

Justice, Nationalism and Multiculturalism
Political Science 361
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This seminar will explore recent arguments about cultural diversity, nationalism and justice that take place within the context of democratic theory and practice. We will examine functionalist arguments on nationalism, along with normative defenses of it; a variety of arguments on multiculturalism, including its effects on individual rights and gender equality; arguments in favor of cosmopolitanism; and we will study various arguments on groups and historic injustice. While the aim of this course is to examine and develop theoretical arguments about group rights, concrete examples drawn from a comparative perspective will play a large role in class discussions.

Requirements:

This course will be run through discussion, so you need to do the reading carefully before class. You should bring the week's readings to class. I expect all students to participate intelligently and respectfully in class. Participation counts for 20% of the grade. You will have to write four 4-5 page short papers (40%), and one longer research 15-20 page paper on the topic of your choice (40%).

Short papers should not summarize the texts, but should critically or sympathetically analyze an important argument in the readings. Short papers are due before class. You will find three schedules for the short papers at the end of the syllabus. You choose the schedule you prefer, though you must stick to it. You should email me the schedule you choose by Friday, September 9th. I will discuss the longer paper in class, but you will need to get my approval for your topic and you will have to do extra research for this paper.

You should buy the following books (the Anderson book is optional, but the reading from the book is not; it is on reserve at the undergraduate library). They are all in the campus bookstore.

Gellner, *Nations and Nationalism* (Cornell: 0801492637)
Anderson, *Imagined Communities* (Verso: 0860915468)
Miller, *On Nationality* (Oxford: 0198293569)
Kymlicka, *Multicultural Citizenship* (Oxford: 0198290918)
Young, *Justice and the Politics of Difference* (Princeton: 0691023158)
Mason, *Community, Solidarity and Belonging: Levels of Community and their Normative Significance* (Oxford: 0521637287)
Tan, *Justice without Borders: Cosmopolitanism, Nationalism, and Patriotism*
(Cambridge:
0521542324)

Thompson, *Taking Responsibility for the Past: Reparation and Historical Injustice*
(Polity:
0745628842)

Class Schedule

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| September | 5 | Introduction |
| | 12 | Gellner, <i>Nations and Nationalism</i>
Anderson, <i>Imagined Communities</i> , chs. 1, 3-4 |
| | 19 | Miller, <i>On Nationality</i> |
| | 26 | Taylor, "The Politics of Recognition"
Taylor, "Democratic Exclusion and its Remedies"
Yack, "Popular Sovereignty and Nationalism" |
| October | 3 | Kymlicka, <i>Multicultural Citizenship</i> |
| | 10 | Young, <i>Justice and the Politics of Difference</i> |
| | 17 | Mason, <i>Community, Solidarity and Belonging</i> |
| | 24 | Kukathas, "Are There Any Cultural Rights?"
Swaine, <i>A Liberalism of Conscience</i> |
| | 31 | Okin, "Feminism and Multiculturalism: Some Tensions"
Shachar, "On Citizenship and Multicultural Vulnerability"
Deveaux, "A Deliberative Approach to Conflicts of Culture"
Phillips, "Dilemmas of Gender and Culture" |
| November | 7 | Waldron, "Minority Cultures and the Cosmopolitan Alternative"
Pogge, "Cosmopolitanism and Sovereignty"
Abizadeh, "Does Liberal Democracy Presuppose a Cultural Nation?
Four Arguments" |
| | 14 | Tan, <i>Justice without Borders</i> |
| | 21 | No class: individual meetings about final paper |
| | 28 | Waldron, "Superseding Historic Injustice"
Vernon, "Against Restitution" |
| December | 5 | Thompson, <i>Taking Responsibility for the Past</i> ; Ridge, "Giving the Dead
their Due" |
| | 8 | Final papers due at noon. |