

Identity and Conflict

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Overview

This intensive month-long course is designed to explore complex interrelations of social identity and postmodern conflicts in society with the emphasis on the role of identity in processes of conflict resolution and transformation. Critical rethinking of ethnic, national and religious identities as both generators and outcomes of conflict will be important part of the course. Course aims to extend knowledge on structure and dynamic of identity-based conflicts and to develop a framework for their resolution. Course includes lectures, simulations, and case studies. The final assignment of the course requires students to design an intervention into a conflict of their choice.

Assessment of Students:

Students participating in the full course will be graded based on the following:

1. Active participation in the class activities is worth 50% of the final grade.
2. Students are required to design an intervention into a conflict of their choosing. The case study can be drawn from the organizational, communal, national, or international level and should involve identity conflict in any form. The research paper should be 10 pages in length and is worth 50% of the final grade.

SOURCES FOR READING:

Brewer, M. B. & Hewstone, M (2003). *Self and social identity*. Oxford : Blackwell.

Brubaker, R. (1996). *Nationalism reframed: nationhood and the national question in the new Europe*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Kriesberg, Louis (2002). *Constructive Conflicts: From Escalation to Resolution*. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield

Ashmore, R.D., Jussim, L. and Wilder, D. (2001) *Social identity, intergroup conflict and conflict reduction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press

Volkan, Vamik (2004). *Blind Trust: Large Groups and Their Leaders in Times of Crisis and Terror*. Charlottesville, VA: Pitchstone Publishing

Weekly Schedule

May 16: Monday	<u>Introduction to Course</u> <u>Introduction to Social Identity</u> Reading: Brewer: 145-182
May 18: Wednesday	<u>Theories of Social Identity</u> Reading: Brewer: 203-232, 259-278; Volkan: 23-112
May 23: Monday	<u>Identity and conflict</u> Reading: Ashmore:3-42; Kriesberg: 2- 24, 55-64; Azar: 2-17
May 25: Wednesday	<u>Ethnic Identity And Conflict</u>

Reading: Brewer: 278-298 , Ashmore: 42-71; **Horowitz: 55 -88**;

- May 31: Tuesday National Identity, Nationalism and Patriotism
Reading: Brubaker: 13-23; 55-79, Ashmore: 71-133; **articles of K. Korostelina**,
- June 1: Wednesday National and Ethnic Identity (case studies)
- June 6: Monday Sectarian, Religious Identity and Reconciliation
Reading: Volkan: 113-171; **Helmick & Petersen: 3-25, 97-116**
- June 8: Wednesday Identity-Based Conflict Resolution: Shared and Multiple Identities
Reading: Brewer: 298-319, Ashmore: 187-213; Kriesberg: 268-300;
- June 13: Monday Conflict Transformation: Building Relationship and Civic Identity
Readings: Kriesberg: 301-341, Volkan: 203-227 , **Azar: 18-29**
- June 15: Wednesday Paper due. Presentations of papers.

Additional reading

- Ashmore, Richard D., Jussim, Lee, and Wilder, David (Eds). (2001) *Social identity, intergroup conflict, and conflict reduction*. New York, N.Y.: Oxford University Press.
- Connor, W. (1994). *Ethnonationalism: The Quest for Understanding*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- Helmick , Raymond G. & Petersen, Rodney L. (Eds). (2001). *Forgiveness and reconciliation: religion, public policy & conflict transformation*. Philadelphia : Templeton Foundation Press.
- Herb, Guntram H. and Kaplan, David H. (Eds).(1999). *Nested identities : nationalism, territory, and scale*. Lanham, Md. : Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.
- Kegley, C., ed. (2003) *The new global terrorism: Characteristics, Causes, Controls*. Upper Saddle River, N.J.:Prentice-Hall.
- Kelman, H. C. Nationalism, patriotism, and national identity: Social-psychological dimensions// D. Bar-Tal & E. Staub (Eds.), *Patriotism in the lives of individuals and nations*. Chicago: Nelson-Hall, 1997.
- Korostelina, Karyna.(2003) The Multiethnic State-Building Dilemma: National and Ethnic Minorities' Identities in the Crimea. *National Identities*, 5, N 2, p. 141-159
- Lederach, John Paul (1997). *Building Peace: Sustainable Reconciliation in Divided Societies*. Washington, D.C.
- Monteville, Joseph (1991). *The Psychodynamics of International Relationships*. Lexington, Mass: Lexington Books.
- Ross, M. H. (2001). Psychocultural interpretation and dramas: Identity dynamics in ethnic conflict// *Political psychology*. -N 22.- P. 157-178.

Renshon, Stanley A. and Duckitt, John (Eds). (2000). *Political psychology : cultural and crosscultural foundations*. New York : New York University Press.

Sears, David O., Huddy, Leonie, and Jervis, Robert.(Eds) (2003). *Oxford Handbook of political psychology*. New York : Oxford University Press.

Smith, Marc A. and Kollock, Peter (Eds). (1999).*Communities in cyberspace*. London ; New York : Routledge.