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Concepts such as identity, nationality, and minority are continually examined and redefined, particularly in a world of increasing globalization. Yet these seemingly post-modern issues have existed for centuries. Concentrated within the European continent, interactions between ethnicity, nationality, and minority were inevitable in the age of the Hapsburg Empire.

The goal of this conference is to examine the connections between minority and identity within and around the Hapsburg Empire. This includes their influence on the Compromise of 1867 and the subsequent creation of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, as well as the political and sectarian dissonance which laid the groundwork for WWI. As a further goal, we seek to understand the ramifications of minority – identity in our post-modern world.

Finally, we hope this conference will be an informative and thought-provoking contribution to the relationship between the United States and Austria.
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