

PSC 251/ANT262 **2 credit course January 19-March 9, 2006**

New Nationalism: East-West

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Taking the post-communist decades as a point of departure, this course explores the roots and fates of different varieties of nationalism in Europe. We will start with a review of the development of national identities in Europe in the 19th century, and discuss the impact of World War II in crystallizing particular varieties of nationalisms in the East and Western Europe. We will then focus on varieties of nationalism under communism (Poland, Hungary, and former Yugoslavia). We will end with discussions of the most recent rediscovery of old nationalism and the so called "old hatreds" and discuss the recent outbreak of nationalism in France.

Participation: All students are required to attend each class. Students, who do not attend classes without a serious and explicit reason, cannot expect to pass this class--regardless of how well they would do in other course requirements. Additionally, attendance and active participation account for 10 percent of the grade.

Texts and reading assignments: Reading assignments as well as films are considered required texts. Readings are placed in the library on reserve and on e-reserve. You may also purchase some of the books in the book store.

In class presentation: Students will give a presentation about a European state's nationalism issue as they unfold. The presentation will be graded

Final test: You will take a final test on March 9, which will consist of identification and essay questions. The midterm examination accounts for 25 percent of the course grade and the final for 40 percent.

Grading: attendance/participation 10%, pop quizzes 20%, presentation 30%, and final test 40%

Introduction

January 19 Geo-politics, history and the birth of the nations.

Gellner, "Definitions," 1-7 (handout) and "What is a nation?" 53-62
Nations and Nationalism (E- Reserve)

Anderson, "Concepts and Definitions," 5-7 **Imagined Communities** (E-
Reserve)

Week 1

Jan 24 Nationalism in Western Europe

Shoepflin, "Nationalism and Ethnicity in Europe, East, West," 37-65 in
Nationalism and Nationalities in the New Europe (E-Reserve)

Jenkis and Sofos, "Nation and Nationalism in Contemporary Europe: A
theoretical perspective," 9-29 in **Nation and Identity in Contemporary Europe**
(E-Reserve)

Jan 26. Nationalism in Eastern Europe

Stokes, "Eastern Europe's Defining Fault Lines" 15-31 in **Eastern
Europe: Politics, Culture and Society since 1939** (E-Reserve)

Rothschild, "The Interwar Background," 3-24, **Return to Diversity**

Documentary: **Eastern Europe: A Century of Trouble 1900-1939**

Week 2

Jan 31, Aftermath of World War II in Eastern Europe: Cold War and Communist
Take Over

Video in class: **Eastern Europe: 1939-45**

Stokes, “Yalta,” “Sphere of Influence” and “The Truman Doctrine” pp 10-18, 28- 42 in **From Stalinism to Pluralism** (E-Reserve)
Gati, “Stalin and socialism in one region,” 3-28, **The Block that Failed** (on Reserve)

Feb 2 Documentary: **Eastern Europe 1945-53**

Gellner, “Nationalism and Marxism,” 1-20, **Encounters with Nat.**
Rothschild, “The Communists Come to Power,” 76-123, **Return to Diversity**

Week 3

Feb 7 Yugoslavia in the Bloc and after

Documentary: **The Road to Nowhere**

Michael Ingatieff, “Croatia and Serbia” 19-56 in **Blood and Belonging** (E-Reserve)

Ramet, “Yugoslavia” 159-189 in **Eastern Europe: Politics, Culture and Society since 1939** (E-Reserve)

Aleksa Djilas, “Fear Thy Neighbor: The Breakup of Yugoslavia” 85-106 in **Nationalism in the New Europe** (e-reserve)

Sofos, Culture, Politics and Identity in Former Yugoslavia 251-284 in **Nation and Identity in Contemporary Europe**

Feb 9 Documentary: **Kosovo**

Michael Ignatieff, **Virtual War (fragments)**

Week 4

Feb 14 Case study Hungary : 1956 and national uprising

Kurti, “Hungary” 71-93 in **Eastern Europe: Politics, Culture and Society since 1939**

Held, “Hungary,” 164-228, **The Columbia History of EE in the 20 century**

Feb 16 Democratic Hungary and nationalism

Bernath, Miklosi, Mudde, “Hungary” 80-100, in **Racist Extremism in Central**

and Eastern Europe

Week 5

Feb 21 Czechoslovakia: 1968 Prague Spring, Charter 77, human rights
democratic traditions and the present

Wolchik, "Czechoslovakia" 35-70 in **Eastern Europe: Politics, Culture and
Society since 1939**

Williams, "National Myths in the New Czech Liberalism" 132-140 in **Myths and
Nationhood**

Kundera, "A Nation cannot take itself for granted" 151-155, Havel, "The Power of
the Powerless" 168-174 in **From Stalinism to Pluralism A Documentary
History of Eastern Europe since 1945**

Cakl, Wollman "Czech Republic" 30-57; Milo, "Slovakia" 210-242 in **Racist
Extremism in Central and Eastern Europe**

Feb 23 Poland: Nationalism vs Marxism, Solidarity 1980-81, 1989

Bielasiak, "Poland 126-158 in **Eastern Europe: Politics, Culture and Society
since 1939**

Davies, "Polish National Mythologies" 141-157 in **Myths and Nationhood**

Millard "The Failure of Nationalism in Post Communist Poland" 201-222 in
Nation and Identity in Contemporary Europe

Week 6

Feb 28 France

Jenkins, Copsey "Nation, Nationalism and National Identity in France" 101-124
in **Nation and Identity in Contemporary Europe**

March 2 Italy

Brierly and Giacometti, "Italian Identity and the Failure of Regionalism" 172-197
in **Nation and Identity in Contemporary Europe**

Week 7

March 7	Students presentations and review
March 9	Final

Martin Evans, "Language of Racism within Contemporary Europe" 33-53
in: **Nation and Identity in Contemporary Europe**

Hobsbawn, "The apogee of nationalism 1918-1950," 131-162,
Nations and Nationalism since 1780: Programme, Myth, Reality

BOOKS

the following books have been placed on reserve:

Anderson, Benedict, **Imagined Communities**

Bennett, **Yugoslavia's Bloody Collapse**

Hosking and Schoepflin (ed), **Myths and Nationshood**, Routledge, 1997

Rothschild, **Return to Diversity, A Political History of East Central Europe since World War II**, Oxford 1993

Sugar (ed) **East European Nationalism in the 20th Century**

Jenkins, Brian and Spyros Sofos, **Nation and Identity in Contemporary Europe**, Routledge 1996

Gellner, E. **Nations and Nationalism**, Cornell, 1983

Held, J (ed) **The Columbia History of Eastern Europe in the 20th Century**,

Hobsbawn, E. H. **Nations and Nationalism since 1780**, Cambridge 1992

Kohn, **Nationalism and its Meaning**

Kubik, J. **The Power of Symbols against the Symbols of Power**, Penn 1994

Ost, D. **Solidarity: Politics of Anti-Politics**, Penn State, 1991

Ost (ed) Adam Michnik, **The Church and the Left**, Chicago, 1993

Stalin, J.V. **The Essential Major Theoretical writings 1905-52** (Marxism and National and Colonial Question)

Szporluk, R. **National Identity and Ethnicity in Russia and the New States of Eurasia**, M.E. Sharpe, London, 1994

East European Politics and Societies (EEPS); a journal, also located in the stacks and the current issues in the Periodical Reading Room.