



Theories of nationalism (latest dated 15 Oct)

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First term seminar - autumn 2007

Thursdays 11:00 – 13:00 in room 2 (alternatively Tuesday 8:45-10:45 in room 4)

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Nationalism has been a puzzling phenomenon for classical sociological modernization theories as well as for liberal political thought. Since the 1980s there has been a wave of theorizing nationalism as a specifically modern phenomenon. Current theories tend to be less universalistic in their claims and pay more attention to varieties of nationalist ideologies and projects. Since the 1990s some political theorists have defended liberalized version of nationalism as a necessary basis for democratic community, social justice, or individual autonomy, while others have argued for postnational and cosmopolitan conceptions of political community. This seminar will examine both explanatory and normative theories of nationalism and its alternatives.

(1) Thu 11 Oct., 11 - 13 h. Introduction

(2) Thu 18 Oct., 11 - 13 h. Nationalism and democracy

John Stuart Mill (1861/1972) Of Nationality, chap. 16, in: Considerations on Representative Government, in: J.St. Mill: Utilitarianism, Liberty, Representative Government, ed. by H.B.Acton, Everyman's Library, London: 391-398.

Emerich Edward Dalberg-Acton, John (1862/1907) Nationality, in: The History of Freedom and other Essays, Macmillan, London: 270-300.

Ronald Beiner (2003) 'Civicism between Nationalism and Globalism: Some Reflections on the Problem of Political Community', in: Liberalism, Nationalism, Citizenship. Essays on the Problem of Political Community, UBC Press, chap. 12: 194-216.

Jacob Levy (2007) Levy, Jacob (2007) Federalism, Liberalism, and the Separation of Loyalties, American Political Science Review, vol. 101, no. 3, August 2007: 459-477.

(3) Tue 23 Oct., 09 – 11 h. What is a nation?

Renan, Ernest (1882/1996) What is a Nation? in: Geoff Eley and Ronald Grigor Suny (eds.) Becoming National: A Reader. New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press: 41-55.

Laitin, David (2007), Nations, States and Violence, Oxford University Press, chap. 2: National Cascades: 29-59.



(4) Tue 30 Oct., 09 -11 h. Nationalism and modernity

Gellner, Ernest (1983) Nations and Nationalism, Blackwell, chaps. 1- 5, 10: 1-62; 136-143.

Brubaker, Rogers (1998) Myths and Misconceptions in the Study of Nationalism, in: Margaret Moore (ed.) National Self-Determination and Secession, OUP, Oxford:233-65.

Norman, Wayne (2006) Negotiating Nationalism, Oxford University Press, Oxford, chapter 1, appendix: Nationalism without Nations?: 17-22.

Further reading:

John Hall (ed.) (1998) The State of the Nation. Ernest Gellner and the theory of nationalism, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge

(5) Tue 06 Nov., 09 – 11 h. Nation and political community

Benedict Anderson (1983) Imagined Communities. On the Origins and Spread of Nationalism, Verso, London, chap. 1-3: 11-49.

Margaret Canovan (1996) Nationhood and Political Theory, Edward Elgar, Cheltenham, chap. 7: 68-82.

Rogers Smith (2003) Stories of Peoplehood, Cambridge University Press, chap. 1: 19-71.

Norman, Wayne (2006) Negotiating Nationalism, Oxford University Press, Oxford, chapter 2: Forging Identities: The Politics and Ethics of Nation-building: 23-72.

Further reading:

Ronald Beiner (ed.) (1999) Theorizing Nationalism, State University of New York Press, New York - [LIB 320.54 BEI](#)

(6) Tue 13 Nov., 09 – 11 h. Methodological nationalism in the social sciences

Wimmer, Andreas and Nina Glick Schiller (2002) Methodological nationalism and beyond: nation-building, migration, and the social sciences, Global Networks 2, 4 (2002) 301-334.

Favell, Adrian (2007) Rebooting Migration Theory. Interdisciplinarity, Globality and Transdisciplinarity in Migration Studies, in: Caroline Brettell and James Hollifield (eds.) Migration Theory. Talking Across Disciplines, second edition, Routledge: 259-282.

(7) Thu 22 Nov., 11 – 13 h. Liberal Culturalism

Kymlicka, Will (2001) Politics in the Vernacular, Oxford University Press, Chap. 2: Liberal Culturalism: An Emerging Consensus?: 39-48.

Gans, Chaim (2003) The Limits of Nationalism, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, chaps 1-2: 7-66.

Further reading:

Tamir, Yael (1993) *Liberal Nationalism*. Princeton University Press, Princeton, NJ.

(8) Thu 29 Nov, 11 – 13 h. Theories of self-determination I: liberal nationalists

Margalit, Avishai and Raz, Joseph (1990) *National Self-Determination*, in Raz, Joseph (1994) *Ethics in the Public Domain. Essays in the Morality of Law and Politics*, Clarendon Press, Oxford:125-145.

Tamir, Yael (1993) *Liberal Nationalism*, Princeton University Press, Princeton, NJ, chap. 3: 57-77.

Miller, David (1995) *On Nationality*, Oxford University Press, chap. 4: *National Self-Determination*: 81-118.

Further reading:

Kymlicka, Will (2001) *Politics in the Vernacular*, chap. 5: *Minority Nationalism and Multination Federalism*, Oxford University Press, Oxford.

Miller, David (2000) *Citizenship and National Identity*, Polity Press, London, esp. chap. 7 *Secession and the Principle of Nationality*, chap. 8 *Nationality in Divided Societies*.

Philpott, Daniel (1995) *In Defense of Self-Determination*, *Ethics* 105 (January 1995): 352-385.

(9) Thu 06 Dec, 11. – 13 h. Theories of self-determination II: associative and remedial approaches

Buchanan, Allen (1998) 'What's So Special About Nations?' *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, Supplementary volume 22: 283-309.

Beran, Harry (1998) 'A democratic theory of political self-determination for a new world order', in: Percy Lehning (ed.) *Theories of Secession*, Routledge, London: 32-59.

Bauböck, Rainer (2006) "Paradoxes of self-determination and the right to self-government", in: Chris Eisgruber and Andras Sajó (eds.) *Global Justice and the Bulwarks of Localism: Human Rights in Context*, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, Leiden, Netherlands, 2005: 101-128.

Further reading:

Gauthier, David (1994) *Breaking Up: An Essay on Secession*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, vol. 24, Nr. 3: 357-372.

Buchanan, Allen (1997) *Theories of Secession*, *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, vol.26, No.1:31-61.

Buchanan, Allen (2004) *Justice, Legitimacy, and Self-Determination. Moral Foundations for International Law*, Oxford University Press, Oxford.

(10) Thu 13 Dec , 11 – 13 h. Postnationalism and Cosmopolitanism

Jürgen Habermas (2001) *The Postnational Constellation*, MIT Press, Boston, chap. 4: *The Postnational Constellation and the Future of Democracy*: 58-112.

Archibugi, Daniele (1998) *Principles of Cosmopolitan Democracy*, in: Daniele



Archibugi, David Held and Martin Köhler (eds.) Re-imagining Political Community. Polity Press, London: 198-228.

Craig Calhoun (2003) The Class Consciousness of Frequent Travellers: Towards a Critique of Actually Existing Cosmopolitanism, in: Daniele Archibugi (ed.) Debating Cosmopolitics, Verso, London: 86-116.

Further reading:

Benhabib, Seyla (2006) Another Cosmopolitanism, Oxford University Press, Oxford.

Anthony K. Appiah (2006) Cosmopolitanism. Ethics in a World of Strangers, WW.Norton, New York.

Archibugi, Daniele (ed.) (2003) Debating Cosmopolitics. Verso, London.