CfP Special Issue Proposal: ‘Nationalism of Nations without States’

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Dear all,

We are putting a journal special issue proposal together that we intend to pitch to the journal Ethnicities, which is edited by Prof. Tariq Modood and Prof Stephen May. Should the proposal be accepted, it will be edited by Idreas Khandy (i.khandy@lancaster.ac.uk) [Lancaster University, United Kingdom] and Ceren Şengül (ceren.sengul@ens.fr), [Centre Maurice Halbwachs (École Normale Supérieure), France].

Abstract:
Nationalism is yet again proving to be a force majeure in global politics as societies, both in the West and the East, as a result of the struggle to come to terms with the disorienting effects of globalisation. Nationalism, as articulated by the current ruling dispensations in USA, Britain, Brazil, Turkey, and India, represents the illiberal variant of the phenomenon. Since this variant of the phenomenon is espoused by some of the most powerful political players in global politics today, it is understandable that people who lean towards the progressive end of the political spectrum are wary and suspicious of nationalism as a whole.

Yet the emancipatory potential that nationalism possesses must not be ignored. As David Miller (1995) has pointed out, “nationalism and modern liberalism are natural allies” since the latter “provides the motivational basis for democratic citizenship and the pursuit of social justice”. Taking this emancipatory potential of nationalism as a subject of enquiry, this special issue seeks to explore how political communities famously dubbed as ‘nations without states’ by Guibernau (1999) use nationalism to contest the hegemony of states that claim sovereignty over them. The topic of submissions include but are not limited to the following broad dimensions in the nationalism of nations without states:

- Tactics of resisting state-nationalism.
- The protean forms nationalism takes in ‘nations without states’.
- The interplay between everyday nationalism and overtly political nationalism.
- The impact of regional inter-state politics on such nationalism(s).
- The role of diasporic communities in the construction of nationalism of
nations without states.
- Comparative cases of different ‘nationalisms without states’

Submissions empirically and/or theoretically discussing case studies such as Kurds, Tamils, Palestinians, Sikhs, Kashmiris, Tibetans, Scottish, Welsh, and Catalans as case studies are particularly welcome. Articles introducing or using methodologically innovative approaches are also encouraged.

**Important Dates**

Deadline to send abstracts of 400 words: **1st February 2020**

Notification to authors: **7th March 2020**

Submission of full articles: TBA

**Instructions for authors**

Please submit by email all abstracts and articles to both Idreas Khandy (i.khandy@lancaster.ac.uk) and Ceren Şengül (ceren.sengul@ens.fr).