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   B. Nationalists in Power (Week 10)

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Participation. Please come prepared to contribute to each week’s discussion. Each week, we will discuss the readings listed under “Read for this meeting.” For weeks 4 and 6 we will divide the readings and each prepare a precis for distribution to the other seminar members.

Research proposals. Over the course of the quarter, you should submit three brief (approximately four pages apiece) research proposals in response to the reading. Please follow the format in the assignment handed out on the first day of the seminar.

Week 2. SOVEREIGNTY—TERRITORIAL OR POPULAR?

Read for this meeting:


A. Sovereignty


Week 3. ORIGINS AND END OF THE NATION-STATE SYSTEM.

Read for this meeting:


Renan, Ernest. “Qu’est-ce qu’une nation?” (Excerpt)

**A. States**


**B. Nations and nationalism**


C. Were there nations before the modern era?


D. What are the contemporary alternatives to the nation-state system?


Week 4. WHY DO SOME NATIONS GET STATES AND OTHERS DO NOT?

Read one of these for this meeting (and prepare a precis for the seminar members):


A. Origins of the first nations and nationalisms


B. Does the European notion of nationalism travel well to other parts of the world?


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Week 5. **CAMPAIGNS FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE**

*Read for this meeting:*


**A. Mobilization**


**B. State failure**


**C. Secession and national self-determination**


**Week 6. WARS OF NATIONAL LIBERATION.**

*Read one of these for this meeting (and prepare a precis for the seminar members):*


**A. Are wars of national liberation different from civil wars and ethnic wars?**


**Week 7. INSTITUTIONAL ACCOMMODATION OF MINORITY NATIONS.**

**Read for this meeting:**


**A. Is it possible to accommodate national diversity in a single state?**


B. Can consociationalism accommodate national diversity?


**C. Are there better constitutional alternatives to consociationalism?**


**D. Specific institutions: Electoral systems and elections**


E. Specific institutions: Federalism and decentralization


Week 8. NATION-BUILDING AND STATE-BUILDING

Read for this meeting:


A. **Boundaries and identities: Do states create nations?**


B. **Citizens, patriots, and others**


C. **Are Americans a nation? What does it mean to be an American?**


**Week 9. MAJORITY NATIONS IN OPPOSITION**

*Read for this meeting:*


A. The new radical right


**Week 10. MAJORITY NATIONS IN POWER**

*Read for this meeting:*


A. Fascism

B. Genocides and cleansing

C. Financial and economic nationalism

D. Nationalism and foreign policy: hypernationalism, irredentism, diasporas, and war