

University of Rochester PSC/IR267  
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Monday/Wednesday 2-3:15pm  
Goergen 108

## Identity, Ethnicity and Nationalism

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### 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

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)

Meguid, Bonnie M. Party Competition between Unequals: Strategies and Electoral Fortunes in Western Europe. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2008.  
(available as reserve at Rush Rhees).

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

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

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This course follows the College credit hour policy for credit courses. This course meets twice weekly for 3 academic hours per week. This course also includes independent out-of-class assignments for 50 m6 (r)3 (e)4.48 Tm [(W ( as60p0 (e)4 (r)(ce 8 Tm [(Wm [(Wk1 (. )-1

### Disability Resources

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### SECTION I: ETHNICITY

January 17 and 22: Course Introduction and What is Ethnicity and Ethnic Identity (1) pp-2 (2-4) (1)

January 31 and February 5: Variations on Ethnic Constructivism II

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

<https://rochester.box.com/s/t7hs4tnze7rp9q81oyn4o690qsfkuehz>

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): 525-545.

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Water

For the independent ~~out~~-class assignment: Read the NY Times, Wall Street Journal or Washington Post for 50 minutes this week, focusing on articles about national identity.

*No class on February 26: Professor Meguid is away*

February 28 and March 4 and 6: Citizenship as a Determinant of Nationalism?

Shevel, Oxana. "The Politics of Citizenship Policy in New States." *Comparative Politics* 41.3(2009): 273-91.

<https://rochester.box.com/s/9p6u5dz18ybrj6g92q6azx3bx53gxcdl>

Howard, Marc Morjé "The Impact of the Far Right on Citizenship Policy in Europe." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 36.5(2010): 735-51.

<https://rochester.box.com/s/lwzj2izivkkn3o23h3aubg01ymnx082>

Additional Reading TBD

For the independent ~~out~~-class assignment: Choose a country (not the US or a European country) and look up its citizenship and nationalization requirements.

*NB: Spring Break: No class March 11 and 13*

March 18: Review for Midterm  
No additional reading

March 20: In-class Midterm

### SECTION III: ETHNICITY AND NATIONALISM AS INDEPENDENT VARIABLES

March 25, 27 and April 1: Ethnic War

Glenny, Misha. *The Balkans: Nationalism, War, and the Great Powers 2004*. London: Penguin, 2012. Map before Introduction (The Balkans, 1894-5 and The Former Yugoslavia, 1999), Chapter 9 (pp. 662)

<https://rochester.box.com/s/8co8k0u6rlnflrzdknuspbmuk9yefr0a>

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

For the independent ~~out~~-class assignment: Watch the film Hotel Rwanda.

April 3, 8 and 10: Nationalist War

Parsons, Michael. The Falklands War. Sutton Publishing, 2000. Entire.  
<https://rochester.box.com/s/bq4oah23hom8wrgd31kdec2oq4p5jj3p>

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.  
<https://rochester.box.com/s/gka2hwhh8by4xz6jsyqbs6emq99ikwf6>

For the independent out-of-class assignment: Read articles on the Falklands War and the continuing struggle between the UK and Argentina over this set of islands.

April 15 and 17: Party Politics and Ethnic Parties

Horowitz, Donald L. Ethnic Groups in Conflict. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1985. Chapter 7  
<https://rochester.box.com/s/uxbsizvqy1jrpjf7dl0t6dptnm8tj9d0>

Meguid, Bonnie M. Party Competition between Unequals: Strategies and Electoral Fortunes in Western Europe. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2008. Chapters 2 and 7. (e-reserve at Rush Rhees)

For the independent out-of-class assignment: Read the NY Times, Wall Street Journal or Washington Post for 50 minutes this week, focusing on articles about ethnic parties.

April 22 and 24: Party Politics and "Nationalist Parties"

Norris, Pippa and Ronald Inglehart. Cultural Backlash. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2019. Chapter 4o.

For the independent ~~of~~-class assignment: Read newspaper about radical right parties and their references to the “nation” and “national community.” Who is in it, and who is not?

April 29: Course Wrap-up and Review

***\*\*Note: There is a cumulative final exam currently scheduled for May 6 starting at 4pm. But confirm on Registrar’s website.***