Spring 2007, Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict, V53.0150  Mondays and Wednesdays 2:00-3:15
Russell Hardin

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 (all in paperback):

Indispensable:
Ian Buruma and Avishai Margalit, *Occidentalism* (Penguin, paperback)

Another useful book that is too expensive to buy unless you find a used copy on the web is:

Reading Assignments:

17 Jan.: Overview and Outline of issues

22-24 Jan.: Hobbesian Political Order and Liberalism
   Hobsbawm, *Nations and Nationalism*, pp. 1-45

29-31 Jan.: European visions I
Spring 1998, Nationalism, Russell Hardin, p. 2

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

5-7 Feb.: European visions II

12-14 Feb.: Imagined communities I
Anderson, Imagined Communities, pp. 1-111
Hardin, One for All, pp. 3-17

19-21 Feb.: Imagined communities II
Anderson, Imagined Communities, pp. 113-206
Berlin, The Crooked Timber of Humanity, pp. 238-261

26-28 Feb.: Liberal nationalism I
Tamir, Liberal Nationalism, pp. 3-94

5-7 Mar.: Liberal nationalism II
Tamir, Liberal Nationalism, pp. 95-167

12-16 Mar.: SPRING BREAK

19-21 Mar.: Indigenous minority cultures
Kymlicka, Liberalism, Community, and Culture, pp. 135-219, 245-258

26-28 Mar: Ethnic nationalism
Hardin, One for All, chapters 3, 4 (skim if short of time), 6
Hobsbawm, Nations and Nationalism, pp. 46-100, 161-183
Recommended if you can find the book:
Moynihan, Pandaemonium, pp. 1-106, 143-174

2-4 Apr.: Evolution of Ethnic and Religious Groups
Hirschman, Exit, Voice, and Loyalty, entire short book

9-11 Apr.: Multicultural societies and Cases I
(This Encyclopedia is a useful source in general)
Hollinger, Postethnic America, pp. 79-172

16-18 Apr.: Multicultural societies and Cases II
        Buruma and Margalit, Occidentalism, entire (short) book; and cases II

23 Apr. (NO CLASS 25 Apr.): Intervention and Cases III
        Buruma, Murder in Amsterdam, pp. 1-35
        Hardin, “Politics without Compromise: Immigrant Terrorism” (to be distributed in class)

30 Apr. & 2 May: PRESENTATIONS

8 May: PAPERS DUE