

**Political Identities**  
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**Course Materials**

Books for Purchase: (P)  
*Available from the Food for Thought Bookshop*

*I, Rigoberta Menchu*  
Amitav Ghosh, *The Shadow Lines*  
Bikhu Parekh, *A New Politics of Identity*  
Obama, *Dreams From My Father*  
The New York Times, *Class Matters*  
Zygmunt Bauman, *Identity*

All Other Required Readings for this course can be found on E-Reserve (E) or in the Course Reader packet - Multilith (M).

You may purchase these required readings in a bound multilith packet. The Multilith is not a required purchase but is highly recommended. To do so, you will need to submit a request purchase form at [https://www.amherst.edu/academiclife/departments/political\\_science/multilithorderform](https://www.amherst.edu/academiclife/departments/political_science/multilithorderform) If you order this Course Reader, it will be ready for pick up soon after February 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Political Science Office, Room 103, Clark House. You will receive an e-mail when it arrives.

\*Films will be steamed on the course website under the e-reserves tab. Please plan to see them before the classes when we discuss them.

**Course Requirements**

I expect you to attend class regularly and inform me by email if you miss a class.

Contributions to the CMS discussion site.

Three five page papers, due Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, March 31<sup>st</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup>

## Course Schedule

### 1. Jan 24<sup>th</sup> Introduction

### 2. Jan 26<sup>th</sup>

Parekh, *New Politics of Identity*, chapters 1, 2, 3 (P)

### 3. Jan 31<sup>st</sup>

Charles Tilly, *Stories, Identities, Political Change*, pp. 45-98 (M)(E)

## Sources of Collective Identities

### 4. Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Primordial

Van Den Berghe, "A Socio Biological Perspective," Clifford Geertz, "The Integrative Revolution: Primordial Sentiments and Civil Politics in the New States" Walker Connor, "A Nation is a Nation..." in *Nationalism* (M)(E)

Horowitz, "The Primordialists," Daniele Conversi, ed. *Ethnonationalism in the Contemporary World*, chapter 4 (M)(E)

### 5. Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> Chosen and Invented

Toffolo ed., *Emancipating Cultural Pluralism*, chapter 1 & Young, Afterword (M)(E)  
Eric Hobsbawm, *The Invention of Tradition*, pp. 1-14 (M)(E)  
Amartya Sen, *Identities and Violence*, chapter 2 (M)(E)

## Domination and Resistance

### Class and Status

### 6. Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>

Karl Marx, *The Communist Manifesto* (M)(E)  
Karl Marx, *Capital*, Volume 3, *The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte*, in *The Marx and Engels Reader*, pp. 439-442, 603-619 (M)(E)  
Max Weber, "Class, Status, Party," *From Max Weber*, (M)(E)

### 7. Feb 14<sup>th</sup>

The New York Times, *Class Matters: Social Class in America* (P)  
Jennifer Hochschild, "Ambivalence About Equality in the United States or, Did Tocqueville Get it Wrong and Why Does that Matter?" (M)(E)

## **Race**

### **8. Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>**

#### **\*Malcolm X**

Howard Winant, "Race in the Twenty First Century," in *Readings on Comparative Politics* (M)(E)

Malcolm X, The Ballot or the Bullet? in *On Violence*, pp. 143-156 (M)(E)

*The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, chapters 1, 2 and 19 (M)(E)

Malcolm X, "Message to Grassroots – October 10, 1963" (M)(E)

### **9. Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>\***

Victoria Hattam, *In The Shadow of Race*, 1-17, 129-156, 157-168 (M)(E)

Barack Obama's Cairo Speech (M)(E)

Barack Obama's Speech on Race, *New York Times* (M)(E)

Obama, *Dreams From My Father* (P)

### **10. Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> Gender**

Simone de Beauvoir, *The Second Sex*, pp. xix-xxxv1, pp. 679-732 (M)(E)

Gloria Anzaldúa, *Borderlands/La Frontera*, chapters 2 and 3 (M)(E)

### **24. Feb 28<sup>th</sup> Identity Movements**

Dugan, "Just Like You", Einwohner, Passing as Strategic Identity Work in the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising," and Bernstein, "Afterword: The Analytic Dimensions of Identity" in *Identity Work in Social Movements* (M)(E)

### **25. March 2<sup>nd</sup> Mothers' Movements**

#### **\*The Official Story**

Bouvard, *Revolutionizing Motherhood: The Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo*, Intro, chapter 3 and chapter 10 (M)(E)

### **26. March 7<sup>th</sup> Indigenous Struggles**

#### **\*Rigoberta Menchu**

*I, Rigoberta Menchu* (P)

## **Belonging and Exclusion**

### **11. March 9<sup>th</sup> Colonialism**

**\*The Battle of Algiers**

Fanon, *The Wretched of the Earth*, chapter 1, Concerning Violence and pp. 249-279 (M)(E)

**12. March 21<sup>st</sup>**

Parekh, *A New Politics of Identity*, chapter 4 (P)

Marx, “Nation State and Exclusions” (M)(E)

**13. March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Anderson, *Imagined Communities* pp. 1-7, 113-154 (M)(E)

**14. March 28<sup>th</sup>**

**\*Gandhi**

Richard Johnson, *Gandhi's Experiments With Truth*, chapters 1, 3 and 4 (M)(E)

Dennis Dalton, *Mahatma Gandhi*, Intro and chapter 1 (M)(E)

**15. March 30<sup>th</sup>**

Amitav Ghosh, *The Shadow Lines* (P)

**16. April 4<sup>th</sup>**

Craig Jeffrey, *Timepass: Youth, Class and the politics of Waiting in India*, chapters 1,2, and 4 (M)(E)

**17. April 6<sup>th</sup>**

Selected Article on Students at Amherst College (M)(E)

**The Play of Local and Global Forces**

**18. April 11<sup>th</sup> Multiculturalism**

Parekh, *A New Politics of Identity*. Chapter 6 (P)

Seyla Benhabib, “The Claims of Culture” (M)(E)

**19. April 13<sup>th</sup> Religious Politics**

Hirschkind, “What Is Political Islam?” (M)(E)

Parekh, *A New Politics of Identity*, chapter 7 (P)

Mahmood, *The Politics of Piety*, chapter 1(M)(E)

**20. April 18<sup>th</sup> Genocide**

\* ***Hotel Rwanda***

Mamdani, *When Victims Become Killers*, Intro, chapters 1 and 7 (M)(E)

**21. April 20<sup>th</sup> Global Conflicts**

Huntington, *The Clash of Civilizations*, *Foreign Affairs* (M)(E)

Parekh, *A New Politics of Identity*, chapter 8 (P)

Simons, "Purity is Danger" (M)(E)

**27. April 25<sup>th</sup> Transnationalism**

Manuel Castells, *The Power of Identity*, chapter 2 (M)(E)

Benhabib, Seyla. "Borders, boundaries, and citizenship." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 38.4 (2005): 673-677 (M)(E)

**28. April 27<sup>th</sup> Globalization**

Parekh, *A New Politics of Identity*, chapters 9 and 12 (P)

**Exile and Cosmopolitanism**

**22. May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Tony Judt, "The Rootless Cosmopolitan" *The Nation*, July 1, 2004 (M) (E)

*The Edward Said Reader*, chapter 14. pp. 360-380, chapter 16, pp. 399-415 (M)(E)

Edward Said, "Reflections on Exile" (M)(E)

Leila Ahmad, *A Border Passage*, pp. 1-31, 93-101, 120-134, 237-297 (M)(E)

**23. May 4<sup>th</sup>**

Zygmunt Bauman, *Identity* (P)