

MODULE TITLE: NATIONALISMS IN EUROPE (1789-1989)

SUMMARY: The module addresses the historical emergence and development of nationalisms and national identities in Europe (1789-1989).

MODULE ABSTRACT:

From French Revolution of 1789 to the end of the Cold War, nationalisms remained an essential component of European politics and culture. The module addresses the emergence and development of liberal nationalisms at the turn of the nineteenth century, the formation of the German and Italian nation-states and ethnic tensions in the central and eastern European empires. The course also analyses the complex relationship between class and national identities; the nationalization of the masses; and the connections between nationalism and fascism in the interwar period. The last part of the module is devoted to the study of the transformations of nationalisms and national identities in the Cold War era.

PROFESSOR:

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AIMS:

This subject aims to provide a detailed study of a key topic in European history, while improving students' applied knowledge of theories, historiography and methodology of nationalism and national identities in Europe. It also aims at improving students' knowledge of the state-building processes, the processes of nationalization and the transmission of national identities in Europe since the late Eighteenth century.

ECTS Credits: 6

Semester: 1

REQUIREMENTS: No specific requirements.

MODULE CONTENTS

1. Nations before the French Revolution?
2. The French Revolution and the Napoleonic Wars.
3. Liberal nationalisms in the nineteenth century.
4. Nation-state building: Germany and Italy.
5. Multi-ethnic empires in Central and Eastern Europe: Austria-Hungary, Russia and the Ottoman Empire.
6. The nationalization of the masses 1870-1914.
7. Nations and nationalisms in war and peace 1914-1945.
8. Fascism and nation.
9. The Cold War (I): Nations in Communist Europe.
10. The Cold War (II): Nations in Capitalist Europe.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

The module will combine synchronic and diachronic activities. The synchronic activities will include mini-lectures, seminars, student presentations and debates. Diachronic tasks will include reading secondary and primary sources, taking part in the student fora, writing essays, book reviews and reports, together with some other online academic tasks.

Contact hours: 3 hours per week, including synchronic and diachronic activities.

ASSESSMENTS

Seminar presentations (obligatory) and overall participation in class: 30%

Fora participation: 10%

Final assessment: 60%

The final assessment is an essay:

The 4000-word essay is expected to have a clear research question, focusing on a particular case study. The topic and research question must be agreed with the professor (deadline for a proposal is 1 November). It is recommended to base the essay on the oral presentation. The final essay is to be submitted on 17 December 2023.

Syllabus

1. Session (13.09): *Qu'est-ce qu'une nation?* Introduction to the course

Overview of concepts and structure of the course as well as work requirements etc.

2. Session (20.09.): *Égalité, liberté, fraternité: The French Revolution and the Napoleonic Wars*

Class discussion:

We will discuss the influence of the French Revolution on the emergence of European nations in the first decades of the nineteenth century.

Required Reading:

- Baycroft, Timothy: *Nationalism in Europe, 1789-1945*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998 (ch. 1: *The French Revolution and the idea of the nation*, pp. 3-16).
- Rowe, Michael: 'The French Revolution, Napoleon, and Nationalism in Europe', in John Breuilly (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of the History of Nationalism*, Oxford, OUP, 2013, 127-148.

3. Session (27.09.): Liberal nationalisms

Class discussion:

Who were the nationalists in the first decades of the nineteenth century? What did they want?

Required Reading:

- Connelly, John: *From Peoples into Nations. A history of Eastern Europe*, Princeton, NJ: 2020 (chapter 6: Cursed were the peacemakers: 1848 in East Central Europe, 157-186).
- Hobsbawm, Eric: *The Age of Revolution. Europe, 1789-1848*, London: Orion House, 1992 (chapter on "Nationalism", 132-147)

Presentation topic

The Polish November uprising (1830) and the Greek revolution (1821) in comparison.

4. Session (4.10.): Nation-state building from above: The unifications of Italy and Germany

Class discussion:

What factors led to the founding of the nation-states of Germany and of Italy?

Required Reading:

- Berger, Stefan: 'Germany. Ethnic Nationalism par excellence?', in: Timothy Baycroft, Mark Hewitson (ed.): *What is a Nation?*, OUP: Oxford, 2005, 42-60.
- Laven, David: 'Italy: The Idea of the Nation in the Risorgimento and Liberal Eras', in: Timothy Baycroft, Mark Hewitson (ed.): *What is a Nation?*, OUP: Oxford, 2005, 255-271.

Optional Reading:

Breuilly, John, 'Nationalism and National Unification in Nineteenth-Century Europe', in John Breuilly (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of the History of Nationalism*, Oxford, OUP, 2013, 149-174.

Presentation topic:

Wilhelm I. – a nationalist German emperor?

5. Session (11.10.): Multi-ethnic Empires in East Central Europe: Austria-Hungary and Russia as multi-ethnic empires

Class discussion:

We will discuss Hroch's three phases of nation-building and apply it to the Czech case in comparison to the Slovak and Hungarian (and others).

Required reading:

- Hroch, Miroslav, 'From National Movement to fully-formed Nation: The Nation-building Process in Europe', in Geoff Eley and Ronald Grigor Suny (ed.): *Becoming National*, OUP, New York, 1996, 59-77.
- Hroch, Miroslav, 'National Movements in the Habsburg and Ottoman Empires', in John Breuilly (ed.): *The Oxford Handbook of the History of Nationalism*, Oxford, OUP, 2013, 175-198.
- Weeks, Theodore R., 'Separatist Nationalism in the Romanov and Soviet Empires', in John Breuilly (ed.): *The Oxford Handbook of the History of Nationalism*, Oxford, OUP, 2013, 199-219.

Presentation

High culture as national symbol: National theaters and operas in the 19th century.

6. Session (18.10.): Nationalism for the Masses

Class discussion:

How did nationalism reach mass society? What role did nationalism play in forming a mass society? How did nationalism become visible?

Required Reading:

- Hobsbawm, Eric: *Nation and Nationalism since 1780: Programme, Myth, Reality*, Cambridge: CUP, 1992 (chapter: The transformation of nationalism, 1870-1918, pp. 101-130)
- Rausch, Helke. 'The Nation as a Community Born of War? Symbolic Strategies and Popular Reception of Public Statues in Late Nineteenth-Century Western European Capitals', *European Review of History* 14/1 (2007), 73–101.

Presentation:

Zionism – a new national movement in late 19th c. Europe?

7. Session (25.10.): Nation and Empire

Class discussion:

What was the contribution of nationalism to the drive for imperial expansion?

Required Readings:

- Baycroft, Timothy: *Nationalism in Europe, 1789-1945*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998, 61-70.

- Evans, Neil: "A World Empire, Sea-Girt": The British Empire, State and Nations, 1780-1914, in: Berger, Stefan and A. I. Miller (eds.): *Nationalizing Empires*. Budapest: Central European University Press, 2015.

Presentation topic

World expositions around 1900: symbols of imperial greatness or national pride?

[1.11. official holiday]

8. Session (8.11.): Nation-States as the new world order: WWI and its aftermath

Class discussion

We will discuss the successes and failures of the nation(-state) as the new order after WWI.

Required Reading:

Mazower, Mark: *Dark Continent. Europe's Twentieth Century*, London: Penguin Books, 1999 (chapter 2: Empires, nations, minorities, pp. 40-76)

Optional reading:

Zimmer, Oliver: 'Nationalism in Europe, 1918-45', in John Breuilly (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of the History of Nationalism*, Oxford, OUP, 2013, 414-434.

Presentation

Czechoslovakia (1918-1938): Nation-state or nations-state?

9. Session (15.11.) Nationalism and Fascism

Class discussion:

What role did race play in extremist nationalism?

Required reading:

- Ely, Geoff: 'Conservatives - Radical Nationalists - Fascists: Calling the People into Politics', in John Abromeit, Bridget María Chesterton, Gary Marotta and York Norman (ed.), *Transformations of Populism in Europe and the Americas*, New York, Bloomsbury, 2016, 15-31.
- Mazower, Mark: *Dark Continent: Europe's Twentieth Century*, Penguin, Knopf, 1998 (chapter 5: Hitler's new order, 1938-1945, 141-185).

Presentation

The expulsion of the Germans from Eastern Europe in 1945.

10. Session (22.11.): Nationalism after fascism: Western Europe

Class discussion:

What role did nationalism play after the experience of the Second World War?

Required reading:

Anderson, Malcolm. 2000. *States and Nationalism in Europe Since 1945*. London: Taylor & Francis. (chapter 3: European integration and globalisation, 38-52).

Anderson, Malcolm. 2000. *States and Nationalism in Europe Since 1945*. London: Taylor & Francis (chapter 4: Nationalism and immigration, 53-63)

Presentation

The 'gastarbeiter' (migrant workers) and the West German national discourse

11. Session (29.11.): Nationalism and Communism in Eastern Europe

Class discussion:

What was the role of nationalism in Communist Eastern Europe?

Required Reading:

Connelly, John: *From Peoples into Nations. A history of Eastern Europe*, Princeton, NJ: 2020 (chapter: Destalinization: Hungary's Revolution, 561-589)

Gerrits, André: *Nationalism in Europe since 1945*, London: Palgrave, 2016 (chapter: 'Nationalism and Communism in Eastern Europe', 61-81)

Presentation:

The Prague Spring as a national movement

[6.12. official holiday]

12. Session (13.12.): The rebirth of nationalism? The disintegration of Yugoslavia

Class discussion:

What role did nationalism have in the disintegration of Yugoslavia?

Required Readings:

Connelly, John: *From Peoples into Nations. A history of Eastern Europe*, Princeton, NJ: 2020 (chapter 26: Eastern Europe explodes: The Wars of Yugoslav Succession, 741-762)

Gerrits, André: *Nationalism in Europe since 1945*, London: Palgrave, 2016 (part of the chapter: 'Europe after the Cold War', pages 92-114)

Presentation Topic:

Kosovo: A (Nation-) State in Waiting?

13. Session (20.12.): What is the Meaning of Nationalism? Final discussion

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Relevant academic journals and online platforms

- Nationalities Papers. The Journal of Nationalism and Ethnicity
- Nations and Nationalism
- H-Nationalism (<https://networks.h-net.org/h-nationalism>)
 - o H-Nationalism resources: (<https://networks.h-net.org/node/3911/h-nationalism-resources>)

Introductions, overviews, readers

Baycroft, Timothy and Mark Hewitson (ed.): *What Is a Nation?: Europe 1789-1914*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006.

Baycroft, Timothy: *Nationalism in Europe, 1789-1945*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998.

Berger, Stefan, and Eric Storm (eds.), *Writing the History of Nationalism*, London, Bloomsbury, 2019, 215-239.

Berger, Stefan, Chris Lorenz (ed.): *Nationalizing the Past. Historians as Nation Builders in Modern Europe*, Palgrave, 2010.

- Bieber, Florian: *Debating Nationalism. The Global Spread of Nations*, London: Bloomsbury, 2020 (series: Debates in World History).
- Breuilly, John (ed.): *The Oxford Handbook of the History of Nationalism*, Oxford: OUP, 2013.
- Eley, Geoff, Geoff Eley, Ronald Grigor Suny, and Ronald Grigor Suny (ed.): *Becoming National: A Reader*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1996.
- Gellner, Ernest, *Nations and Nationalism*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1983.
- Hall, John A. *The State of the Nation: Ernest Gellner and the Theory of Nationalism*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998.
- Harris, Erika. 2009. *Nationalism: Theories and Cases*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.
- Hastings, Derek: *Nationalism in Modern Europe. Politics, Identity, and Belonging since the French Revolution*, London: Bloomsbury, 2018.
- Hobsbawm, E. J.: *Nations and Nationalism Since 1780: Programme, Myth, Reality*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012 (2nd ed.).
- Hroch, Miroslav: *Social Preconditions of National Revival in Europe*, Cambridge University Press, 1995.
- Kramer, Lloyd S. (ed.): *Nationalism in Europe & America: Politics, Cultures, and Identities Since 1775*, Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2011.
- Leerssen, Joep: *National Thought in Europe. A cultural History*, Amsterdam University Press 2018 (1st edition 2006).
- Norman, Wayne: *Negotiating Nationalism: Nation-Building, Federalism, and Secession in the Multinational State*, Oxford: OUP, 2006.
- Özirimli, Umut: *Theories of Nationalism. A critical introduction*, Houndsmills: Palgrave, 2010 (2nd edition).
- Scales, Len and Oliver Zimmer (ed.): *Power and the Nation in European History*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005.
- Schulze, Hagen: *States, nations and nationalism: from the Middle Ages to the present*, London: Wiley-Blackwell, 1998.
- Smith, Anthony D.: *Nationalism and Modernism. A critical survey of recent theories of nations and nationalism*, Routledge, 1998.
- Wimmer, Andreas: *Waves of War: Nationalism, State Formation, and Ethnic Exclusion in the Modern World*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013.
- Zimmer, Oliver: *Nationalism in Europe, 1890-1940*, Palgrave- Macmillan, Basingstoke, 2003.