

University of Rochester – PSC/IR 267
Fall 2017
Monday/Wednesday 2-3:15pm
Bausch & Lomb 106

Identity, Ethnicity and Nationalism

Professor Meguid

Readings

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

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

September 13, 18 and 20 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.

September 25 and 27 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.

October 2 and 4 Is Ethnicity a Special Identity?

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

NB: no class October (Fall break)

SECTION II: NATIONALISM

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

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

October 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.

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

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

October 30: Review for Midterm
No additional reading

November 1: In-class Midterm .

SECTION III: ETHNICITY AND NATIONALISM AS INDEPENDENT VARIABLES

November 6, 8, 13 and 15: Ethnic War

Glenny, Misha. The Balkans: Nationalism, War, and the Great Powers 1804-2011. London: Penguin, 2012. Map before Introduction (The Balkans, 1945-89, and The Former Yugoslavia, 1999), Chapter 9 (pp. 634-662)

Novic, Sara. Girl at War. New York: Random House, 2016. Entire

November 20, 27 and 29: 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.

NB: no class Wednesday, November 22

December 4 Governmental Systems and State Structure

Lijphart, Arend. 2004. "Constitutional design for divided societies." Journal of Democracy 15(2): 96-109.

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

December 6 11 and 13: Ethnicity, Nationalism and Party Politics

Meguid, Bonnie M. Party Competition between Unequals: Strategies and Electoral Fortunes in Western Europe Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2008. Chapters 2, 6 and 7.

*****Note: There is a cumulative final exam. See Registrar's website for date and time.***