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aspects of the internationalization of mathematics in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.*

The development of mathematics during the late 19th and early 20th centuries is marked by a newfound drive and commitment to so-called “international” activity, be it through publishing in international journals, participating in international congresses, or less formal forms of communication and cooperation between representatives of different nations. In this talk, we focus on the roots of these behaviours, the reasons for which they were considered important and beneficial, and even the notion of international itself. In particular, we link these themes to broader discourses of civilization and nation-building, to the idea of the “peaceful competition” between peoples and nations and the power this engendered, and the deeply nationalistic, almost warlike character of some international exchanges themselves, undergone in the effort to cultivate and project a particular identity of mathematics to foreign contemporaries. (Received September 21, 2015)