

Course Syllabus

Course: *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*

Department: *European Studies and International Relations*

Host Institution: *University of Nicosia, Cyprus*



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Course Summary

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS / Credit Hours
IREL-325A	Nationalism and Ethnic Politics	6 ECTS / 3 US Credits
Subject	Contact Hours	* Prerequisites
International Relations	42-45	IREL-102 or Equivalent
Department	Level of Course	Method of Delivery
European Studies and International Relations	Lower-Division	Synchronous & Asynchronous Online

* *Global Semesters students please check with your GS Advisor.*

Course Objective

How has nationalism emerged as a major force in history? Why? What are the consequences of a global economy/nation for national belonging? This course examines the history of nationalism from the French Revolution to today. We will explore how nationalism, as a phenomenon, has forwarded the creation of sovereign nation-states, and we will look closely at how nationalism, as an ideology, has inspired fascist regimes, racist movements and policies, as well as ethnic cleansing and genocide. We will also investigate how questions of race, class, gender, and colonialism have influenced notions of national identity and consciousness. Classics of nationalism will be covered as well as more recent theories of the postmodern.

Learning Outcomes

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Assess the historical and sociological origins of nationalism and its impact on international relations and ethnic conflict.
2. Compare the struggles between ethnic groups to preserve traditional cultures and space for 'negative liberty'.
3. Explore, analyze and compare basic concepts such as nation, ethnicity, patriotism, chauvinism, expansionist nationalism, anti-colonial nationalism, etc.
4. Recount the major ideological/political approaches to nationalism (*i.e. Liberalism Conservativism, Socialism, Anarchism, Fascism and Fundamentalism*).
5. Report on and appraise alternative views to nationalism (*e.g. internationalism, universalism, cosmopolitanism and supranationalism*).
6. Appraise the impact of nationalism on regional and international conflict.

Course Contents

1. Defining Nationalism
2. The Emergence of the Nation-State (*State, Nation and the People*)
3. The Nation as a Novelty
4. Nationalism and the Notion of National Sovereignty
5. Nationalism as a Political Ideology
6. The Nation as an Imagined Community
7. Emancipatory vs. Extremist Nationalism
8. National Interest and World Politics
9. Three Ways and Three Types of Nationalism in the Contemporary History of Europe
10. Marxism and Nationalism
11. Internationalism
12. The Future of Nationalism

Teaching & Learning Method

- Lectures
- Discussions
- Presentations
- Assignments