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Chapter review

Brubaker, Rogers 1996: Rethinking nationhood and nationalism. In: Rogers Brubaker, Nationalism Reframed. Nationhood and the national question in the New Europe. Cambridge University Press, 13-22

In this chapter, as I see it, Brubaker deals with few topics interesting and relevant for my work who's are basic notions in theories on collectivities and collective identities. One of those topics is nation and its various manifestations (nation-building, nationhood, nationnes, nationalism) in social practice. Brubaker gives an elementary overview on problems of theory and topics he'll try to explore in his book which, he thinks, are not brought to some satisfying scientific level.

Soviet Union and Yugoslavia are good examples for his work on *Rethinking nationhood* in matter of opposite processes in Western Europe where national states lose supremacy and Eastern and Central Europe (or better, ex communist states) where national state was born again. That comparative approach is not given in this chapter but whole book is colored by post communist nationalisms.

Event is important historical fact for Brubaker's theory about nationalism and its regeneration and its life. As a Martin Salhins and Brubaker thinks that we deal with return of the event, speaking about humanistic and social science. Eventness and event are anyway interesting for researchers because of their density. That density is full of symbolism, narrations, emotions and it can be crucial for constructing of collective identity. Sometime event can be so strong that it can breaks solid structures of social life and society.