

## 1. GUNNAR-HERING-LECTURES

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### **Title**

Eastern Question or Balkan Nationalisms: a reconsideration of the Balkan national movements in the context of the European revolutionary crises

### **Summary**

The speaker took a critical stance towards two dominant historiographical narratives of the modern Balkan revolutions. The first essentially entails a description of the national movements as results of the dissolution of the Great Ottoman “patient” as the result of processes driven by the Great European Powers, while the second sees an autonomous process of successive awakenings of sleeping Nations. Instead, Prof. Stamatopoulos attempted a new classification of the Balkan national movements based on parallels and interactions with the internal social, political, ideological divisions in Western Europe, as experienced in the Great revolutionary crises from the end of the 18th to the beginning of the 20th century.

**Prof. Olga Katsiardi-Hering** (University of Athens) provided a short comment, followed by a discussion with the audience.

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