In the 19th century, many states have initiated a process of nation-building. This included many aspects but perhaps the most primarily, borders, national space and citizenship. The vague borders of the imperial states had been replaced by more stable national borders, while collectivization of the decision-making and governance bodies brought the concept of belonging to a nation. People of various backgrounds, sometimes regardless of their ethnic or religious roots were brought under the banner of one nation, turning into citizens rather than denizens.

In this week's **TODAY TALKS** we will be discussing the process of nation-building, significance of borders, nations and citizens in today's society. We will be evaluating questions regarding the minorities, group identities, diaspora identity and how all this affect the urban culture in modern states. Come join us for an evening of discussion.