words max) is expected by 15 November 2019. Short bio and full papers will be circulated among the presenters prior to the conference. There is no registration fee, but accommodation and travel costs are to be covered by participants.

Attendance is free and open to anyone.