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Creating Europe Speaker Series: "Civilizationism: A History of the Present"

Whether identified as ethnonationalist, pan-European, anti-colonial, or pan-Islamic, "civilizationist" identification is in the foreground of many nationalist, racist, often white supremacist narratives. Such approaches to identification extract concepts and mechanisms from earlier nationalist projects and feed them into the larger narratives of civilizationism taking hold today. While doing so, they tend to reproduce a racialized approach to history, art, literature, material culture, and demography. This talk will address the broader implications of "civilizationism" with a historicist approach.

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