

Sociology 7033  
NATIONS AND NATIONALISM  
Spring 2022

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## COURSE SUMMARY

Nationalism has had an immense global impact, especially in the past two centuries, and its influence continues undiminished. Drawing from scholarship in history, anthropology, sociology, and political science, this course will cover the prevailing social science approaches to studying nationalism.

This course will proceed in two parts. The first part will cover the conceptual and theoretical foundations of scholarship on nationalism, for which we will read the classic literature from the past 150 years. The second part of the course will focus specifically on nationalism in East Asia over the past two centuries. By the end of the course, students will have a solid grounding in the relevant literature on nationalism sufficient for doing their own research.

## REQUIREMENTS

1. *Weekly Memos.* Each week students should write a memo reflecting on the week's reading. The memo should be no longer than about 250 words. The memo should do more than summarize the readings. It should critically engage the main ideas of the readings. This could include noting commonalities or differences between scholars; discussing weaknesses or strengths of some arguments or approaches; or relating ideas in the week's reading to previous weeks' readings. Memos should be posted to the course's NTU COOL page no later than **5pm on the Wednesdays before class**. Timely completion of the memos is a firm requirement of the class. Students are allowed two weeks during which they may take a break from writing a memo. If you wish to take a break, please simply post "Taking a break" **before class** on NTU COOL. There is no advantage to *not* taking a break. However, students who omit more than two memos cannot earn a grade higher than a B for the course.
2. *Leading Discussion.* Each week, one student will lead discussion. Each student will deliver a short presentation (about 10 to 15 minutes) consisting of a synthesis of the central arguments of the readings, followed by an analysis of the central theoretical, methodological, analytical, or empirical issues for discussion. Then, together with the instructor, the student will lead the discussion that follows.

3. *Take-home final exam or independent paper.* Students can choose either to take a take-home final exam consisting of two essays (of about 3,000 words each) or to write an independent paper (of about 6,000 to 10,000 words) on a topic chosen in consultation with the instructor. Students who wish to do an independent paper must meet with the instructor to get approval during the first three weeks of the semester.

## GRADING

50% Critical engagement with the reading, including weekly memos, discussion leading, and participation in class

50% Final exam or paper

## EXPECTATIONS

*Language.* This course will be taught in English. Students will be expected to participate as best they can in English. Written assignments must all be in English. That said, this is not an English class; students should treat the course as an opportunity to practice their English skills and learn new ways of expressing themselves. Grades will not be influenced by the quality of the students' English, but the students should feel encouraged to seek help from the instructor for any concerns about language.

*Academic Honesty.* All written assignments should be the students own original work. If not, students may not be able to receive a passing grade.

## CLASS SCHEDULE

### **Week 1 (2/17) Introduction (online)**

### **Week 2 (2/24) Concepts and Definitions (online)**

*What are we talking about when we talk about "nations"?*

Seton-Watson, Hugh. 1977. *Nations and States: An Enquiry into the Origins of Nations and the Politics of Nationalism*. London: Methuen, pp.1-5

Stalin, Joseph. (1913) 1954. *Marxism and the National Question*. Moscow: Foreign Languages Publishing House, pp. 11-23.

Renan, Ernest. (1882) 1995. "What Is a Nation?" In *Nationalism in Europe: From 1815 to the Present*, edited by Stuart Woolf, 48-60. London: Routledge.

Deutsch, Karl W. 1966. *Nationalism and Social Communication: An Inquiry into the Foundations of Nationality*. 2nd ed. Cambridge: MIT Press, pp. 17-28, 86-106.

- Weber, Max. (1920) 1978. *Economy and Society: An Outline of Interpretive Sociology*. Edited by Guenther Roth and Claus Wittich. Vol. 1. Berkeley: University of California Press, pp. 922–926.
- Connor, Walker. 1978. “A Nation Is a Nation, Is a State, Is an Ethnic Group Is a . . .” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 1 (4): 377–400.
- Anderson, Benedict R. 1991. *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism*. Revised ed. New York: Verso, pp.1–7.
- Verdery, Katherine. 1993. “Whither ‘Nation’ and ‘Nationalism?’” *Daedalus* 122 (3): 37–46.
- Brubaker, Rogers. 1996. *Nationalism Reframed: Nationhood and the National Question in the New Europe*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, pp. 13–22.
- Calhoun, Craig. 1997. *Nationalism*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, pp.1–12, 18–28.

### **Week 3 (3/3) Modernist Approaches (part 1): Economic Change and Nationalism (first in-person class)**

- Gellner, Ernest. 1964. “Nationalism.” In *Thought and Change*, 147–78. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Gellner, Ernest. 1983. *Nations and Nationalism*. New Perspectives on the Past. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, pp.1–143.

### **Week 4 (3/10) Modernist Approaches (part 2): Cultural Change and Nationalism**

- Benedict Anderson. *Imagined Communities*. Pp. 1–162.
- Chatterjee, Partha. 1993. “Whose Imagined Community?” In *The Nation and Its Fragments: Colonial and Postcolonial Histories*, 3–13. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Lomnitz, Claudio. 2001. “Nationalism as a Practical System: Benedict Anderson’s Theory of Nationalism from the Vantage Point of Spanish America.” In *The Other Mirror: Grand Theory through the Lens of Latin America*, edited by Miguel Angel Centeno and Fernando López-Alves, 329–59. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

### **Week 5 (3/17) Modernist Approaches (part 3): Political Change and Nationalism**

- Breuilly, John. 1993. *Nationalism and the State*. Manchester: Manchester University Press, pp. 366–403.
- Hobsbawm, E. J. 1990. *Nations and Nationalism since 1780: Programme, Myth, Reality*. 2nd ed. The Wiles Lectures given at the Queen’s University of Belfast 1990. New York: Cambridge University Press, pp. 80–100.
- Conversi, Daniele. 2007. “Homogenisation, Nationalism and War: Should We Still Read Ernest Gellner?” *Nations and Nationalism* 13 (3): 371–94
- Craig Calhoun. “State, Nation and Legitimacy.” Ch. 4 of *Nationalism*.
- Mann, Michael. 1995. “A Political Theory of Nationalism and Its Excesses.” In *Notions of Nationalism*, edited by Sukumar Periwal, 44–64. Budapest: Central European University Press.

- Young, Crawford. 1985. "Ethnicity and the Colonial and Post-Colonial State in Africa." In *Ethnic Groups and the State*, edited by Paul R. Brass, 57–93. Totowa: Barnes and Noble Books.
- Geertz, Clifford. 1963. "The Integrative Revolution: Primordial Sentiments and Politics in New States." In *Old Societies and New States: The Quest for Modernity in Asia and Africa*, 105–57. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Meyer, John W., John Boli, George M. Thomas, and Francisco O. Ramirez. 1997. "World Society and the Nation-State." *American Journal of Sociology* 103 (1): 144–81.

**Week 6 (3/24) Away at a conference (no class)**

**Week 7 (3/31) Spring break (no class)**

**Week 8 (4/7) Critiques of the Modernist Paradigm**

*Are Nations Old or New? The Modernist /Primordialist/Perennialist Debate*

- Smith, Anthony D. 1986. *The Ethnic Origins of Nations*. Oxford: Blackwell. [Ch.1, "Are Nations Modern?" pp.6–18, and Ch.2 "Foundations of Ethnic Community, pp. 21–46].
- Connor, Walker. 1990. "When Is a Nation?" *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 13 (1): 92–103.
- Smith, Anthony D. 1996. "Opening Statement: Nations and Their Pasts." *Nations and Nationalism* 2 (3): 358–65.
- Gellner, Ernest. 1996. "Ernest Gellner's Reply: 'Do Nations Have Navels?'" *Nations and Nationalism* 2 (3): 366–70.
- Smith, Anthony D. 1996. "Memory and Modernity: Reflections on Ernest Gellner's Theory of Nationalism." *Nations and Nationalism* 2 (3): 371–88.
- Özirimli, Umut. 2003. "The Nation as an Artichoke? A Critique of Ethnosymbolist Interpretations of Nationalism" *Nations and Nationalism* 9 (3): 339–55.
- Smith, Anthony. 2003. "The Poverty of Anti-Nationalist Modernism." *Nations and Nationalism* (reply to Özirimli). 9 (3): 357–370.
- Gorski, Phil. 2000. "The Mosaic Moment: An Early Modernist Critique of Modernist Theories of Nationalism" *American Journal of Sociology* 105(5): 1428–68.
- Özirimli, Umut, and Steven Grosby. 2007. "Nationalism Theory Debate: The Antiquity of Nations?" *Nations and Nationalism* 13 (3): 523–537.

**Week 9 (4/14) Civic vs. Ethnic Definitions of Nationhood**

*Is the analytical distinction between 'civic' and 'ethnic' nations neutral or normative? Does it illuminate or occlude the phenomena we seek to understand?*

- McPherson, James M. 1999. *Is Blood Thicker than Water? Crises of Nationalism in the Modern World*. New York: Vintage Books.

- Brubaker, Rogers. 1992. *Citizenship and Nationhood in France and Germany*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, Introduction and Chapters 1–3 (pp. 1–72) and Conclusion (pp. 179–189).
- Brubaker, Rogers. 1999. “The Manichean Myth: Rethinking the Distinction between ‘civic’ and ‘Ethnic’ Nationalism.” In *Nation and National Identity: The European Experience in Perspective*, edited by Hanspeter Kriesl, Klaus Armingeon, Hannes Siegrist, and Andreas Wimmer, 55–72. Zurich: Verlag Rüeggert.

### **Week 10 (4/21) Nation, Race, and Gender**

- Armstrong, Bruce. 1989. “Racialisation and Nationalist Ideology: The Japanese Case.” *International Sociology* 4 (3): 329–43.
- Wade, Peter. 2001. “Racial identity and nationalism: a theoretical view from Latin America.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 24(5): 845–865.
- de la Fuente, Alejandro. 1998. “Race, National Discourse, and Politics in Cuba: An Overview.” *Latin American Perspectives* 25 (3): 43–69.
- Yuval-Davis, Nira, and Floya Anthias, eds. 1989. *Woman-Nation-State*. Houndmills: Macmillan, pp. 6–11.
- McClintock, Anne. 1996. “‘No Longer in a Future Heaven’: Nationalism, Gender, and Race.” In *Becoming National: A Reader*, edited by Geoff Eley and Ronald Grigor Suny, 259–84. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Delaney, Carol. 1995. “Father State, Motherland, and the Birth of Modern Turkey.” In *Naturalizing Power: Essays in Feminist Cultural Analysis*, edited by Sylvia Yanagisako and Carol Delaney, 177–200. New York: Routledge.
- Stoler, Ann. 1992. “Sexual Affronts and Racial Frontiers: European Identities and the Cultural Politics of Exclusion in Colonial Southeast Asia” *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 34(3).

### **Week 11 (4/28) Japan**

- Murphy, R. Taggart. 2014. *Japan and the Shackles of the Past*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 33–94.
- Oguma, Eiji. 2002. *A Genealogy of “Japanese” Self-Images*. Melbourne: Trans Pacific Press, Introduction and Ch. 1, 16, 17.
- Chizuko, Ueno. 1999. “The Politics of Memory.” *History & Memory* 11 (2): 129–52.
- Yoshino, Kosaku. 1992. *Cultural Nationalism in Contemporary Japan: A Sociological Enquiry*. New York: Routledge, pp. 1–28, 50–62.
- Lie, John. 2001. *Multicultural Japan*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press., Ch. 1–2 (pp. 1–52)

### **Week 12 (5/5) Korea**

- Schmid, Andre. 2002. *Korea Between Empires, 1895–1919*. New York: Columbia University Press. Introduction (pp. 1–22) and Ch. 5 (pp. 171–198).
- Shin, Gi-Wook. 2006. *Ethnic Nationalism in Korea: Genealogy, Politics, and Legacy*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, pp. 1–57.
- Kim, Jiyeon. 2015. “National Identity under Transformation: New Challenges to South Korea.” In *Asia’s Alliance Triangle*, 203–17. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Campbell, Emma. 2015. “The End of Ethnic Nationalism? Changing Conceptions of National Identity and Belonging among Young South Koreans.” *Nations and Nationalism* 21 (3): 483–502.
- Kim, Jaeun. 2016. *Contested Embrace: Transborder Membership Politics in Twentieth-Century Korea*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, pp. 1–72.

### **Week 13 (5/12) China (part 1)**

#### *Han and Non-Han*

- Gladney, Dru. 2004. *Dislocating China: Muslims, Minorities, and Other Subaltern Subjects*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press. (Chapter 2.)
- Mullaney, Thomas. 2010. *Coming to Terms with the Nation: Ethnic Classification in Modern China*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press. (Chapter 1.)
- Mullaney, Thomas S. 2012. “Critical Han Studies: Introduction and Prolegomenon.” In *Critical Han Studies: The History, Representation, and Identity of China’s Majority*, edited by Thomas S. Mullaney, James Leibold, Stéphane Gros, and Eric Vanden Bussche, 1–20. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Carrico, Kevin. 2017. *The Great Han: Race, Nationalism, and Tradition in China Today*. Oakland: University of California Press, Introduction, Ch. 1–2 and 6 (pp. 1–68, 159–190).

### **Week 14 (5/19) China (part 2)**

#### *Inner Asia*

- Perdue, Peter C. 2005. *China Marches West: The Qing Conquest of Central Eurasia*. Cambridge: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, pp. 497–565.
- Weiner, Benno. 2020. *The Chinese Revolution on the Tibetan Frontier*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, Introduction and Conclusion (pp. 1–23, 203–211).
- Leibold, James. 2020. “Surveillance in China’s Xinjiang Region: Ethnic Sorting, Coercion, and Inducement.” *Journal of Contemporary China* 29 (121): 46–60.
- Zhao, Taotao, and James Leibold. 2020. “Ethnic Governance under Xi Jinping: The Centrality of the United Front Work Department & Its Implications.” *Journal of Contemporary China* 29 (124): 487–502.

Leibold, James. 2021. "The Not-so Model Minority: Xi Jinping's Mongolian Crackdown." *China Leadership Monitor*, no. 70.

### *Hong Kong*

Ho, Justin Chun-ting. 2022. "Understanding Hong Kong Nationalism: A Topic Network Approach." *Nations and Nationalism*

Li, Promise. 2022. "Self-Determination Through Struggle." In *Reorienting Hong Kong's Resistance: Leftism, Decoloniality, and Internationalism*, edited by Wen Liu, JN Chien, Christina Chung, and Ellie Tse, 15–28. Singapore: Springer.

### **Week 15 (5/26) Taiwan**

Hsiau, A.-chin. 2000. *Contemporary Taiwanese Cultural Nationalism*. New York: Routledge, pp. 1–50, 177–187.

Chang, Bi-yu. 2015. *Place, Identity, and National Imagination in Postwar Taiwan*. London: Routledge, pp. 1–23, 155–216.

Li, Yao-Tai. 2020. "I Was Discriminated against Because I Was Seen as PRC-Chinese? The Negotiation between Ethnicity and Nationalism among Taiwanese Migrants in Australia." *The British Journal of Sociology* 71 (5): 1016–30.

Cheng, Julia Y. 2021. "How Long-Distance Nationalism Shapes 'Us' Preferences of First-Generation Taiwanese Americans." *Current Sociology* 69 (7): 963–80.

### **Week 16 (6/2) Final exams and papers due**