

University of Rochester – PSC/IR 267
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Tuesday/Thursday 2-3:15pm
CSB 209

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. Reading and lecture attendance 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:	40%
Midterm II:	30%
Midterm III:	30%

Readings

In this course, we will read a combination of books, book chapters and journal

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

Texts available for purchase at the Bookstore

~~Richard Rorty, *Contingency, Irony, and Solidarity*. Cambridge: Harvard UP, 1989.~~
B. L. Cohen, *Reason and Nationalism in France and Germany*. Cambridge: Harvard UP, 1992.

~~Christina Michéle, *The Yugoslav Drama*. Montreal: McGill-Queen's UP, 1996.~~
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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 17: Course Introduction

Ethnicity Reader, Chapter 4 (Eriksen).

SECTION I: ETHNICITY

~~January 22 and 23 and 24~~ **January 22 and 23 and 24: 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).

"Comparative Findings in the Study of Ethnic Politics" Symposium in APSA-CP, Winter 2001. Essays by Chandra, Wilkinson and others.

January 29 and 31: Variations on Ethnic Constructivism

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

Ethnicity Reader, Chapter 12 (Weber)

Dates, Robert H. "The Invention of Tradition, 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 5 and 7: Variations on Ethnic Constructivism II

Jafin, David. "Hegemony and Religious Conflict." In *Bringing the State Back In*. Ed. K.B. Evans, D. Kuehnlewey, and R. Kuehnlewey. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 1985. 285-316.

Fosner, Daniel. "The Political Salience of Cultural Differences: 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 12: Is Ethnicity a Special Identity?

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

SECTION II: NATIONALISM

February 14: What is Nationalism? How Does it Differ From Ethnic Pride?

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

February 19 and 21: 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 26 and 28: Citizenship as a Determinant of Nationalism?

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

March 5: Review for Midterm

No additional reading

~~March 7: In-Class Midterm I. Remember there are no make ups, so please make your spring break plans accordingly!~~

SPRING BREAK: No class March 12 and 14

SECTION III: ETHNICITY AND NATIONALISM AS INDEPENDENT VARIABLES

March 19 and 21: Ethnic War

~~Cohen, Michael. The Yugoslav Drama. Princeton: Princeton UP, 1998. pp. 127-141-188.~~

March 26, 28 and April 2: Nationalist War

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

~~Curtis Dougherty, Kana'ine, Margaret Eisenhart and Paul Webber. "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.~~

~~Chapter 10: Civil Systems and State Structure~~

~~Lijphart, Arend. Democracy in Plural Societies. New Haven: Yale UP, 1977. pp. 150-160~~

~~Chapter 5: Democracy, Chapter 55 (Smacha and Hant) and Chapter 25 (Civic Party and O'Leary)~~

Chandra, Kanchan. 2005. "Ethnic parties and democratic stability." *Perspectives on Politics* 3(2): 235-252.

April 11: In-class Midterm II

April 16 and 18: Party Politics and Ethnic Parties

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

Meguid, Bonnie M. Party Competition between Unequals: Strategies and Electoral Fortunes in Western Europe. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2008. Chapters 2 and 7.

Van Houten, Pieter. "Globalization and Demands for Regional Autonomy in Europe" In Governance in a Global Economy. Ed. Pieter Van Houten. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2008. 110-135.

April 23 and 25: Party Politics and "Nationalist Parties"

Ignazi, P. "The Silent Counter-Revolution." European Journal of Political Research 22(1992): 3-34.

Kitschelt, Herbert. "The Radical Right in Western Europe." West European Politics and Society. University of Michigan, 1995. 1-45.

Meguid, Bonnie M. Party Competition between Unequals: Strategies and Electoral Fortunes in Western Europe. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2008. Chapters 1 and 6.

April 29: In-class Midterm III

Note: There is no cumulative final exam.