COURSE SYLLABUS

CLASSICS OF NATIONALISM

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Course level MA
0 credit

Course Description
The course is designed to provide a comprehensive overview of the major literature within the purview of nationalism studies. There will be five meetings in a seminar format. Discussions of the required readings, that are distributed to students upon admission and prior to their arrival to CEU, will have two parts: a general discussion, in which all students are expected to participate, and individual student presentations that explore, contest, or specify the major arguments of the required readings.
The course is designed to engage and challenge students in critical debates.

Learning Outcomes
By the end of the course, students will be able to critically discuss competing theories in the field of nationalism.

Course Requirements
Reading materials are available on the e-learning site. Readings are mostly assigned to two students, one of whom will present it in class and submit an outline for it in class. The other assigned student will act as discussant.

Students are expected to attend all seminars, read all the required readings and prepare to be active in seminar discussions. It is absolutely essential to read assigned materials prior to each session.
In addition to this, students are required to (i) give presentations and act as discussants on the assigned mandatory and recommended readings, and (ii) submit a short final paper systematically following one of Brubaker’s chosen fallacy discussed in the first reading, and (iii) providing a comprehensive list for
all the various “nation” and “nationalism”-definitions set forth in the readings throughout the course.

**COURSE SCHEDULE**

[https://nationalism.ceu.hu/calendarsandschedules](https://nationalism.ceu.hu/calendarsandschedules)

1. **INTRODUCTION, MAIN ISSUES AND PROBLEMS OF THE FIELD**
   - R. Brubaker: Myths and Misconceptions
   - I. Greenfeld: Etymology, Definitions

2. **MODERNISM, SOCIO-CULTURAL TRANSFORMATION**
   - B. Anderson: Imagined communities
   - E. Gellner: Nationalism

3. **DEALING WITH THE PAST: ETHNO-SYMBOLISM, HISTORY**
   - G. Suny: History
   - E. Hobsbawm: Inventing traditions
   - A. Smith: Chosen peoples

4. **POLITICAL AND SOCIOLOGICAL EXPLANATIONS, EMPIRICAL APPROACHES**
   - J. Breuilly: Banal nationalism
   - H. Dekker: Nationalism, its explanations, and national socialization
   - H. Hannum: International Law

5. **NATIONALISM AND DISCOURSE**
   - R. Brubaker-F. Cooper: Beyond Identity
   - Calhoun: Nationalism and ethnicity