PSC-352

NATIONALISM AND ETHNIC CONFLICT

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Course Meeting Time: MWF 2:00-3:15, Curry 332

Syllabus and Course Outline

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course explores competing explanations of nationalism and ethnic politics. It focuses on comparative analysis in a global context, and examines strategies that have been employed by governments to manage ethnic tension.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: This course will introduce students to the social science literature on nationalism, nationalist movements, and ethnic politics. They will study nationalist and ethnic movements in a variety of contexts, in developed and developing countries. Finally, students will become familiar with the methods of comparative political analysis.

TEACHING STRATEGY: This course is designed as a seminar. Students who take it will be expected to keep up with the assigned readings and participate in class discussions of the readings on a regular basis. There will be two in class exams, a midterm (20%) a final exam (20%). Each student will write an 18-20 page research paper (30%) on a topic relating to some aspect of nationalism and or ethnic conflict in a country of his or her choice. You will be asked to write a brief response to each of the reading assignments for the class. These will be due at the beginning of class on the day that the assigned reading is discussed. (15%).

This is a writing intensive class. Your exams will be essays, you will be doing written responses to your readings throughout the semester, and there will be a research paper written in multiple drafts.

(1) Written responses to assigned readings 15%
(2) Class participation 10%
(3) In-class essay examinations 45%
(4) Research Paper 30%

REQUIRED TEXTS/READINGS:


Additional class readings focusing on specific countries will be assigned once your paper topics have been selected. These will be made available online, through Blackboard.
TOPICAL OUTLINE:

I. Introduction

II. Theories of Nationalism
Erst Renan "What is a Nation," Eley and Suny, pp. 41-55.
Etienne Balabas, “The Nation Form: History and Ideology,” Eley and Suny, pp. 131-149.

III. The Politics of Identity
Anne McClintock, “No Longer in a Future Heaven; Nationalism, Gender, Race,” Eley and Suny, pp. 259-284.

IV. Globalism and Identity
David Held, “The Decline of the Nation State,” Eley and Suny, pp. 405-417.
Peck, Jeffrey M., “Race(e)ing the Nation: is there a German Home?” in Eley and Suny, pp. 479-492.

Midterm Approximately Thursday February 28th.

V. Ethnic Conflict
Horowitz, chapters 1-6.

VI. Parties, Elections, and Ethnic Conflict
Horowitz, chapters 7-10.

VII. The Military and Ethnic Politics
Horowitz, chapters 11-13.
VIII. Limiting Ethnic Conflict

Horowitz, chapters 14-16.

IX. Conclusion

Horowitz, Afterward, Ethnic Conflict and Democracy

Final Exam Thursday, May 2nd, 3:30 to 6:30

ACADEMIC HONOR CODE: Each student is required to sign the honor statement on all major work submitted for this course. Refer to the UNCG Undergraduate Bulletin.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes unless prior permission is obtained in advance from the instructor.

DROP POLICY: Refer to UNCG Undergraduate Bulletin
Additional Recommended Reading


Horowitz, Donald. The Deadly Ethnic Riot (Berkeley and Los Angeles, the University of California Press, 2001).


