



## ***Nationalism in Theory and Practice***

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First term seminar - autumn 2009

**Mondays 8:45 – 10:45, seminar room 2**

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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 a 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. The seminar includes a half day workshop with external speakers on 25th November - details will be posted shortly.