

Dear Colleagues,

What a fantastic 29th Conference of the Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism! For the first time ever, the ASEN conference was held at the University of Edinburgh, the home of our first branch.

We examined a variety of themes, including but not limited to the destruction of empires and the construction of new nation-states, nationalism and opposition to the League of Nations, the impact of national self-determination on inter-war empires, and the perception that national identity is a precondition of statehood.

We were lucky to have Ceren Şengül and Eirik Magnus Fuglestad, both University of Edinburgh PhD alums, present their recently published books, *Customized Forms of Kurdishness in Turkey: State Rhetoric, Locality, and Language Use* and *Private Property and the Origins of Nationalism in the United States and Norway: The Making of Propertied Communities*, respectively.

We broke tradition again by having three plenaries over the course of two days. James Kennedy and Liliana Riga kicked off the conference Wednesday morning with “There and back again: America’s 1919 delegation return to Paris.” Having flown in from Queen’s University, Professor Margaret Moore delivered a stimulating lecture on territorial rights and nationalism Thursday morning. Our final plenary was Mattias Zachmann, from Freie Universität Berlin, speaking about Asian Perspectives on the Paris Peace Conference.

Eric Weitz opened the ASEN conference by delivering the Ernest Gellner Lecture at the Playfair Library Tuesday night, and closed the conference by contributing to our roundtable discussion along with John Hall and Jonathan Hearn Thursday evening.

On behalf of the entire ASEN conference team, we would like to thank all of our participants, speakers, panel chairs, and MSc volunteers for a fantastic conference!

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