Political Science 6441: Comparative Nationalism

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Introduction: In this course, we will examine one of the most important topics in the world today: nationalism. The course begins with an overview of nationalism, including topics such as definitions of nation and nationalism, different types of nationalism, and the theoretical debates about development as a leading political principle. From there, we will spend several weeks examining the intersection between nationalism and other important topics in political science and identity studies, as well as the way nationalism plays out in different types of countries. An important theme that we will consider this semester is American national identity, including thinking about questions such as hat makes us Americans? multiculturalism compatible with American national identity?

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You will serve as a discussion facilitator twice. For each of those two will write a short (maximum two-page, double-spaced) critique, in addition to your summaries of the two recommended readings that you will hand out in class. Unlike recommended reading summaries, the critiques will summarize the required readings. Instead, they will focus on the required readings and weaknesses including similarities and differences in this regard across the readings and what kind of questions they raise for discussion. The reading critique assignments will be turned in to me (email is fine) by the end of the day before class (Monday). The facilitator does not remove responsibility for doing required readings on weeks you are not in that role. (There are too few of you to hide!) You are also encouraged to have read some or all of the recommended readings.

There is also a short assignment to be turned in at the beginning of session 3.

Otherwise, the major project will be a research paper on some aspect of nationalism. This paper will be 20-25 pages in length. The paper must focus on at least one specific country or nationalist movement and must add to our understanding of nationalism. If you cannot say in one sentence what your paper will add to the existing works on nationalism

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SHORT ASSIGNMENT DUE, in class. See description at end of syllabus.	
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Required Readings:
Ernest Gellner, , ch. 7.

Anthony Smith, , ch. 2.

Session **5** (Sept. **29**): <u>How</u> Does Nationalism Emerge?, Part II: Constructivism *Required Readings:*

*Anthony Smith,

, ch. 3 (pp. 54-57 only), ch. 4 (pp. 78-86)

*Eric Hobsbawm,

1780 (Cambridge University Press, 1990), ch. 2.

*Anthony Smith,

, pp. 129-142 only.

*Alexander J. Motyl, The Social Construction of Social Construction: Implications for Theories of Nationalism and Identity Formation 38, no. 1 (January 2010): 59-71 Session 8 (Oct. **20**): Explanations for When and How Nationalism Emerges: Putting It All Together; Smith versus Gellner

Required Readings:

Ernest Gellner, , chs. 3-4, 6.

, pp. 55-63

Anthony Smith, , ch. 1 (pp. 5-15 and 20-26 only), chs.

-S Recommended and Discussion Facilitator Readings: *John Breuilly, Selected chapters from , Fonkem Achankeng, ed., Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2015. Session 14 (Dec. 1): Postcommunist States Required Readings: -Soviet Nations after Independe -Soviet in Recommended and Discussion Facilitator Reading: *Marlene Laruelle Russia as a Divided Nation, from Compatriots to Crimea 62 (2015): 88 97. -Soviet Armenia: Nationalism & Its (Dis)contents, in Part V: Conclusion Session 15: (Dec. 8): Conclusion: What is To Be Done? Required Readings: Ernest Gellner, , chs. 8 and 10. Anthony Smith, , ch. 6. , ch. 1. Samuel Huntington, Anatol Lieven, , ch. 1. , pp. 22-30 only. in Recommended and Discussion Facilitator Reading: *Jack Snyder, (New York: WW Norton, 2000) ch. 1 (pp. 25-43 only), ch. 2. *Jonathan Watson, Chinese Nationalism and Its Future Prospects: An Interview with Yingjie Guo, , June 27, 2012. Available at: http://www.nbr.org/downloads/pdfs/Outreach/Guo interview 06272012.pdf. *Henry E. Hale, Explaining Support for Territorial Expansion: Russia in 2013 and 2014, American Political Science Association annual meeting, September 3-6, 2015, San Francisco, CA. Volodymyr Kravchenko, Ukraine and Russia: In Search of a Divergent Future,

Session 13 (Nov. 24): Postcolonial States

Required Readings:

Assignments, POSC 6441