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Locals into Poles and Germans: National Identities in the Making in Upper Silesia, 1870s-1930s

ALL WELCOME

We already know a good deal about how national identity emerged among political elites and people from the upper and middle classes. But we don't yet know much about how a sense of belonging to a national community was spread among 'common people' and adopted by them. This paper will take a micro-historical, actor-centred approach to analyse the influence of nationalism and demonstrate how 'modernization' established itself at the local level and in the everyday life of local people at the turn of the century during a period of a dramatic social transition in East-Central Europe.