

Nationalism in Central and Eastern Europe

Syllabus Spring 2011

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Course description: The introductory section of the course is on theory of nationalism, development of the academic discipline of nationalism studies and on preconditions of nationalism. Main focus of the course will be on nationalism in former Czechoslovakia, present Czech Republic and Slovakia, Poland and Hungary, Ukraine and Russia, and in former Yugoslavia. We will examine how a romantic picture of national history influenced the development of national identity, and what role the interpretation of national history has been having in political struggles and programs of Central and East European nations. main sources of nationalism and pillars national identity in each of these countries Comparative histories of the formation of modern national identities, including the 'national awakening' of non-dominant nations, will be interpreted against the backdrop of national policies of multi-ethnic states, national programs and leaders. The major focus of the course will be oriented toward topics surrounding post-WWI Central and Eastern Europe, Nazism and Communism.

After completion of this course, the students should be able to apply a theory of nationalism to its various manifestations. They will acquire a survey knowledge of national histories in the examined region, will have a solid understanding of main sources of nationalism in Central and Eastern Europe, and will gain an experience with examination of specific examples of this phenomena in modern and contemporary Central and Eastern Europe. The course includes several field trips and visits and guest lectures.

The guidelines for mid-term and finals will be available in class two weeks before the scheduled exam.

Grading policy

Class participation/attendance:	25%
3 short assignments:	3x5=15%
Mid-term:	25 %
Final:	35%

Schedule of Classes

Week 1

25 January - Nationalism as a subject of scholarly examination. Theories, definitions and categories.

Typology of nationalism.

Reading: Reader: Chapters 1, 2 and 3

27 January - Nationalism on the territory of former Yugoslavia in past and present

Reading: Reader: Chapter 4; Mazower, Mark: *The Balkans*

Week 2

1 and 3 February - Nationalism on the territory of former Yugoslavia in past and present

Reading: Reader: Chapter 4; Mazower, Mark: *The Balkans*

Week 3

8 and 10 February - Nationalism on the territory of former Yugoslavia in past and present

Reading: Reader: Chapter 4; Mazower, Mark: *The Balkans*

Week 4

15 and 17 February - Nationalism in Russia, Ukraine and Belarus

Reading:

Reader: Chapter 5

NYU library: Prizel, I. *National Identity and Foreign Policy. Nationalism and Leadership in Poland, Russia and Ukraine..* Chapter on Russia and Ukraine.

Week 5

22 and 24 February - Nationalism in Russia, Ukraine and Belarus

Reading:

Reader: Chapter 5

NYU library: Prizel, I. *National Identity and Foreign Policy. Nationalism and Leadership in Poland, Russia and Ukraine..* Chapter on Russia and Ukraine.

Study guideline for mid-term will be available on 22 February

Week 6

1 March - Nationalism in Russia, Ukraine and Belarus

Reading:

Reader: Chapter 5

NYU library: Prizel, I. *National Identity and Foreign Policy. Nationalism and Leadership in Poland, Russia and Ukraine..* Chapter on Russia and Ukraine.

3 March - Mid-Term

Week 7

8 and 10 March - Nationalism in Hungary

Reading:

Reader: Frank, T. *Nation, National Minorities, and Nationalism in Twentieth- Century Hungary.*

Week 8

15 March - Nationalism in Hungary

Reading:

Reader: Frank, T. *Nation, National Minorities, and Nationalism in Twentieth-Century Hungary*.

17 March - Nationalism in Poland

Reading:

NYU library: Prizel, I. *National Identity and Foreign Policy. Nationalism and Leadership in Poland, Russia and Ukraine*. Chapter on Poland.

Week 9 – Spring Break – no classes

Week 10

29 and 31 March - Nationalism in Poland

Reading:

NYU library: Prizel, I. *National Identity and Foreign Policy. Nationalism and Leadership in Poland, Russia and Ukraine*. Chapter on Poland.

Week 11

5 April - Nationalism in Poland

Reading:

NYU library: Prizel, I. *National Identity and Foreign Policy. Nationalism and Leadership in Poland, Russia and Ukraine*. Chapter on Poland.

7 April - Nationalism in Czechoslovakia and Czech Republic and Slovak Republic

Reading:

Reader: Chapter 6; Agnew, H.: *Noble Nation and Modern Czech Nation*.

NYU Library: Polišíenský, Josef (1991): *History of Czechoslovakia in Outline*. Prague, Bohemia International.

Week 12

12 and 14 April - Nationalism in Czechoslovakia and Czech Republic and Slovak Republic

Reading:

NYU Library: Igor, Lukes (1996): *Czechoslovakia between Stalin and Hitler : the diplomacy of Edvard Beneš in the 1930s*. New York : Oxford University Press.

Reader: Chapter 6; Polišíenská, Milada: *Dissolution of Czechoslovakia*

Week 13

19 and 21 April - Nationalism in Czechoslovakia and Czech Republic and Slovak Republic

Reading:

NYU Library: Igor, Lukes (1996): *Czechoslovakia between Stalin and Hitler : the diplomacy of Edvard Beneš in the 1930s*. New York : Oxford University Press.

Reader: Chapter 6; Polišíenská, Milada: *Dissolution of Czechoslovakia*

Study guidelines for the finals will be available in class.

Week 14

26 and 28 April - Nationalism in Czechoslovakia and Czech Republic and Slovak Republic

Reading: Will be provided by the instructor in class.

Study guidelines for the finals will be available on April 26.

Week 15

3 and 5 May – Review of the main problems, discussion, conclusion of the course.

Exam week

10 May – *Finals*