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The Relative Geography of Identity Formation:

The Dynamics of Periphery and Centrality in European Integration Processes

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This lecture considers the inevitability of the reference to the significant Others in the formation of the imagined community of Europeans. Dwelling upon the dynamics of periphery and centrality in European integration it presents a perspective on European identity construction through such powerful sources as historical and political antagonism. Prof. Stoicheva argues that some of the fault lines in the contemporary European integration process (the Visegrad group, migration policy, Eastern Europe) are representations of old or newly crystalized identity threats and conflicts, which could erode the perception of the European unification as a powerful instrument for security enhancement and security guarantee.

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