

Nationalism, Ethnicity, and Religion in World Politics
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This course is designed to comparatively examine different contexts of ethnic, nationalist, and religious violence. Students will engage in collaborative research projects as well as individual writing assignments to explore variation in the sources and effects of this violence. The course begins by exposing students to some of the classic philosophical tracts on what constitutes ethnicity and identity and then moves to historical case studies. Students will be organized into groups to represent and simulate actual political and social actors in the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and North America. These groups will present to the class their organization's goals and resort to violence. The rest of class will then critically question the players to illuminate motives and ambiguities.

Assigned Texts

For each lecture, there are assigned readings from books and articles. All readings are on reserve in the library. Four texts comprise much of the readings for each class. The texts are available in the bookstore:

- o Altina Waller, *Fued: Hatfields, McCoys, and Social Change in Appalachia, 1860-1900*
- o Fergal Keane, *Season of blood: A Rwandan Journey*
- o Shaul Mishal and Avraham Sela, *The Palestinian Hamas*

Grades and responsibilities

Students are responsible for the material covered in the lectures as well as assigned readings. Grading is comprised of four components:

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| 1. | Mid-term examination | 20% |
| 2. | Red team presentation (group) | 15% |
| 3. | Red team paper (individual) | 25% |
| 4. | Final examination | 40% |

In addition to the mid-term and final, class simulations (Red Teams) will also be scheduled. Each student will comprise a team designed to present an account of that group's resort to violence. Each member will present a 7 page double-spaced (minimum) to 10 page (maximum) analysis of their group's goals, reasons for action, and expectations. The presentation to class (and defense against questioning) will be a **team effort**. The paper will be an **individual effort**. You will receive a grade for each.

LECTURES AND SIMULATIONS

Most readings can be accessed on-line through the library, unless otherwise noted.

8/30 Introduction

9/01 Differences and Conflict in the Modern World

James Scott, *Domination and the Arts of Resistance*, pp. 1-16.

"The Global Menace of Local Strife," *The Economist* (This reading is not available through the regular library reserve system. Instead, you must use the database EBSCO Electronic Journal Service. This database is accessible from either a VPN connection or within Kelvin Smith Library.)

9/06 Violence, Power, and Justice

Hanna Arendt, "On Violence"

W. James Booth, "The Unforgotten: Memories of Justice"

9/08 LABOR DAY

9/13 Ethnicity as a given

Max Weber, "The Origins of Ethnic Groups."

Clifford Geertz, "Primordial ties."

9/15 Ethnicity as constructed

Eller and Coughlan, "The Poverty of Primordialism"

McGarry and O'Leary, "Eliminating and Managing Ethnic Differences."

9/20 Violence and hillbillies in 19th century America

Altina Waller, *Fued: Hatfields, McCoys, and Social Change in Appalachia, 1860-1900* (University of North Carolina, 1988), pp.17-101

9/22 Institutional Change in Appalachia

Waller, *Fued*, pp.139-181.

9/27 RED TEAM: McCoys

Waller, *Fued*, pp. 206-249.

9/29 Nationalism

Ernest Gellner, *Nations and Nationalism*, pp. 1-7

Benedict Anderson, *Imagined Communities*, pp. 9-46

10/04 National Liberation

John Stuart Mill, "Considerations on Representative Government"

Frantz Fanon, "Concerning Violence, from *The Wretched of the Earth: The Handbook for the Black Revolution that is Changing the Shape of the World*

10/06 Algeria and France

MOVIE: *Battle of Algiers*

Jean-Paul Satre, "Preface" to *The Wretched of the Earth: The Handbook for the Black Revolution that is Changing the Shape of the World*, by Franz Fanon (Grove Weidenfeld, 1963).

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MOVIE cont'd

10/13 RED TEAM: FLN

10/18 MIDTERM

10/20 Organized crime as ethnic group

Henner Hess, "The Traditional Sicilian Mafia: Organized Crime and Repressive Crime," *In Organized Crime: A Global Perspective*

10/25 FALL BREAK

10/27 Trust and Crime

Diego Gambetta, "Mafia: The Price of Distrust," in *Trust: Making and Breaking Cooperative Relations*.

11/01 RED TEAM: The Wise Guys

11/03 National liberation in Sri Lanka

MOVIE: *The Terrorist*

Neelan Tiruchelvam, "The Politics of Federalism and Diversity in Sri Lanka."

11/08 National liberation in Sri Lanka

MOVIE cont'd

11/10 RED TEAM: The Tamil Tigers

Joseph Lelyveld, "All Suicide Bombers Are Not Alike." (This reading is not available through the regular library reserve system. Instead, you must use the database EBSCO Electronic Journal Service. This database is accessible from either a VPN connection or within Kelvin Smith Library.)

11/15 Genocide and the question of ethnicity

Mahmood Mamdani, "Beyond Settler and Native as Political Identities: Overcoming the Political Legacies of Colonialism"

Fergal Keane, *Season of blood: A Rwandan Journey*, pp.1-30.

11/17 Into Rwanda

Fergal Keane, *Season of blood: A Rwandan Journey*, pp. 47-93.

11/22 RED TEAM: Hutu political leadership

Fergal Keane, *Season of blood: A Rwandan Journey*, pp. 95-191

Samantha Power, *A Problem from Hell*, pp. 354-377.

11/24 Religion: Political Islam

Guilain Denoeux, "The Forgotten Swamp: Navigating Political Islam"

11/29 The Origins of Militant Islam

David Waldner, "Origins of Militant Islamist Movements" found at:

<http://faculty.virginia.edu/mesp/TeachInresources.html>

Mishal and Sela, *The Palestinian Hamas*, pp.1-82

12/01 The Islamic Resistance Movement of Palestine (HAMAS)

Mishal and Sela, *The Palestinian Hamas*, pp.83-146

12/06 RED TEAM: HAMAS Leadership

Mishal and Sela, *The Palestinian Hamas* (Columbia, 2000), pp.146-171.

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH: "Erased in a Moment: Suicide Bombing Attacks Against Israeli Civilians," (summary), 2002. Full report can be found at <http://hrw.org/reports/2002>

"Israel/PA: Hamas Must End Civilian Attacks," Press release

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH: "In a Dark Hour: The use of Civilians During IDF Arrest Operations," 2002.

"Israeli Airstrike on Crowded Civilian Area Condemned," and "Israel: Stop Using Flackets in Gaza," Press Releases

12/08 Toward Solutions

Lake and Rothchild, "Containing Fear: The Origins and Management of Ethnic Conflict"