



Course Syllabus

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS Credits
MIREL-610	Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict	10
Prerequisites	Department	Semester
None	Politics and Governance	Fall/Spring
Type of Course	Field	Language of Instruction
Elective	International Relations	English/Greek
Level of Course	Lecturer(s)	Year of Study
2 nd Cycle	Dr. Giorgos Kentas	2 nd
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement	Co-requisites
Conventional	N/A	None

Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

Explicate why and how nationalism emerged as a major force in history, as well as scrutinize its consequences on global, regional and national politics. This course also examines the history of nationalism from the French Revolution to today. It explores how nationalism, as a phenomenon, has forwarded the creation of sovereign nation-states, and looks closely at how nationalism, as an ideology, has inspired fascist regimes, racist movements and policies, as well as ethnic cleansing and genocide. It also investigates how questions of race, class, gender, and colonialism have influenced notions of national identity and consciousness. Classics of nationalism will be covered as well as more recent theories of the postmodern.

Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Assess the historical and sociological origins of nationalism and its impact on international relations and ethnic conflict.
2. Compare the struggles between ethnic groups to preserve traditional cultures and space for 'negative liberty'.
3. Explore, analyze and compare basic concepts such as nation, ethnicity, patriotism, chauvinism, expansionist nationalism, anti-colonial nationalism, etc.
4. Recount the major ideological/political approaches to nationalism (i.e. Liberalism Conservatism, Socialism, Anarchism, Fascism and Fundamentalism).
5. Report on and appraise alternative views to nationalism (e.g. internationalism, universalism, cosmopolitanism and supranationalism).

6. Appraise the impact of nationalism on regional and international conflict.
7. Assess the means through which states and international organizations attempt to deal with ethnic conflict.
8. Communicate in English language both orally and in written form at (near) native level.
9. Use IT skills (word processing, Internet, e-mail) as study and communication tools.
10. Locate, analyze, synthesize, and effectively use sources of libraries, bibliographical material and academic research.

Course Content:

1. WWI and Nationalism: Understanding the Legacy of Nationalism in Europe
2. Origins and Developments
3. Two Legacies: Gellner vs. Anderson
4. Core Themes and Ideologies
5. The Ethnic Sources of Nationalism
6. Nationalism and the Crisis of the Post-Soviet State
7. The Security Dilemma and Ethnic Conflict
8. Hypotheses on Nationalism and War
9. Beyond Nationalism and Internationalism
10. Nationalism and International Relations Theory

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Discussion, Individual Guidance, Presentations

Assessment Methods:

Presentation, Term Papers, Final Exam

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origins and Spread of Nationalism. Revised	Anderson, Benedict	Verso	1991	0-86091-546-8
Nations and Nationalism	Gellner, Ernest	Cornel University Press	1983	0-8014-9263-7

Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Nationalism	Heywood, Andrew in A. Heywood, "Political Ideologies", pp. 143-173	Palgrave	2007	0-333-96178-1
Ideologies	Smith, Anthony in A. Smith Nationalism, pp. 21-42	Polity Press	2001	0745626580 0745626599
Nationalism	Williams, Marc in M. Williams ed. International Relations in the Twentieth Century, pp. 21-42	Macmillan Education LTD	1989	978-0-333-45274-5

Smith, Anthony D. (1993). The ethnic sources of nationalism, *Survival*, 35:1, 48 – 62

Snyder, Jack (1993). Nationalism and the crisis of the post-Soviet state, *Survival*, 35: 1, 5 – 26

Posen, Barry R. (1993). The security dilemma and ethnic conflict, *Survival*, 35:1, 27 – 47

Van Evera, Stephen (1994). Hypotheses on Nationalism and War, *International Security*, 18:4, 5-39

Hassner, Pierre (1993). Beyond nationalism and internationalism: Ethnicity and world order, *Survival*, 35: 2, 49 – 65

Griffiths, Martin and Sullivan, Michael (2008). Nationalism and International Relations Theory, *Australian Journal of Politics and History*, 43:1, pp. 53-66