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Nation Building Online: A Case Study of Kurdish Migrants in Germany

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The paper gives evidence as to how the internet is being used to create and maintain a virtual nationalism. Us-ing the example of Kurdish migrants the paper shows how Kurdish migrants, who are dispersed all over the world, not only use the internet to connect and discuss Kurdish issues, but to create the institutions for a vir-tual nation Kurdistan. The underlying question hereby is, whether or not this can be seen as the basis for the development of Kurdish nation state and how online this development influences international political be-haviour regarding Kurdish claims.

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