

Spring 2005, Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict
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Mondays

This course is a discussion seminar. The course will focus on ways to understand nationalism and ethnic identification and the conflict that they sometimes stimulate. Readings will be from varied perspectives.

Course assignments are a term paper of no more than 25 pages and two papers of no more than 5 pages each, double-spaced, on any topic suitable for a particular session. The term paper should be written as a research paper as though for part of a dissertation or for publication. It should therefore not merely tell what some author has said but should contribute to the debate, for example by examining a case or putting forth an explanation of some class of cases. We will set aside time to discuss drafts of papers during the final three sessions of the seminar. The short papers are intended to help spur class discussion and each paper must therefore be submitted at the time of the session for which it is written. Ideally, many of the short papers would bring the readings and arguments to bear on specific cases, historical and contemporary.

Books ordered for the course:

Indispensable:

Benedict Anderson, Imagined Communities (Verso, 1991, revised edition)

Isaiah Berlin, The Crooked Timber of Humanity (Vintage, 1992)

Eric Hobsbawm, Nations and Nationalism since 1870 (Cambridge, 1992, 2nd edition)

Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Pandaemonium: Ethnicity in International Politics (Oxford, 1993)

Yael Tamir, Liberal Nationalism (Princeton, 1993)

Recommended:

Russell Hardin, One for All (Princeton, 1995)

David A. Hollinger, Postethnic America: Beyond Multiculturalism (Basic Books, 1995)

Will Kymlicka, Liberalism, Community, and Culture (Oxford, 1989)

Reading Assignments:

Week 1. Overview and Outline of issues

Week 2. Hobbesian Political Order and Liberalism

Thomas Hobbes, Leviathan, chapters 13-15 (Penguin edition, pp. 183-217)

Russell Hardin, "Hobbesian Political Order," Political Theory 19 (May 1991): 156-180

Russell Hardin, Liberalism, Constitutionalism, and Democracy (Oxford University Press, 1999), chapter 7, "Democracy on the Margin"

Hobsbawm, Nations and Nationalism, pp. 1-45

Week 3. European visions I

E. H. Carr, Nationalism and After (London: Macmillan, 1945), pp. 1-34

Berlin, The Crooked Timber of Humanity, pp. 1-90, 207-237 (these essays are repetitive in part, so you may skim some passages)

Spring 2005, Nationalism , Russell Hardin, p. 2

Week 4. European visions II

Eugen Weber, Peasants into Frenchmen: The Modernization of Rural France, 1870-1914 (Stanford, 1979), pp.

Ernest Gellner, "Nationalism and the Two Forms of Cohesion in Complex Societies," in Gellner, Culture, Identity, and Politics (Cambridge, 1987), pp.

Damian Tambini, "Explaining Monoculturalism: Beyond Gellner's Theory of Nationalism," Critical Review 10 (Spring 1996): 251-270

Week 5. Imagined communities I

Anderson, Imagined Communities, pp. 1-111

Hardin, One for All, pp. 3-17

Week 6. Imagined communities II

Anderson, Imagined Communities, pp. 113-206

Berlin, The Crooked Timber of Humanity, pp. 238-261

Week 7. Liberal nationalism I

Tamir, Liberal Nationalism, pp. 3-94

Week 8. Liberal nationalism II

Tamir, Liberal Nationalism, pp. 95-167

Bernard Yack, "The Myth of the Civic Nation," Critical Review 10 (Spring 1996): 193-211

Nicholas Xenos, "Civic Nationalism: Oxymoron?" Critical Review 10 (Spring 1996): 213-231

Week 9. Minority cultures

Kymlicka, Multicultural Citizenship, pp. 1-48, 107-195, skim 49-106

OR: Kymlicka, Liberalism, Community, and Culture, pp. 135-219, 245-258

Week 10. Ethnic nationalism I

Hardin, One for All, chapters 3, 4 (skim if short of time), 6

Hobsbawm, Nations and Nationalism, pp. 46-100, 161-183

Week 11. Ethnic nationalism II

Moynihan, Pandaemonium, pp. 1-106, 143-174

Week 12. Multicultural societies and Cases I

Michael Walzer, "Pluralism: A Political Perspective," in Stephen A. Thernstrom, ed.,

Harvard Encyclopedia of American Ethnic Groups (Harvard, 1980), pp. 781-787

(This Encyclopedia is a useful source in general)

Hollinger, Postethnic America, pp. 79-172

Week 13. Sovereignty and Cases II

Week 14. Intervention and Cases III
PAPERS DUE