



Course Code IREL-665	Course Title Nationalism, Ethnic Conflict and IR	ECTS Credits 7.5
Department European Studies and International Relations	Semester Spring, Summer	Prerequisites IREL-500, IREL-540
Type of Course Elective	Field International Relations	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 2 nd Cycle	Year of Study 2 nd	Lecturer(s) Dr Giorgos Kentas
Mode of Delivery face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

This course will examine the relationship between ethnic conflict within states and its influence on the international system, before and after the Cold War. It will draw on a number of contemporary case studies of ethnic conflict, and will examine how the inter-state system itself may contribute to the exacerbation of such problems. It will also outline techniques for the settlement and alleviation of ethnic conflict, through peacekeeping, peacemaking and peacebuilding strategies. Finally, the role of the UN, EU and African Union (AU) is examined pertaining to ethnic conflict and settlement strategies.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Analyze and evaluate the phenomenon of ethnic conflict before, during and after the Cold War.
2. Define and compare definitions of ethnic conflict.
3. Explore various origins of ethnic conflict (e.g. external intervention, nationalism, economic situation, cultural differentiation, post-colonialism, failure of international mediation etc.).
4. Illustrate the ability to compare various forms of ethnic conflict.
5. Illustrate a familiarity with a range of primary and secondary resources.
6. Demonstrate thorough and in-depth understanding of the certain cases of ethnic conflict.
7. Demonstrate the ability to independently study cases of ethnic conflict and conflict resolution.
8. Examine and evaluate the role of the UN, the EU and the AU in ethnic conflict resolution.

Course Contents:

1. The origins of ethnic conflict
2. The impact of industrial revolution on ethnic conflict
3. Modern and post-modern ethnic conflict
4. The impact of nationalism on the evolution of ethnic conflict
5. Ethnic conflict in Europe before, during and after the cold war
6. International mediation and conflict resolutions
7. Possible solutions to ethnic conflicts
8. Management and mismanagement of ethnic conflict by international and regional organizations

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Discussion, Presentation and Assignments

Assessment Methods:

Participation, Review Essay, Project and Final Exam

Required Textbooks/Reading:

- Fearon, James and David Laitin (2000) "Violence and the social construction of ethnic identity" *International Organization* 54(4): 845–877.
- Frye, Timothy (1992) "Ethnicity, sovereignty, and transition from non-democratic rule" *Journal of International Affairs*, 45: 599–623.
- Gurr Ted Robert (1990), "Third World Minorities at Risk Since 1945" Background Paper Prepared for the Conference on Conflict Resolution in the Post-Cold War World, U.S. Institute of Peace.
- Gurr, Ted Robert (1993) *Minorities at Risk*. Washington, D.C.: United States Institute of Peace.
- Hill, Stuart and Donald Rothchild (1986) "The contagion of political conflict in Africa and the world" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 30(4): 716–735.
- Lake, David and Donald Rothchild (1996) "Containing fear: The origins and management of ethnic conflict," *International Security* 21(2): 41–75.
- Organski, A.F.K. (1968) *World Politics*. New York: Knopf.
- Ryan, Stephen (1990), *Ethnic Conflict and International Relations*. Brookfield: Dartmouth Publishing.

Recommended Textbooks/Reading:

- Anderson, Benedict (1991) *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origins and Spread of Nationalism*. Revised. London: Verso.
- Balakrishnan, Gopal ed. (1996) *Mapping the Nation*. London: Verso.
- Balibar, Etienne & Immanuel Wallerstein eds. (1991) *Race, Nation, Class: Ambiguous Identities*. London: Verso.
- Banks, Marcus (1996) *Ethnicity: Anthropological Constructions*. London: Routledge.
- Billig, Michael (1995) *Banal Nationalism*. London: Sage.
- Cohen, Anthony (1994) *Self-Consciousness: An Alternative Anthropology of Identity*. London: Routledge.
- Cohen, Anthony ed. (2000) *Signifying Identities: Anthropological Perspectives on Boundaries and Contested Values*. London: Routledge.
- Dieckhoff, Alain & Natividad Gutierrez eds. (2001) *Modern Roots: Studies of National Identity*. Aldershot: Ashgate.
- Donnan, Hastings & Thomas M. Wilson (1999) *Borders: Frontiers of Identity, Nation and State* Oxford: Berg.

- Erica Carter, Erica, James Donald & Judith Squires eds. (1993) *Space and Place: Theories of Identity and Location*. London: Lawrence and Wishart.
- Eriksen, T. 1993. *Ethnicity and Nationalism: Anthropological Perspectives*. London: Pluto Press.
- Eriksen, Thomas (2002) *Ethnicity and Nationalism: Anthropological Perspectives*. London: Pluto.
- Fortier, Anne-Marie ed. (2000) *Migrant Belongings: Memory, Space, Identity*. Oxford: Berg.
- Ganguly, Keya (2001) *States of Exception: Everyday Life and Post-Colonial Identity*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.
- Gedalof, Irene (1999) *Against Purity: Rethinking Identity with Indian and Western Feminisms*. New York: Routledge.
- Gellner, Ernest (1983) *Nations and Nationalism*. New York: Cornell University Press.
- Gupta, Akhil & James Ferguson eds. (1997) *Culture, Power, Place: Explorations in Critical Anthropology*. Durham, North Carolina: Duke University Press.
- Hall, John ed. (1998) *The State of the Nation: Ernest Gellner and the Theory of Nationalism*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Hechter, Michael (2000) *Containing Nationalism*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Hobsbawm, Eric J. (1990) *Nations and Nationalism since 1780: Programme, Myth, Reality*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Holland, Dorothy, William Lachicotte, Debra Skinner & Carole Cain (2001) *Identity and Agency in Cultural Worlds*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.
- Hutchinson, John and Anthony Smith eds. (1994) *Nationalism*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- James, Paul (1996) *Nation Formation: Towards a Theory of Abstract Community*. London: Sage.
- Kaplan, Flora ed. (1994) *Museums and the Making of 'Ourselves': The Role of Objects in National Identity*. London: Leicester University Press.
- Kymlicka, Will (2001) *Politics in the Vernacular: Nationalism, Multiculturalism and Citizenship*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Laclau, Ernesto and Chantal Mouffe (1985) *Hegemony and Socialist Strategy: Towards a Radical Democratic Politics*. trans. Winston Moore & Paul Cammack. London: Verso.
- Lash, Scott and Jonathan Friedman eds. (1992) *Modernity and Identity*. Oxford: Blackwells.
- Linke, Uli (1999) *German Bodies: Race and Representation After Hitler*. London: Routledge.
- Mageo, Jeannette ed. (2001) *Cultural Memory: Reconfiguring History and Identity in the Postcolonial Pacific*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press.
- Michael Burawoy and Katherine Verdery (1999) *Uncertain Transition: Ethnographies of Change in the Postsocialist World*. London: Rowan and Littlefield.
- Morley, David & Kevin Robins (1995) *Spaces of Identity: Global Media, Electronic Landscapes and Cultural Boundaries*. London: Routledge.
- Poole, Ross (1999) *Nation and Identity*. London and New York: Routledge.
- Rapport, Nigel & Andrew Dawson eds. (1998) *Migrants of Identity: Perceptions of Home and Improvement in a World of Movement*. (Ethnicity and Identity). New York: Berg.
- Schopflin, George (2000) *Nations, Identity, Power: The New Politics of Europe*. London: C. Hurst.
- Tonkin, Elizabeth, Maryon McDonald & Malcolm Chapman eds. (1989) *History and Ethnicity*. London: Routledge.
- van den Berghe, Pierre ed. (1990) *State Violence and Ethnicity*. Niwot: Colorado.
- Verdery, Katherine. 1991. *National Identity Under Socialism: Identity and Cultural Politics in Ceausescu's Romania*. Berkeley: California.
- Wicker, Frans-Rudolf (1997) *Rethinking Nationalism and Ethnicity: the Struggle for Meaning and Order in Europe*. London: Berg.