András Kovács: Nationalism, national identity, national feeling: the sociological and socio-psychological approach

Fall semester, 2016

Core course, 4 credits

Course description

The course will concentrate on the most influential sociological and social-psychological theories of nationalism, national, ethnic, supranational and transnational identity, national feeling, majority-minority relations and ethnic conflicts. After a general introduction, the lectures will deal with sociological and socio-psychological theories on different patterns of identities, with the theoretical interpretations of group relations, like assimilation, dissimilation, and, finally, with the sociology and social-psychology of attitudes, stereotyping, prejudice. Special attention will be given to the methods of empirical sociological investigation of the subject.

Requirements

Students registered for this course are expected to attend class regularly, read the assigned readings every week and participate in class discussions. All students are expected to present at least two texts as introduction to the discussion on the given subject. The presentations should be summarized on a handout, 1-2 pages in length. The summaries should incorporate critical reactions to the readings and can also include issues that were raised in prior classes and readings. These comments are intended to help students clarify their own thinking and to raise issues that help to structure the class discussion. The handouts should be submitted by email by 10 am two days before the corresponding class.
The participants of the course will also be required to prepare a final paper or a Student Research Project (ca. 10 typewritten double spaced pages) on a subject connected to the topics discussed in the course. The literature for the final paper should be based on the common readings and on individual research.

Course evaluation

Class participation and activity: 20%
In-class presentation: 30%
Final paper: 50%

Outline of the course

1.week   - Introduction;

2 – 4. week   - Identity, group identity, ethnicity, ethnic identity: concepts and debates
Readings:
Tajfel(1), Sarbin-Scheibe, Brubaker–Cooper, Bar-Tal, Brubaker 1, Calhoun – Brubaker debate, Gans , Brubaker2

5 – 7. Week   - National identity, religious identity, nationalism, patriotism, supranational identity
Readings:
a) Smith 1, Guibernau, Brubaker 3,
b) Dekker et al., Shulman, Schatz, Weiss;,
c) Smith 2., Chryssochoou, Portes1, Portes2

8 - 9. week   - Social groups, intergroup relations, majority, minority, assimilation, cultural pluralism
Readings:
a) Tajfel 2, Tajfel 3.
b) Gordon, Morawska, Gans, Brubaker

10 -11. week   - Ethnic and national stereotypes and prejudices
Readings:
a) Allport, Tajfel 4. (Ch.7), Bobo,
b)   Phalet-Poppe, Eagly-Kite, Green-Seher

12. week   - Summing up

Literature

1. Identity, social identity, ethnic, national and supranational identity;

A)
– Henri Tajfel: Ch. 12, Social categorization, social identity and social comparison
    In: Henri Tajfel, Human groups and social categories. Cambridge Univ. Press, Cambridge, 1981 (pp. 254-267). (Tajfel 1)
-Theodore R. Sarbin-Karl E. Scheibe: A Model of Social Identity.
    In: Th.R. Sarbin-K.E. Scheibe (Eds.): Studies in Social Identity. Praeger, New York 1983. p. 5-30.
- Daniel Bar-Tal: Group Beliefs as an Expression of social identity.

In: S. Worchel, J.F. Morales, D. Paez, J.C. Deschamps (Eds.): Social Identity. SAGE
Publications, London, 1998. Ch.7. P.93-113.
-- Rogers Brubaker – Frederick Cooper: Beyond 'Identity'.
In: Theory and Society. See Introductory reader.
- Rogers Brubaker: Ethnicity without groups. (Brubaker 1.)
In: Ethnicity without Groups. Harvard University Press, 2004. 7-27.
- Craig Calhoun: `Belonging` in the cosmopolitan imaginary. Ethnicities, vol.
3(4). 2003. P. 531 – 553
- Rogers Brubaker: Neither individualism, nor `groupism`. A reply to Craig
Ethnicities, vol. 3(4). 2003.Calhoun 554 – 568
– Craig Calhoun：The Variability of Belonging: A Reply to Rogers Brubaker.
Ethnicities, vol. 3(4). (2003) pp. 558 – 568
- Herbert J. Gans: Symbolic ethnicity: the future of the ethnic groups and cultures
in America. Paper, 24 pages
-Rogers Brubaker, Ethnicity in Post-Cold War Europe, East and West,
In: in Ethnic Europe: Mobility, Identity, and Conflict in a Globalized World, ed.
Roland Hsu (Stanford University Press, 2010, pp. 44-62). (Brubaker 2)

B)
- Anthony D. Smith: National identity. Penguin Books, London 1991. Ch. 1. p.1-18.;
Ch.4. p. 71-98
– Montserrat Guibernau：Anthony D. Smith on nations and national identity: a critical
assessment. Nations and Nationalism 10 (1/2), 2004, 125–141.
- Rogers Brubaker: Religion and Nationalism: Four Approaches (Brubaker 3.)
Nations and Nationalism 18 (1), 2012, pp.1-20.
C)

- H. Dekker, D. Malova, S. Hoogendoorn: Nationalism and Its Explanations.
Political Psychology, 2003, Vol. 24, 2 pp. 345-376.
- Stephen Shulman: Challenging the civic/ethnic and West/East dichotomies in the study
of nationalism.
Comparative Political Studies, Vol. 35 No. 5, 2002, pp. 554-585.
- Robert T. Schatz, Ervin Staub, Howard Lavine: On the Varieties of National
Attachment: Blind Versus Constructive Patriotism.
Political Psychology, Vol. 20, No. 1, 1999.
- Hilde Weiss: A Cross-National Comparison of Nationalism in Austria, the Czech and
Slovak Republics, Hungary, and Poland.
Political Psychology, 2003, Vol 24, 2. pp. 377-401.

D)

- Anthony D. Smith: A Europe of Nations. Or the Nation of Europe?
Journal of Peace Research, Vol. 30, No. 2 (May, 1993), pp. 129-135.
- Xenia Chryssochoou: Memberships in a superordinate level: re-thinking European
Union as a multi-national society.
Journal of Community & Applied Social Psychology (2000), 10, pp. 403-420.

- Portes, A., Guarnizo, L.E., Landolt, P., 1999. The study of transnationalism pitfalls and promise of an emergent research field. Ethn. Racial Stud. 22, 217–237. (Portes1)
- Portes, A., 2003. Conclusion Theoretical Convergencies and Empirical Evidence in the Study of Immigrant Transnationalism. Int. Migr. Rev. 37, 19. (Portes2)
- Louie, A., 2002. Creating Histories for the Present: Second-Generation (Re)definitions of Chinese American Culture, in: The Changing Face of Home: The Transnational Lives of the Second Generation. Russell Sage Foundation, New York, pp. 312–341.

2. *Social groups, intergroup relations, majority, minority, conflict, assimilation, pluralism*

A)

- Henri Tajfel: The attributes of intergroup behaviour.
    Henri Tajfel: Human groups and social categories. Ch. 11. Cambridge Univ.
    Press, Cambridge, 1981 (pp. 228-253). (Tajfel 2)
- Henri Tajfel: The social psychology of minorities.
    Henri Tajfel: Human groups and social categories. Ch. 15. Cambridge Univ.
    Press, Cambridge, 1981 (pp. 309-343) (Tajfel 3)

B)

- Milton M. Gordon: Assimilation in American Life.
    Oxford Univ. Press, New York, 1976. Ch. 3.; 5.; p. 60-83; 115-159.;
- Ewa Morawska: Exploring Diversity in Immigrant Assimilation and Transnationalism: The Case of Poles and Russian Jews in Philadelphia.
    International Migration Review, vol. 38. No.4. Winter 2004. 1372-1412
- Rogers Brubaker: The return of assimilation? Changing perspectives on immigration and its sequels in France, Germany and the United States. (Brubaker 3.)
    In: Ethnic and Racial Studies, vol. 24. No. 4. July 2001. pp. 531-548.

3. *Ethnic and national stereotypes, prejudices*

A)

- Gordon W. Allport: The Nature of Prejudice.
    Addison-Wesley, Reading, Mass. 1954 (first edition); Part I. Ch. 1-3. (pp. 3-46).
- Henri Tajfel: Social stereotypes and social groups.
    Henri Tajfel: Human groups and social categories. Ch. 7. Cambridge Univ. Press,
    Cambridge, London, New York, 1981. Part I. p. 143-161; (Tajfel 4)
- Lawrence D. Bobo: Prejudice as Group Position: Microfoundations of a Sociological
    Approach to Racism and Race Relations. Journal of Social Issues, vol.55, No.3.
    1999. pp. 445-472.

B)

- Karen Phalet – Edwin Poppe: Competence and morality dimensions of national and ethnic stereotypes: a study in six Eastern-European countries.
  In: European Journal of Social Psychology, vol. 27. 1997. p. 703-723.
- A.H. Eagly-M.E. Kite: Are Stereotypes of Nationalities Applied to Both Women and Men?
  In: Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 1987. vol. 53. p. 451-462.
- Donald P. Green and Rachel L. Seher： What role does prejudice play in ethnic conflict?
  Ann. Rev. Polit. Sci. 2003. 6:509–31.