PSC/IR 252: Ethnic Politics

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Tuesdays, 2-4:40
Online

This course takes up three questions: What is ethnicity and when is it politically important? How does ethnic politics matter for economic outcomes? What is the relationship between ethnic politics and political violence?

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Course Requirements

1. **Requirements for the W section and regular section of the class are the same.**

2. Students should complete all assigned reading before coming to class. Readings are available through links in the syllabus.

3. There are 5 short writing assignments, all less than 5 pages and typically 2 to 3 pages. Each is worth 12% of the final grade.

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7. Barring extraordinary circumstances, late work will be marked down a third of a grade (e.g., A to A-) for each 24 hour period after it is due. Thus, if an assignment is turned in any time during the first 24 hours after it is due, it is penalized a third of a grade. Any assignment not turned in within a week of the due date will automatically receive a zero.

Regrading

If a student wishes to challenge the grade assigned to all or part of an assignment, the following steps must be taken:

1. Email the professor a request for a re-grade (see below) within 1 week of the assignment being returned to the class.

2. A request for a re-grade must explain which aspect(s) of the grading rubric the student be-

Nunn, Nathan. 2008. "The Long-term Effects of Africa's Slave Trades." *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 123(1): 139–176. **Sections IV and V are optional.** (22 pages) https://scholar.harvard.edu/files/nunn/files/empirical_slavery.pdf

Mar 9: Ethnic politics in settler-founded states: Ex-land colonies

Tavan, Gwenda. 2004. "The dismantling of the White Australia policy: elite conspiracy or will of the Australian people?" *Australian Journal of Political Science* 39(1): 109-125. https://www.dropbox.com/s/ey9czk4v7g5kh6v/Tavan2004.pdf?dl=0 (16 pages)

Wong, Cara J. 2010. *Boundaries of obligation in American politics: Geographic, national, and racial communities.* Cambridge University Press. Pp. 1-17, Chapter 4. https://www.dropbox.com/s/gghb7mr0igdcyhf/Wong2010.pdf?dl=0 (58 pages)

Mar 16: Ethnic politics in settler-founded states: Ex-labor colonies

Wade, Peter. 2010. "Blacks and Indigenous People in Latin America." In *Race and EthnicityLat38 Lat39 An*

Apr 6: Ethnic politics in post-imperial countries

Raleigh, Clionadh and Daniel Wigmore-Shepherd. 2020. "Elite Coalitions and Power Balance across African Regimes: Introducing the African Cabinet and Political Elite Data Project (ACPED)." *Ethnopolitics*, forthcoming. http://doi.org/10.1080/17449057.2020.1771840 (27 pages)

Reny, Marie-Eve. 2020. "Myanmar's Transition and the Resurgence of Buddhist Nationalism: How Incumbents Seek to Hold on to Power." *Asian Survey* 60(6): 1072–1089. https://www.dropbox.com/s/m6foq23eb49xw07/Reny.pdf?dl=0 (17 pages)

Grzymala-Busse, Anna and Dan Slater. 2018. "Making Godly Nations: Church-State Pathways in Poland and the Philippines." *Comparative Politics* 50(4): 545-564. https://www.dropbox.com/s/zthsw5fl2dpp3ei/GB_Slater.pdf?dl=0 (20 pages)

Part I: Ethnic politics and political outcomes

Apr 13: Ethnic diversity and economic outcomes

Miguel, Edward. 2004. "Tribe or nation? Nation building and public goods in Kenya versus Tanzania." *World Politics* 56(3): 327-362. www.jstor.org/stable/25054263 (36 pages)

Ottaviano, Gianmarco I. P. and Giovanni Peri. 2006. "The economic value of cultural diversity: Evidence from US cities." *Journal of Economic Geography* 6(1): 9-44. https://doi.org/10.1093/jeg/lbi002 *Sections 4 and 5 are optional.* (11 pages)

Lee, Alexander. 2018. "Ethnic Diversity and Ethnic Discrimination: Explaining Local Public Goods Provision." *Comparative Political Studies* 51(10): 1351-1383. https://www.dropbox.com/s/1t85i4x1gr2t6wn/Lee2018_CPS.pdf?dl=0 (33 pages)

Apr 20: Migration and nativism

Rafeala Dancygier. 2007. "Immigration and the Institutionalization of Xenophobia in France," in *Racism, Xenophobia, and Distribution*

Straus, Scott. *Making and Unmaking Nations: War, Leadership, and Genocide in Modern Africa.* Pp. 59–79, 205–231.