Nationalism

Political Science 2338.10, Spring 2020
Tuesday & Thursday 2:20-3:35pm
(1957 E street, B17)

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Course Goals and Description
This is a class on the causes and the political effects of nationalism. The first half of the course is designed to provide you with an understanding of the most prominent explanations of the emergence of nationalism across the world, and the background knowledge and tools with which to evaluate them. We will discuss the importance of conceptualization in understanding social phenomena and confront terms such as: state, nation, nationalism, patriotism, minorities, identity, ethnicity, religion, class, and race. In the second half of the course, we will focus on the effects of nationalism on political identities, patterns of political violence as well as voting, and state policies toward minorities, diasporas, and immigrants. We are going to cover cases from around the world. Students will learn how to formulate research questions, develop arguments, and evaluate hypotheses.

Course Outline
January 14. Introduction
January 16. Definitions: Ethnicity, Race, Nation, and Nationalism
January 21. Varieties of Nationalism
January 23. Communism, Cosmopolitanism, and Nationalism

I. Causes
January 28. Primordialism/Ethnic Hatreds
January 30. Movie & Discussion
February 4. Modernization Theories I: Print Capitalism and Creole Pioneers
February 6. Empirics
February 11. Modernization Theories II: Industrialization, Urbanization, and Social Mobilization
February 13. Empirics
February 18. Modernization Theories III: Socialization: Family, Schooling, Army
[Assignment#1 due: Personal stories]
February 20. Empirics
February 25. International Involvement and the Politicization of Differences
February 27. Empirics
March 3. Cascades and Identity Change
March 5. Empirics
March 10. Review Session
March 12. Midterm Exam

II. Effects
March 24. Elites and the Politics of People-Building
March 26. Guest Lecture
March 31. The Homogenizing Imperative and the Politics of Nation-Building
April 2. Nationalism and Political Violence I: Ethnic Cleansing
April 7. Nationalism and Political Violence II: Civil Wars
April 9. Defining the Homeland of Stateless Nationalist Movements
April 14. Nationalism and Political Mobilization
April 16. The Politics of ‘Long-Distance Nationalism’
April 21. The Present and Future of Nationalism
April 23. Review Session
Final exam May 8.

Films
During the semester, I will be suggesting/screening films related to the material covered in class. Attendance is not mandatory. However, watching the movies is highly recommended and will help you comprehend the class material.

Texts
There are 2 required books, available for purchase at the GW Bookstore or online. They are also available online through Gelman Library.

Required:

There are several recommended books, available for purchase at the GW Bookstore or online:

Blackboard:
This course will use Blackboard for announcements and readings (see “Electronic Reserves”). I strongly encourage you to ensure you have access to Blackboard as soon as possible. To log onto Blackboard, you will need to use your Net ID and e-mail password. If you have any questions about how to use the system, go to http://helpdesk.gwu.edu.
Course Requirements:

*Midterm Exam:* In-class midterm exam (October 15).

1 Short assignment

*Final Exam/Paper:* Take-Home Final exam (December 13)

Average minimum amount of independent, out-of-class, learning expected per week:
Over 14 weeks, students will spend 2.5 hours per week in lecture (35 hours for the semester). Homework, assignments, and other out-of-class work is estimated to take up, on average, 5 hours per week (70 hours for the semester). The course includes a take-home final exam for which approximately 10 hours of work is assumed.

Learning Outcomes:
As a result of completing this course, students will be able to:
1. Understand the origins of national identities.
2. Understand events caused by nationalist ideas.
3. Critically assess writings on nationalism and be alert to propaganda.
4. Apply theories of political science to current events and issues in the news
5. Compose a publishable article/opinion piece on the topic.

Class Policies
The following policies are important. Read them carefully.

**Attendance**
Please come to class on time. Feel free to bring a cup of coffee/tea or water, but please **don’t bring food.** Cell phones must be **turned off.** Laptops or other electronic devices are **not** allowed. (Hand writing **notes** is a more effective learning strategy than typing; see "Ditch the laptop and pick up a pen, class. Researchers say it's better for note taking" in the *Washington Post.*) Instead of attendance I will give occasional pop quizzes with difficult questions such as "what is your name?" or "what day of the week is it today?"

**Grading**
There are four components to your grade:
- **Class Participation:** 10% - Students will have to read 1-2 texts per class. They are academic articles or chapters. They aim to introduce the issues and debates for each class and they are the beginning and not the end of the discussion. Active participation in the class is strongly encouraged. You are encouraged to bring news stories that are relevant to our class.
- **In class midterm:** 50% - The midterm will consist of two parts. The first part will include 10 multiple-choice questions (40/100). In the second part you will be asked to choose 6 out of 10 IDs and write on them (60/100). Please do not bring with you any notes or reading materials. (**October 15**).
- **1 Short assignment:** 10% of your grade.
- **Final Exam:** 30% - You will be given two questions/topics and you will be expected to write on one of them (**May 8**).

I am using blackboard’s default grading schema (see Table below). Please keep in mind that I do not round up grades.
Participation  (10%)
Midterm  (50%)
1 Short assignment  (10%)
Take-Home Final Exam  (30%)

If you would like me to re-grade your midterm or the final paper, you must submit a written request, explaining why you believe you did not receive the proper grade. I reserve the right to raise or lower your grade. There will not be opportunities to do extra-credit work to improve your grade.

Late Work
Late assignments will lose one third of a full grade (e.g., from an A to a A-, to B+ etc.) for each day after the deadline. There are only two exceptions to the late-assignment policy: illness or family emergency. If either of these circumstances applies, you must provide written documentation (such as a doctor’s note if you are ill), and you must communicate with me before the assignment is due (i.e., emailing me on the morning the assignment is due and saying you are sick is not acceptable for avoiding a penalty). I am willing to accommodate documented requests, but you must communicate with me before the assignment is due.

Participation and class environment
You are expected to come prepared. All lectures will involve discussion, and participation will account for 10% of your grade. This course is intended to create an active intellectual atmosphere that promotes participatory learning. Students are expected to have engaged with the readings in advance and participate by making comments, asking questions, and sharing constructive ideas. Students are always required to interact respectfully with each other.

An inclusive learning environment is critical to the goals and objectives of this course. We will be discussing sensitive, personal issues related to identity and politics. It is important that students from all backgrounds and experiences feel welcome, participate actively, and have the opportunity to excel in this course. Your reflections or suggestions on how to ensure an inclusive learning environment for you individually or for other students are welcome.

Make-up exams
Make-up exams are allowed only if you have consulted with me in advance.

University Policies & Services

Academic integrity code
Academic dishonesty is defined as cheating of any kind, including misrepresenting one's own work, taking credit for the work of others without crediting them and without appropriate authorization, and the fabrication of information. For details and complete code, see: studentconduct.gwu.edu/code-academic-integrity
Writing Center
The GW Writing Center operates out of Gelman Library and Eckles Library. Their website, at http://www.gwu.edu/~gwriter/, provides general information on writing strategies. Online. The GW Language Center houses GW’s English for Academic Purposes Program which provides support for non-native speakers of English; more information at http://programs.columbian.gwu.edu/languagecenter/

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities
Any student who may need an accommodation based on the potential impact of a disability should contact the Disability Support Services office at 202-994-8250 in the Rome Hall, Suite 102, to establish eligibility and to coordinate reasonable accommodations. If you have an established accommodation, please let me know as soon as possible so that we can work together in planning for a successful semester. For additional information see: disabilitysupport.gwu.edu/

University policy on observance of religious holidays
In accordance with University policy, you should notify me during the first week of the semester of your intention to be absent from class on a day(s) of religious observance. If an assignment falls on a day you will be observing a religious holiday, we will work together to find an alternative time to complete the assignment. Please communicate with me about holidays in advance of the original due date. I do not intend to observe any religious holidays. For details and policy, see: https://registrar.gwu.edu/university-policies#holidays

Mental Health Services 202-994-5300
The University's Counseling Center offers 24/7 assistance and referral to address students' personal, social, career, and study skills problems. Services for students include: crisis and emergency mental health consultations confidential assessment, counseling services (individual and small group), and referrals. For additional information call 202-994-5300 or see: counselingcenter.gwu.edu/

Emergency Preparedness and Response Procedures
The University has asked all faculty to inform students of these procedures, prepared by the GW Office of Public Safety and Emergency Management in collaboration with the Office of the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs.

To Report an Emergency or Suspicious Activity
Call the University Police Department at 202-994-6111 (Foggy Bottom) or 202-242-6111 (Mount Vernon).

Shelter in Place – General Guidance
Although it is unlikely that we will ever need to shelter in place, it is helpful to know what to do just in case. No matter where you are, the basic steps of shelter in place will generally remain the same.

- If you are inside, stay where you are unless the building you are in is affected. If it is affected, you should evacuate. If you are outdoors, proceed into the closest building or follow instructions from emergency personnel on the scene.
• Locate an interior room to shelter inside. If possible, it should be above ground level and have the fewest number of windows. If sheltering in a room with windows, move away from the windows. If there is a large group of people inside a particular building, several rooms maybe necessary.

• Shut and lock all windows (for a tighter seal) and close exterior doors.

• Turn off air conditioners, heaters, and fans. Close vents to ventilation systems as you are able. (University staff will turn off ventilation systems as quickly as possible).

• Make a list of the people with you and ask someone to call the list in to UPD so they know where you are sheltering and who is with you. If only students are present, one of the students should call in the list.

• Await further instructions. If possible, visit GW Campus Advisories for incident updates (http://CampusAdvisories.gwu.edu) or call the GW Information Line 202-994-5050.

• Make yourself comfortable and look after one other. You will get word as soon as it is safe to come out.

**Evacuation**

An evacuation will be considered if the building we are in is affected or we must move to a location of greater safety. We will always evacuate if the fire alarm sounds. In the event of an evacuation, please gather your personal belongings quickly (purse, keys, GWorld card, etc.) and proceed to the nearest exit. Every classroom has a map at the door designating both the shortest egress and an alternate egress. Anyone who is physically unable to walk down the stairs should wait in the stairwell, behind the closed doors. Firemen will check the stairwells upon entering the building.

Once you have evacuated the building, proceed to our primary rendezvous location: the courtyard area between the GW Hospital and Ross Hall. In the event that this location is unavailable, we will meet on the ground level of the Visitors Parking Garage (I Street entrance, at 22nd Street). From our rendezvous location, we will await instructions to re-enter the School.

**Alert DC**

Alert DC provides free notification by e-mail or text message during an emergency. Visit GW Campus Advisories for a link and instructions on how to sign up for alerts pertaining to GW. If you receive an Alert DC notification during class, you are encouraged to share the information immediately.

**GW Alert**

GW Alert provides popup notification to desktop and laptop computers during an emergency. In the event that we receive an alert to the computer in our classroom, we will follow the instructions given. You are also encouraged to download this application to your personal computer. Visit GW Campus Advisories to learn how.

**Additional Information**

Additional information about emergency preparedness and response at GW or the University’s operating status can be found on GW Campus Advisories (http://CampusAdvisories.gwu.edu) or by calling the GW Information Line at 202-994-5050.
Course Schedule:

January 14. Introduction


Recommended:
John Stuart Mill. 1861. “Chapter XVI - Of Nationality, as connected with Representative Government” in Considerations on Representative Government. Parker, son, and Bourn.

I. Definitions and Historical Context

January 16. Ethnicity, Race, Nation, and Nationalism


January 21. Varieties of Nationalism


January 23. Communism, Cosmopolitanism, and Nationalism


Suggested Films: Braveheart, The French Revolution, Exodus

II. Causes

January 28. Primordialism/ethnic Hatreds


Recommended:
Suggested Film: 15 Février 1839 [15 February 1839]

January 30. **Empirics** [Whose is this song?]

Suggested Films: The Patriot, Joaquim

February 4. **Print Capitalism and Creole Pioneers**


Suggested Films: The Battle of Algiers, The Patriot

February 6. **Empirics**


February 11. **Industrialization, Urbanization, and Social Mobilization**


Suggested Films: Ziemia Obiecana [The Promised Land], Colonel Redl

February 13. **Empirics**


February 18. **Socialization: Family, Schooling, Army**


Suggested Films: The Wind that Shakes the Barley, Barry Lyndon, Under the Sun

February 20. **Empirics**


**Assignment #1** due: Personal stories
Suggested Films: The Battle of Algiers, The Patriot

February 25. **International Involvement and the Politicization of Differences**

Mylonas, Chapter 1.

Recommended:
Jenne, Chapter 2

Suggested Film: Otac na sluzbenom putu [When Father was Away on Business]

February 27. **Empirics**


Suggested Film: 44 Messages from Catalonia

March 3. **Cascades and Identity Change**


March 5. **Empirics**


March 10. **Review Session**

Suggested Film: Lawrence of Arabia

March 12. **Midterm Exam**

**III. Effects**

March 24. **Elites and the Politics of People-Building**


Mylonas, Chapter 6.

Suggested Films: Malcolm X, Lumumba, Gandi, Paths of Glory

March 26. **Guest Lecture**

Suggested Film: *Dances with Wolves*

March 31. **The Homogenizing Imperative and the Politics of Nation-Building**
Mylonas, Chapters 2, 7, and 9.

Recommended:

April 2. Nationalism and Political Violence I: Ethnic Cleansing


Recommended:

Suggested Films: Sometimes in April, Hotel Rwanda

April 7. Nationalism and Political Violence II: Civil Wars


Suggested Film: Lepa sela lepo gore [Pretty Village, Pretty Flame]

April 9. Defining the Homeland of Stateless Nationalist Movements


Recommended:

Suggested Films: Attilas ’74, Les Ordres [Orderers], Octobre [October]

April 14. Nationalism and Political Mobilization


Suggested Film: Bloody Sunday, Ararat, Exodus, One Day in September
April 16. The Politics of ‘Long-Distance Nationalism’


April 21. The Present and Future of Nationalism


Kymlicka, Will. Multiculturalism: Success, Failure, and the Future

April 23. Review Session

Take-Home Final exam: May 8.