

NATIONS AND NATIONALISM IN HISTORY AND THEORY

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Course Description

What is nationalism? Are there good and bad nationalisms? Does nationalism lead to strong nations and stable democracies or to violence and even genocide? What is the relationship between nationalism, race, religion, language and struggles based on other indices of identity such as class, gender and ethnicity? This course through lectures and films will offer a broad overview of the historical emergence and spread of nations and nationalism in the modern world at the same time as introduce students to the rich theoretical literature on nationalism, nationalist thought and practice in modern times. Instead of focusing on a specific region or period the course will pursue three main objectives organized around the common theme of nationalism. First it will trace the historical emergence and spread of nations and nationalism in the modern world. Secondly, it will provide an introduction to the historiographical and theoretical debates on nations and nationalism. Thirdly, it will provide a broad world historical perspective on the ways in which nations and nationalism structure the modern world.

Required Texts:

Omar Dahbour and Micheline R. Ishay (ed.) *The Nationalism Reader*. Humanity Books, 1995.
(**Paperback**) ISBN-10: 157392623X; ISBN-13: 978-1573926232

Philip Spencer and Howard Wollman (Ed.) *Nations and Nationalism: A Reader*. Rutgers University Press, 2005 (**Paperback**); ISBN-10: 081353626X; ISBN-13: 978-0813536262

(Additional Readings for the course will be made available)

Recommended Texts

Anderson, Benedict. *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origins and Spread of Nationalism*. London: Verso, 1991. [Dafoe Reserve JC 311 A656 1991]