

# SCANDINAVIAN LECTURE SERIES

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## **Nationalism in Contemporary Nation States: Imagined Political and Cultural Community**

**Thursday, March 3, 9:30 am**

***Indiana Memorial Union, Persimmon Suite***

This lecture describes how the inhabitants of contemporary nation states think about nationhood along Kohn's classic distinction between "civic" and "ethnic" nationalism. The lecture establishes a conceptual framework that facilitates the interpretation of the two-dimensional structure found in empirical studies of public attitudes. The presentation is based on three rounds of ISSP data (International Social Survey Program) on national identity, which enables analyses across 44 countries and across two decades. It is argued that the distinction between "civic" and "ethnic" nationalism, if applied in a two-dimensional manner, is (still) relevant. In the North-western European countries, republican stories of nationhood (still) dominate, whereas national conservative stories of nationhood (still) dominate in Eastern Europe. However, there are also countries with an overweight of national liberals, e.g. the US, and an overweight of de-constructivists, e.g. Japan, which calls for an adjustment of Kohn's original framework.

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