

CET Syllabus of Record



Program: CET Prague

Course Title: Nationalism, Minorities, and Migrations in Europe

Course Code: PR/INTR 342

Total Hours: 45

Recommended Credits: 3

Primary Discipline / Suggested Cross Listings: International Relations / Sociology, Political Science, History

Language of Instruction: English

Prerequisites/Requirements: Open to all students

Description

Since the French revolution, nationalism has become one of the leading forces in European politics and culture. It has progressively transformed all European states and societies into nation states and national societies. The core of the nationalist project lies at the intersection of two claims--the claim to self-government of a people and the claim to its distinct national identity. This course explores these two claims and delves deeper into historical conditions and the transformation of current European multiculturalism.

The Czech Republic, situated in the center of Europe, is a permanent intersection of cultures and concepts of the West and East. Originally one of the most heterogeneous places in Europe, the Czech Republic began the 1990's as one of the most homogeneous ones. Currently, thanks to migration, EU membership and globalization, the Czech Republic is rapidly becoming diverse again. With these circumstances, the country serves as the ideal location from which to examine this course's topic.

Objectives

The course examines the various issues connected to processes that have formed contemporary European society (Czech society). Students are introduced to the complex phenomena of migration, nationalism, formation of ethnic minorities etc. via a range of perspectives including not only theoretical overviews but also practical illustrations and examples. Some semesters are more theoretically-oriented, while others use a theoretical overview to explore case studies and practical examples.

After completing this course, students are able to:

- Show similarities and differences in national consciousness and minority policies across Europe (e.g., eastern vs. western or ethnic vs. civic nations, small nations vs. colonial powers) and in different historical periods (e.g., from the spring of nations to the age of empire to the post-WWII period)
- Overview European attitudes and policies towards the Jews and the Roma and responses of those minorities to them – from assimilation to dual identity to nationalism
- Discuss European policies towards immigration and immigrants in the post-WWII period including the recent redefinition of some European countries as the countries of immigration

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- Discuss following questions: Can we make analogies between past and present discriminations? Is still anti-Semitism Europe's major problem, or are there new targets of xenophobia (e.g., Muslims, Africans)? What are the effects on these issues of the new international and global situation – e.g., enlargement of the EU, American "war on terror", the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

Course Requirements

Students are required to participate actively in class and involve themselves in class discussions.

Assigned readings average 50-100 pages per class session. Each week, students submit position papers of at least 300 words based on the assigned readings. Position papers should summarize and respond to the issues and important questions from the texts, and should demonstrate students' understanding of relationship of the readings to the overall themes of the course.

Students present their position paper to the class once over the course of the term. Presentations should be approximately 15 minutes in length and should launch a discussion about the topic at hand.

Students take comprehensive midterm and final examinations that test their mastery of the course material and readings. In some semesters, this class also requires a final paper.

Students are expected to abide by CET's Attendance Policy.

Methods of Evaluation

The final grade is determined as follows:

Participation	10%
Weekly position papers	10%
Midterm exam	20%
Final exam	20%
Final paper	40%

Primary Texts

Texts may vary from semester to semester, but usually include:

Anderson, Benedict: The nation and the origins of national consciousness, in: *Nationalism. Oxford Readers*, Hutchinson, John and Smith Anthony, D. (eds.) Oxford University Press, Oxford 1994: pp. 43-51.

Barša, Pavel: *Ethnocultural Justice in East European States and the Case of the Czech Roma*.

Barth, Fredrik: Ethnic Group and Boundaries, *Ethnicity. Oxford Readers*, Hutchinson, John and Smith, Anthony D. (eds), Oxford University Press, Oxford 1996.

Batt, J. 'Introduction: Defining Central and Eastern Europe' in: White, S., Batt, J., Lewis, P.G. (eds.) *Developments in Central and East European Politics*. New York: Palgrave, 2003.

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- Betts, P. 'The Twilight of the Idols: East German Memory and Material Culture' in: *The Journal of Modern History*, Vol. 72, No. 3 (Sep., 2000). The University of Chicago Press.
- Brass, Paul R.: Elite Competition and Nation Formation, in: *Nationalism. Oxford Readers*, Hutchinson, John and Smith Anthony, D. (eds.) Oxford University Press, Oxford 1994.
- Brubaker, Rogers: Civic and Ethnic Nations in France and Germany, in: *Ethnicity. Oxford Readers*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1996.
- Bunzl, Matti: Between anti-Semitism and Islamophobia: Some thoughts on the new Europe, *American Ethnologist*, Vol. 32, No. 4.
- Hobsbawm, E., The nation as novelty: from revolution to liberalism, in: *Nations and nationalism since 1780. Programme, myth, reality*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge 1990.
- Hroch, Miroslav, From National Movement to the Fully-formed Nation: The Nation-building Process in Europe, in: *Mapping the Nation*, Balakrishnan, Gopal (ed.), Verso, New York 1996.
- Fetzer, Joel S., Soper, J. Christopher: *Muslims and the State in Britain, France, and Germany*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge 2005.
- Geertz, Clifford: Primordial and Civic Ties, in: *Nationalism. Oxford Readers*, Hutchinson, John and Smith Anthony, D. (eds.) Oxford University Press, Oxford 1994
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- Guy, Will: The Czech lands and Slovakia: Another false dawn? In: Guy, W. (ed.): *Between Past and Future. The Roma of Central and Eastern Europe*, University of Hertfordshire Press, 2001.
- Kohn, Hans: Western and Eastern Nationalisms, in: *Nationalism. Oxford Readers*, Hutchinson, John and Smith Anthony, D. (eds.) Oxford University Press, Oxford 1994.
- Kundera, M. 'The Tragedy of Central Europe' in: *The New York Review of Books (pre-1986)*, Vol. 31, No. 007 (Apr. 26, 1984). ProQuest Central
- Kymlicka, Will: Western Political Theory and Ethnic Relations in Eastern Europe, in: Kymlicka, W. and Opalski, M. (eds.): *Can Liberal Pluralism be Exported? Western Political Theory and Ethnic Relations in Eastern Europe*, Oxford University Press 2001.
- Margalit, Gilad: The uniqueness of the Nazi persecution of the Gypsies, *Romani Studies* 5, Vol. 10, No. 2 (2000).
- Murad, S. *Migration and the New Role of Central Europe in Enlarged European Union*. Available on www.forcedmigration.org.
- Roy, Olivier: Islam: A Passage to the West, in: *Globalised Islam. The Search for a New Ummah*, Hurst & Company, London 2004.
- Sennett, R. 'Consuming Politics' in: *The Culture of the New Capitalism*. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2006.
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Supplementary Texts

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- Joppke, C. 'European Immigration Policies at the Crossroads' in: Heywood, P., Jones, E., Rhodes, M. (eds.) *Developments in West European Politics 2*. New York: Palgrave, 2002.
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- Anderson, B. *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism*. London and New York: Verso/New Left Books, 1996.
- Early Emigrant Letter Stories. www.emigrantletters.com
- Kundera, M. *Ignorance*. London: Faber and Faber Ltd., 2002.
- UNHCR, *The State of the World's Refugees 2006: Human Displacement in the New Millennium*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2006.

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- Sedláková, R. 'The Media as a Tool of Social Exclusion – an Example of Presentation of the Roma in the Czech Media' in: Sirovátka, T. et al. *The Challenge of Social Inclusion: Minorities and Marginalised Groups in Czech Society*. Brno: Společnost pro odbornou literaturu – Barrister & Principal, 2006. (pp. 155–181)
- Bartov, O. 'Defining Enemies, Making Victims: Germans, Jews, and the Holocaust' in: *The American Historical Review*, Vol. 103, No. 3 (Jun., 1998). American Historical Association. (pp. 771–816)
- Bauman, Z. 'Assimilation into Exile: The Jew as a Polish Writer' in: *Poetics Today*, Vol. 17, No. 4, Creativity and Exile: European/American Perspectives II (Winter, 1996). (pp. 569–597)
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- Castles, S., Miller, M. J. 'New Ethnic Minorities and Society' in: *The Age of Migration: International Population Movements in the Modern World*. Third Edition. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2003. (pp. 220–254)
- Drbohlav, D. 'Immigration and the Czech Republic with a special focus on the foreign labor' in: *The International Migration Review*, Vol. 37, No. 1 (Spring, 2003). Center for Migration Studies of New York. (pp. 194–224)
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Outline of Course Content

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Note: Students cover approximately 1 topic per week.

Part I – Topics 1 - 3

Part one focuses upon historical conditions, varieties and phases of development of European nationalism and the development of it in Central Europe. It shows how different types of nationalisms entailed different attitudes and policies towards minorities.

Topic 1 – Central Europe, Europe and European Nationalism
Theoretical approaches

Topic 2 – Central Europe in the Net of Global Capitalism
Consumerism as a cause for stereotypes
Labor migration
The new market

Topic 3 – Are the Czechs Forever “Ossis” in the Western European Eye?
Eastern Europe Vs. Western Europe
Cold War divide and stereotype

Part II - Topics 4 - 9

Part two shows the history of problematic relations of emerging European nations towards two atypical minorities – Jews and Roma. It points to similarities and differences in treating of these minorities

Topic 4 – Ethnic Stereotypes
Czech commercial culture
Minorities

Topic 5 - Understanding Visual Representations of “We” and the “Other” through Photographic Experiments
How the media and other symbolic vehicles reproduce general stereotypes about the “Other”. How are individual and collective identities socially and culturally constructed?
Visual sociology: short historical overview, epistemological and methodological principals and methods, illustrations of several research results, visual literacy tool kit – avoiding error in analyzing photographs.

Topic 6 – Asylum and the Czechs in the Era of Communism.
Asylum and the Czechs in the era of freedom, democracy and prosperity

Topic 7 – Creation of a European Identity: Are the Czechs Eurosceptical?
European Union
Czech entry in the EU

Topic 8 – Roma – the Issue of Exclusion

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Roma as the most foreign of foreigners in Czech lands.

Topic 9 – Jews and the History of the Czech Republic

Czechs – Germans – Jews

After the Second World War

During communism

Today

Part III - Topics 10-11

The third part focuses on the transformation of Europe into a continent of immigration after WWII and points to policies of immigration and integration which have been practiced so far by West European states. It also debates the current crisis of European multiculturalism, the growing presence of Muslims in Europe and the way European societies are coping, for better or worse, with this challenge.

Topic 10 – Migration and a New Role of Central Europe in the Enlarged European Union

Migration and the question of consolidation of democracy.

Topic 11 – Muslims in Today's Europe

The image of Muslims in European politics.

The Copenhagen School's theory of securitization