University of Rochester – Political Science 267 Spring 2010 Tuesday/Thursday 2-3:15pm 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 II: 30% Midterm III: 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

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

Brubaker, Rogers. <u>Citizenship and Nationhood in France and Germany</u>. 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. <u>The Yugoslav Drama</u>. Montreal: McGill-Queen's UP, 1996. pp. 15-127; 141-188.

Ignatieff, Michael. Blood and Belonging. New York: Viki2d(V) -0.2 (i) 0.2 (ki) 0.2 (o 200 0 0 .06 511961

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." <u>Comparative Politics</u>. 21.3(April 1989): 253-272.

Horowitz, Donald L. <u>Ethnic Groups in Conflict</u>. 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. <u>Ethnic Groups in Conflict</u>. 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 (July1979). 303-322.

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