

## **Territoriality and Non-territoriality in Accommodating National Diversity within States, 1789-1989**

Location: **Vienna**

Date, venue: **2–4 April 2020**

Organiser: ERC project [Non-territorial Autonomy History of a Travelling Idea](#)

**Proposals are due by 8 January 2020**

We invite scholars for an in-depth exploration of territorial and non-territorial aspects in accommodating national diversity within states, from the French Revolution to the end of the Cold War in Europe and beyond. We welcome proposals that tackle the interplay between the dimensions of *territory*, *group*, and the *individual* from both theoretical and empirical perspectives.

Since the late 18th century states have increasingly perceived ethno-national diversity as an issue to be addressed through policy. Voluntarily or not, some of them responded to this challenge by granting positive rights to individuals, groups or territories. What interests us is the relationship between these various approaches and whether they can be treated separately at all. While the accommodation of national diversity is commonly associated with territorial arrangements, ethno-national groups could also be conceived of separately from specific territories. Yet, one could also argue that even fully-fledged non-territorial solutions based solely on the “personality principle” nevertheless have to take territorial issues into account for administrative purposes. By exploring how theoreticians or political protagonists engaged in entangling or disentangling both ideas and policies about territory and nation, we hope to shed new light on the chequered history of accommodating national diversity.

We invite a broad range of scholars (historians, political scientists, legal scholars, anthropologists, sociologists, geographers and political philosophers) to submit papers dealing with the above-outlined problems. We are especially interested in presentations that focus on one or several of the following agents: governments, bodies claiming to represent national groups, parties and other political organisations, supranational organisations, as well as individual politicians, scholars (including legal scholars) and national and minority activists.

Possible topics to be addressed through the lens of territoriality and non-territoriality include, but are not limited to:

- Theories of national diversity accommodation – federalism, non-territorial autonomy, consociationalism, collective rights
- Case studies of attempts to accommodate national diversity
- Discourses on territoriality and groupness
- National ideologies and party programmes
- Liberal citizenship, legal equality and group rights – complementarity and conflict
- Accommodating national diversity in non-liberal and authoritarian settings
- The scope, extent and content of national autonomy
- managing national diversity in colonies and former colonies
- Indigenous groups and state territory
- International minority protection

The conference will take place at the University of Vienna between April the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of 2020.

Keynote addresses will be given by Prof. Jana Osterkamp (University of Munich) and Prof. Yonatan Fessha (University of the Western Cape).

Accommodation will be fully covered by the organisers. Partial reimbursement of travel costs will also be available.

The working language of the conference will be English. Please send paper proposals of no more than 400 words and a brief CV to [ntautonomy.iog@univie.ac.at](mailto:ntautonomy.iog@univie.ac.at) by January the 8<sup>th</sup> 2020.