

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS 625 / GOVERNMENT 544

THE SOURCES OF NATIONALISM

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Course Description

This course examines what nationalism is, where it comes from, and what effects it has on societies and international systems. We will cover material that presents contrasting historical and theoretical interpretations of nationalism. Each week, we will read one book. In class, we will carefully examine that book's main arguments and the historical evidence the author uses to support these arguments.

Course Requirements

This class is an upper-level graduate seminar. Students should have taken an introductory graduate course in international affairs and have at least working knowledge of modern European history.

Grades will be based on class participation (30%) and a research paper (70%) due at the end of the exam period. Each student will make at least one formal presentation in class, focusing on the book under discussion that week. The research paper should draw on the main course readings as well as additional sources.

Books

All books on the syllabus are available at the Leavey Center book store and are on reserve at the Library. Readings marked with an asterisk (*) will either be distributed in class or will be on reserve.

Course Outline

I. Introduction

1. Course Overview.

II. Origins

2. Charles Kupchan, *Nationalism and Nationalities*.
Charles Kupchan, "The Rebirth of History."*
3. Elie Kedourie, *Nationalism*.
4. Anthony Smith, "Ethnic Persistence and National Transformation."*
Ernest Gellner, *Nations and Nationalism*.
5. Benedict Andersen, *Imagined Communities*.

III. Nationalism and the State

6. Michael Mann, *The Sources of Social Power*, vol. II.
7. Rogers Brubaker, *Citizenship and Nationhood in France and Germany*.

IV. Nationalism and War

8. Karl Polanyi, *The Great Transformation*.
9. Jack Snyder, *From Voting to Violence*; Charles Kupchan, *The Vulnerability of Empire*, chapter 2.*
10. Laura Silber, *Yugoslavia: Death of a Nation*.
11. Bernard Lewis, *Islam and the West*.

V. Policy

12. Allen Buchanan, *Secession: The Morality of Political Divorce*.
13. John McGarry and Brendan O'Leary, *The Politics of Ethnic Conflict Regulation*.
14. U.S. Policy. Readings to be announced.