This talk explores the meanings and uses of the terms “the East,” “Europe,” and “the West” in the development of nationalism in modern Greece. It discusses the pursuit of the support of the five European “Great Powers” before the Greek Revolution of 1821. It traces connections to classical antiquity and explores how images of Europe/the West evolved during the Bavarian period (1832-1862). The talk also addresses the narrative of the European “civilizing mission” and its appropriations in Greek national ideology. In addition, the talk examines a complex set of “anti-western” ideas in early 20th-century Greece. The analysis focuses on how debates about the East and the West relate to the formation of national identity and the development of national politics and aspirations in modern Greece.

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