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will speak on

The End of Modern Statehood? Globalization and the Nation-State

at the German Historical Institute, Seminar Room
on Thursday, 27 November 2014, at 5.30 p.m.

Globalization seems to be threatening the most successful form of modern statehood: the nation-state. The political autonomy of national governments and the capacity for self-government of national societies seem to be waning in a world of growing global cultural and economic interrelations. This lecture will examine such diagnoses from a historical perspective. It will argue that modern statehood has developed in response to globalization since the nineteenth century; the nation-state is neither static nor self-contained. Rather, it is a product as well as an actor of globalization. Therefore globalization is responsible for the nation-state's genesis as much as for its current transformation.

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This lecture will be held at 5.30 p.m. in the Seminar Room of the German Historical Institute, 17 Bloomsbury Square, LONDON WC1A 2NJ.

Tea is served from 5.00 p.m. in the Common Room, and wine is available afterwards.

Guided tours of the Library are available one hour before the lecture.