

Theories and Practices of Nationalism

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Overview

- Early conceptions of nationalism.
- Many came from marxist concepts
- lots from 1960s
- 3 imp theoreticians for this course
 - Benedict Anderson ————— Imagined Communities (Book)
 - Ernest Gellner ————— Nationalism and Modernisation
 - Eric Hobsbawm ————— Nation as "invented Tradition"
- Nationalism in India
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 - Javed Alam
- Nationalists and their views
 - how various people in India during the colonial period perceived nationalism.
- Zionism
- Globalisation and Nationalism
Contradictions, etc.

Logistics

- Term paper: need to put in effort
- small quizzes
- About 1 week / assignment

Why Study Nationalism

- most pervasive ideology in modern world.
- kind of paradoxical {
 - All other ideologies, there is splintering, and variation all over.
eg.:
 - Differing shades of capitalism, liberalism, vegetarians, etc. } BUT There are commonalities
 - Differing ideologies.
 - An Indian nationalist will not have commonalities with any other
- Everything is impacted by nationalism } figure out how
- Be aware of positive, negative aspects
- Understand how it affects personal, public, professional lives.

Assessment

- 6 short class test (30%)

- Random days, topics
- Short answers. Based on that class / classes given before.

- 4 assignments (40%)

- max: 1500 words
- show: listened to lectures, read readings

- Term Paper (30%)

- 3 months to do
- Show different lectures
- 2500+

Plagiarism

- > 15% : grade drop
- > 25% : F
- 2 instances: F

Next class:

Nation, Nation State, National, Nationalism