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Gavett 208

Identity, Ethnicity and Nationalism

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Course Description

This course explores the concepts of identity, ethnicity and nationalism from a comparative perspective. Drawing upon theories from political science, anthropology, sociology and economics, we will examine how identity is defined and how societies use these constructions for, among other things, nation-building, welfare distribution and economic development. Theoretical readings will be supplemented with empirical studies from developed and developing countries across different time periods.

Course Requirements

Students are expected to attend lectures every Tuesday and Thursday and keep up with the readings. Lectures will be interspersed with discussions of the readings. Regular, active and informed participation is expected. There are three in-class midterms during the semester. Plan your schedule accordingly as NO make-up exams will be given for the midterms. There is no final exam.

Grading for the course will be determined as follows:

Midterm I:	30%
Midterm II:	35%
Midterm III:	35%

Readings

In this course, we will read a combination of books, book chapters and journal articles. The books are available for purchase at the Bookstore or, alternatively, are on

reserve at Rush Rhees Library. Journal articles and chapters in edited volumes are accessible through Blackboard.

Texts available for purchase at the Bookstore

Brubaker, Rogers. Citizenship and Nationhood in France and Germany. Cambridge: Harvard UP, 1992.

Crnobrnja, Mihailo. The Yugoslav Drama. Montreal: McGill-Queen's UP, 1996.

Hutchinson, John and Anthony D. Smith (eds). Ethnicity. Oxford: Oxford UP, 1996
(referred to in the syllabus as the *Ethnicity Reader*)

Hutchinson, John and Anthony D. Smith (eds). Nationalism. Oxford: Oxford UP, 1994
(Referred to in the syllabus as the *Nationalism Reader*)

Waters, Mary. Ethnic Options. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1990.

January 14: Course Introduction

Ethnicity Reader, Chapter 4 (Eriksen).

SECTION I: ETHNICITY

January 19 and 21: What is Ethnicity and Ethnic Identity? Primordialist and Constructivist Approaches to Ethnic Identity

Ethnicity Reader, Chapter 5 (Weber), Chapter 6 (Geertz), Chapter 12 (Barth), Chapter 7 (Eller and Coughlin) and Chapter 9 (Van den Berghe).

“Cumulative Findings in the Study of Ethnic Politics.” Symposium in APSA-CP, Winter 2001. Essays by Chandra, Wilkinson and Van Evera.

January 26 and 28: Variations on Ethnic Constructivism

Anderson, Benedict, Imagined Communities. London: Verso, 1983. pages 1-65.

Ethnicity Reader, Chapter 15 (Hechter).

Bates, Robert H. "Modernization, Ethnic Competition and the Rationality of Politics in Contemporary Africa." In State versus Ethnic Claims: African Policy Dilemmas. Eds. Donald Rothchild and Victor Olorunsola. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1983. 152-171.

Trevor-Roper, Hugh. "The Invention of Tradition: The Highland Tradition of Scotland." In The Invention of Tradition. Eds. Eric Hobsbawm and Terence Ranger. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 1983.

February 2 and 4: Variations on Ethnic Constructivism II

Laitin, David. "Hegemony and Religious Conflict." In Bringing the State Back In. Ed. R.B. Evans, D. Rueschmeyer, and T. Skocpol. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 1985. 285-316.

Posner, Daniel. "The Political Salience of Cultural Difference: Why Chewas and Tumbukas Are Allies in Zambia and Adversaries in Malawi." American Political Science Review. 98.4 (2004): 529-545.

Waters, Mary. Ethnic Options. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1990. Chapters 1-3.

February 9: Is Ethnicity a Special Identity?

Hale, Henry. "Explaining Ethnicity." Comparative Political Studies. 37.4 (2004): 458-485.

Htun, Mala. "Is Gender like Ethnicity? The Political Representation of Identity Groups." Perspectives in Politics. 2.3(2004): 439-458.

SECTION II: NATIONALISM

February 11: What is Nationalism? How Does it Differ From Ethnic Pride?

Nationalism Reader. Chapter 1 (Renan), Chapter 2 (Lenin), Chapter 3 (Weber)

February 16 and 18: Approaches to Nationalism

Nationalism Reader. Chapter 8 (Kedourie), Chapters 9 and 10 (Gellner), Chapter 11 (Nairn), Chapter 12 (Hobsbawm).

Lenin, V.I. The Right of Nations to Self-Determination: Select Writings. New York: International Publishers, 1951. pp 65-85.

February 23 and 25: Citizenship as a Determinant of Nationalism?

Brubaker, Rogers. Citizenship and Nationhood in France and Germany. Cambridge: Harvard UP, 1992. Entire.

Weber, Eugen. Peasants into Frenchmen. Palo Alto: Stanford UP, 1976. pp. 95-114.

March 2: Review for Midterm

No additional reading

March 4: In-class Midterm I

SPRING BREAK: No class March 9 and 11

SECTION III: ETHNICITY AND NATIONALISM AS INDEPENDENT VARIABLES

March 16 and 18: Ethnic War

Crnobrnja, Mihailo. The Yugoslav Drama. Montreal: McGill-Queen's UP, 1996. pp. 15-127; 141-188.

Ignatieff, Michael. Blood and Belonging. New York: Viking, 1993. pp. 19-56.

March 23 and 25: Nationalist War

Parsons, Michael. The Falklands War. Sutton Publishing, 2000. Entire.

Cutts Dougherty, Katharine, Margaret Eisenhart and Paul Webley. "The Role of Social Representations and National Identities in the Development of Territorial Knowledge: A Study of Political Socialization in Argentina and England." American Educational Research Journal. 29.4(1992): 809-835.

March 30 and April 1: Governmental Systems and State Structure

Lijphart, Arend. Democracy in Plural Societies. New Haven: Yale UP, 1977: Chapters 1 and 2.

Ethnicity Reader. Chapter 55 (Smooha and Hanf) and Chapter 56 (McGarry and O'Leary)

Zariski, Raphael. "Ethnic Extremism among Ethnoterritorial Minorities in Western Europe; Dimensions, Causes and Institutional Responses." Comparative Politics. 21.3(April 1989): 253-272.

Horowitz, Donald L. Ethnic Groups in Conflict. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1985. Chapter 6.

April 6: In-class Midterm II

April 8 and 13: Party Politics and Ethnic Parties

Neto, Octavio and Gary Cox. "Electoral Institutions, Cleavage Structures and the Number of Parties." American Journal of Political Science. 41.1(1997): 149-174.

Horowitz, Donald L. Ethnic Groups in Conflict. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1985. Chapters 7 and 8.

Gourevitch, Peter. "The Re-emergence of 'Peripheral Nationalisms': Some Comparative Speculations on the Spatial Distribution of Political Leadership and Economic Growth." Comparative Studies in Society and History. 21.3 (July 1979). 303-322.

April 15 and 20: Party Politics and "Nationalist Parties"

Kitschelt, Herbert. The Radical Right in Western Europe. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan, 1995. 1-45.

Golder, Matthew. "Explaining Variation in the Success of Extreme Right Parties in Western Europe." Comparative Political Studies. 36 (2003): 432-466.

Meguid, Bonnie M. *Party Competition between Unequals: Strategies and Electoral Fortunes in Western Europe*. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2008. Chapters 2 and 6.

SECTION IV: THE END OF ETHNIC IDENTITY AND NATIONALISM?

April 22: Multiculturalism, Globalization and Post-nationalism

Kymlicka, Will. "Immigrant Integration and Minority Nationalism." In Minority Nationalism and the Changing International Order. Eds. Keating and McGarry. Oxford: Oxford UP, 2001. pp. 61-83.

Laitin, David. "National Identities in the European State." In Minority Nationalism and the Changing International Order. Eds. Keating and McGarry. Oxford: Oxford UP, 2001. pp. 84-113.

Van Houten, Pieter. "Globalization and Demands for Regional Autonomy in Europe." In Governance in a Global Economy. Ed. Kahler and Lake. Princeton: Princeton UP, 2003. 110-135.

April 27: In-class Midterm III

Note: There is no cumulative final exam.