

Southeastern Europe Prelim
February 2009

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3. What is the significance of the backwardness paradigm in the theorization of South-Eastern European development in general and nationalism in particular?
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Preliminary exam in Eastern Europe for
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5. Analyze the causes for Yugoslav disintegration and assess the general repercussions for the Balkan region.