Spring 2005, Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict  Mondays
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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)
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)

Reading Assignments:

Week 1. Overview and Outline of issues

Week 2. Hobbesian Political Order and Liberalism
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
Berlin, The Crooked Timber of Humanity, pp. 1-90, 207-237 (these essays are repetitive in part, so you may skim some passages)
Week 4. European visions II

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

Week 7. Liberal nationalism I
- Tamir, *Liberal Nationalism*, pp. 3-94

Week 8. Liberal nationalism II
- Tamir, *Liberal Nationalism*, pp. 95-167

Week 9. Minority cultures
- 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

Week 12. Multicultural societies and Cases I
- Hollinger, *Postethnic America*, pp. 79-172

Week 13. Sovereignty and Cases II
Week 14. Intervention and Cases III
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