

# BÖRRIES KUZMANY: AN INTELLECTUAL AND POLITICAL HISTORY OF NON-TERRITORIAL AUTONOMY - OR, WHAT MORAVIA, UKRAINE AND ESTONIA HAVE IN COMMON

The lecture explores the idea and political practice of non-territorial autonomy in European history. Non-territorial autonomy is a concept to deal with national diversity within states. The paper explores developments in the Habsburg Monarchy and in Russia - analyzes transfer processes and relates them to the idea and practice in the interwar period. Between the revolution of 1848 and the beginning of the Second World War, non-territorial autonomy proved to be an extremely flexible instrument. It was able to adapt to different political and ideological conditions and yet always retained the two basic parameters - namely a national group as a legal entity and the self-administration of certain areas of responsibility. In my presentation, I will point in particular to the Moravian part of this story, as the national compromise (Moravské vyrovnání) of 1905 contained many elements of non-territorial autonomy. The talk is based on my recent monograph *Vom Umgang mit nationaler Vielfalt. Eine Geschichte der nicht-territorialen Autonomie in Europa* ([Link to the book](#)) and is the synthesis of the ERC project [Non-Territorial Autonomy. History of a Travelling Idea](#).

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