

**Fall 2007**

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### **Political Science 579: the Politics of Belonging**

This course will introduce students to major theoretical approaches used to study four basic concepts: ethnicity, nationalism, citizenship and civil society. While ethnicity and nationalism involve a politics of belonging that is often associated with ascriptive commonalities, citizenship and civil society are concepts used to study the "politics of belonging" that people can create through political membership and participation. Combining theoretical readings, comparative analyses, case studies and ethnographies we will address the following questions: How has each of these concepts been studied and understood in political science and in the social sciences more broadly? What have been some of the major debates and questions that have shaped the scholarly literature and informed political practices? How may different approaches to these concepts lead to different conclusions or outcomes in different countries and world regions? How do these different concepts relate to each other? Finally, how do certain contemporary processes such as immigration, transnationalism, globalization and regionalism unsettle or alter the ways in which we may think about these concepts? Students will write 2 short response papers and one book review as well as two analytical essays. Additionally, students will participate in group assignments and in-class presentations.

#### **Grade**

Two analytical papers:50%

Two short response papers:24%

Book Review: 10%

Class participation (individual and group presentations): 16%

#### **Readings**

Arturo Escobar. Encountering Development. Princeton University Press, 1994.

Sheila Croucher. Imagining Miami: Ethnic Politics in a Postmodern World. University of Virginia Press, 1997.

Deborah Yashar. Contesting Citizenship in Latin America: the Rise of Indigenous Movements and the Postliberal Challenge. Cambridge University Press, 2005.

Robert Putnam. Bowling Alone: the Collapse and Revival of American Community. Simon & Schuster, 2001.

Marc Morjé Howard. The Weakness of Civil Society in Post-Communist Europe. Cambridge University Press, 2003.

Additionally, a course pack will be available at Aires Press by the week of September 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **Timetable**

August 27

First Day of Class; Introduction to the Course

### **Sept**

3- no class—labor day

*Readings: culture and identity readings*

Wedeen, Lisa. "Conceptualizing Culture: Possibilities for Future Research" *The American Political Science Review*. Vol. 96, N. 4, P.713-728.

Stuart Hall. "The Question of Cultural Identity". Modernity

Rogers Brubaker and Frederick Cooper. "Beyond Identity." *Theory and Society* 29: 1-47, 2000.

### **First Short Response Paper due on Wednesday, September 5 at 5pm.**

10—Culture and Identity: Definitions and Approaches

A cultural approach: Thinking about development

Escobar, Arturo. Encountering Development

17-Ethnicity : Theoretical Approaches and Case Study

Two short readings to be announced

Imagining Miami (Chapters 1-3)

24-Ethnic Politics: a Case Study cont. & Defining Nationalism

Imagining Miami Chapters 4-6

Weber. From Peasants to Frenchmen Chapter 7

Walker Connor. "When is a Nation"

Anthony Smith. "the Origin of Nations"

### **First Analytical Paper due Wednesday, Sept 26 at 5pm.**

### **Oct**

1- Nationalism Theoretical approaches & Colonialism

Short reading excerpts:

Ernest Renan. "What is a Nation?"

Clifford Geertz. "Primordial and Civic Ties"

Ernest Gellner. "Nationalism and Modernization"

Eric Hobsbawm. "The Nation as Invented Tradition."  
Benedict Anderson. "Imagined Communities."  
Crawford Young. "The Colonial Construction of African Nations"  
Benedict Anderson "Census, Map, Museum"  
Partha Chaterjee "National History and its Exclusions"

#### 8- Colonial and Exclusions (cont) & Transnationalism

Longer articles:

Ann Stoler "Sexual affronts and Racial Frontiers: European Identities and the Cultural Politics of Exclusion in Colonial Southeast Asia"  
Paul Gilroy. "One Nation under a Groove: the Cultural Politics of Race in Britain"  
Norma Moruzzi. "A Problem with Headscarves: Contemporary Complexities of Social and Political Identity". *Political Theory*. Vol 22, N. 4, Nov. 1994.  
Nina Glick Schiller, Linda Basch and Cristina Blanc-Szanton. "Transnationalism: a New Analytic Framework for Understanding Migration." *Annal of the New York Academy of Sciences*, Vol 645, 1992.  
Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo and Ernestine Avila. "I'm Here but I'm There: the Meanings of Transnational Latina Motherhood". *Gender and Society*. Vol 11, N. 5, October 1997.

#### Oct 15: Transnationalism (cont) Globalization and Regionalism

Amalia Pallares. "Ecuadorian Immigrants and Symbolic Nationalism in Chicago." *Latino Studies Journal*. Volume 3, Number 3, Nov. 2005.  
Jonathan Fox: "Civic Binationalism" Unpublished Manuscript.  
Mary Kaldor. "Nations and Nationalism". *International Affairs*. Vol 10, Issue 1-2, p, 161-177  
Montserrat Guibernet. "Nations without States as New Global Political Actors."  
Peter A. Kraus. "Transnationalism or Renationalization? The Politics of Cultural Identity in the European Union".

#### **Second Short Response Paper due Wednesday, Oct 17 at 5pm**

#### 22: Defining and Constructing Citizenship

*J.G.A. Pocock. "The Ideal of Citizenship since Classical Times"*  
*Max Weber. "Citizenship in Ancient and Medieval Cities"*  
*T. H. Marshall. "Citizenship and Social Class"*  
*Nancy Fraser and Linda Gordon: "Contract versus Charity: Why is there no Social Citizenship in the United States?"*  
*Rogers Brubaker. "Immigration, Citizenship, and the Nation-State in France and Germany."*

29- Three Critiques of Citizenship: The Multiculturalist Critique, Multiple Citizenships & the Exclusions of Citizenship

Will Kymlicka. "Multicultural Citizenship."

Yasemin Nuhoglu Soysal "Toward a Postnational Model of Membership"

Iris Marion Young. Polity and Group Difference: A Critique of the Ideal of Universal Citizenship".

Michael Walzer. "The Civil Society Argument."

Linda Bosniak: "The Citizenship of Aliens." Social Text N. 56. Autumn 1998, pp. 29-35

**Nov**

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Citizenship Regimes and Political Participation: a Case Study

Yashar, Deborah. Contesting Citizenship in Latin America: the Rise of Indigenous Movements and the Postliberal Challenge

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Civil Society

Robert Putnam. Bowling Alone- Chapters 2-3, 6-9, 14-15, 20-21, 23-24

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Comparative Civil Society- Critical Perspectives

Jonathan Fox. "How does Civil Society Thicken?: Lessons from Rural Mexico". Unpublished manuscript, 1998.

Quintan Wiktorowicz. "Civil Society as Social Control: State Power in Jordan. Comparative Politics, Vol 33, N. 1 (Oct 2000), pp. 43-61

Brian Wampler and Leonardo Avritzer. "Participatory Publics: Civil Society and News Institutions in Democratic Brazil." *Comparative Politics*. Vol 36 N. 3, April 2004.

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Civil society- Comparative Applications

Marc Morjé Howard. Civil Society in Eastern Europe.

**Book Review due Monday, Nov. 26, at 5pm**

**Dec**

3- group presentations-global civil society

Group 1: the World Social Forum

Group 2: Global Warming

Group 3: Labor Movement and Migration

Margaret E. Keck and Kathryn Sikkink. "Transnational Advocacy Networks in International and Regional Politics". *International Social Science Journal* 51, Issue 159 (1999) 89-101.

Mary Kaldor. The Idea of Global Civil Society. *International Affairs* 79, 3 (2003) 583-593  
Global civil society Chapters: 2, 3,4 and 6

**Final Analytical Paper due Monday, Dec. 10, at 5pm.**