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The European Union faces a great challenge: nationalism. In the view of many citizens, the European project has become a shallow idea. Many seem to associate the EU with an overly large number of bureaucrats and a lack of democracy, and see it as a weak organization that fails to improve their lives. They claim that their voice is not really being heard by the EU; they feel disrespected or left behind, and, therefore, cry for respect. Similar attitudes are held by secessionists, such as those in Catalonia or Scotland, towards their home states.

We think that such attitudes are a major motivation to support nationalistic parties and movements. But how does nationalism promise to satisfy the cry for respect? What role do the above-mentioned attitudes play in various forms of nationalism, and how do they affect arguments about the pros and cons, as well as the foundations and limits, of a transnational project such as the European Union? How do these attitudes affect, undermine, or perhaps even support rational political discourse or the “public use of reason” (Kant)?

The conference aims to answer these questions by bringing together leading experts in philosophy, politics, social science, law, and media, so as to integrate state-of-the-art theories of emotions, reasoning and rationality, and approaches to nationalism.

Confirmed speakers:

Robert Audi (Philosophy, University of Notre Dame)

Sabine Döring (Philosophy, Tübingen University)

Teresa Marques (Philosophy, University of Barcelona)

David Miller (Social & Political Theory, University of Oxford)

Christian von Scheve (Sociology, Freie Universität Berlin)

Achim Stephan (Philosophy, Osnabrück University)

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Pierre Thielbörger (Law, Ruhr University Bochum)

Tanja Thomas (Media Studies, Tübingen University)
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