Using Maps in a Region of Conflicts: The Caucasus

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Maps are one of the main tools used by governments and other nation-engineers who try to construct new national identities. In the Caucasus, where the process of nation-building has been active since the late 1980s, maps help the key players to mobilize public opinion. They feature in all kind of media – newspapers, TV shows, schools, textbooks, political pamphlets and advertising. Since the Caucasus as a whole is one of the hot-spot of Eurasia, maps are involved in a kind of competition: the battle of maps. This seminar will present this battle of maps and discuss its wider implications for shaping nation-building and political decision-making in the North and South Caucasus.

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