

**Syllabus**  
**Political Identities**  
Political Science 1  
**Fall 2007**

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**Course Materials**

*Required Books: Available from the Jeffery Amherst Bookshop:*

Amitav Ghosh, *Shadow Lines*  
Anna Tsing, *Frictions*

In addition, a packet of multilith readings should be purchased from the Political Science Department in Clark House.

Readings that are contained in the multilith are marked (M) on the syllabus; readings for purchase are marked (P) and on line readings are marked (OL)

The films for this class will be shown on the Monday and Wednesday before the class in which we discuss them. The films will be shown in Fayerweather 113 at 4.15 and 6.30.

**Course Requirements:**

- regular class attendance
- viewing of the films for the class in attendance of the session in which they will be discussed
- reading all the material in advance of the class for which it is assigned.
- posting blackboard comments on specified class topics
- Three papers which will be due on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, November 14<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup>. Paper topics will be distributed about a week in advance of the due dates.

We will not grant any extensions for papers unless we receive written requests from you at least four days in advance of the due dates. Requests for extensions should be submitted in writing to either Amrita Basu or Doreen Lee

## **Course Outline:**

September 4<sup>th</sup> Introduction

### **I. Political Identities: Mapping the Terrain**

Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> The Construction of Identities

Amartya Sen, *Identities and Violence*, chapter 2 (M)

Hobsbawm, "The Invention of Tradition" (M)

Toffolo ed., *Emancipating Cultural Pluralism*, chapter 1 and Afterword (M)

Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> The Mobilization of Identities

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

Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>

Ernesto Laclau, *On Populist Reason*, chapt. 4, pp. 67-128 (M)

### **II. Colonialism/Nationalism**

Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>

*FILM: \*Indochine* (Fayerweather 113 at 4:15 and 6:30)

Ann Stoler *Carnal Knowledge and Imperial Power: Race and the Intimate in Colonial Rule*, chapters 2 and 3 (M)

Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>

Joost Coté. *On Feminism and Nationalism* pp. 1-17, 23-29, 34-39, 81-86 (M)

Danilyn Rutherford. "Unpacking a National Heroine: Two Kartinis and their People" (M)

Elsbeth Locher-Scholten. "Feminism, Citizenship and the Struggle for Women's Suffrage in a Colonial Context" (M)

Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>

Ben Anderson *Imagined Communities*, Census, Map, Museum (M)

Fasseur, C. "Cornerstone and Stumbling Block: Racial Classification and the Late Colonial State in Indonesia" (M)

Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>

Jim Siegel, "Fetishizing Appearances, Or Is 'I' a Criminal?" in *Fetish, Recognition, Revolution*, Chapter 3 (M)

George Orwell, "Shooting an Elephant" (M)

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Corbridge and Harris, *Re-Inventing India*, pp. 3-19 (M)  
Uday Mehta, *Liberalism and Empire*, chapters 1 and 2 (M)

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>

FILM: \**The Home and the World* (Fayerweather 113 at 4:15 and 6:30)

Lata Mani "Contentious Traditions" and Chatterjee, "The Nationalist Resolution of the Woman's Question" in *Recasting Women* (M)

Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>

Gyanendra Pandey, *The Construction of Communalism in Colonial North India*, chapters 1 and 2 (M)

Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>

**FILM: \*The Making of the Mahatma** (Fayerweather 113 at 4:15 and 6:30)

M K. Gandhi, *Autobiography*, pp. 3-26 (M)  
Dennis Dalton, *Mahatma Gandhi*, Intro and chapter 1 (M)

### III. Post Colonial Identities

Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> Universal Categories: Bandung 1955, the Non-Aligned Movement

Inter Asia cultural journal, Volume 6, Issue 4 (2005):  
Introduction by Hee-Yeon Cho; Kuan-Hsing Chen  
"Global Solidarity against Unilateralism" by Baskara T. Wardaya Sj  
"Asian Internationalism: Bandung's echo in a Colonial Metropolis" by Sunil S, Amrith  
"The Idea of South Asia: a Personal Note on Post-Bandung Blues" by Ashis Nandy  
"The way our generation imagined the world" by Qian Liqun & Zhang Jingyuan (M)  
  
*Speeches by Nehru and Sukarno* (M)  
Sukarno, "Address to the Joint Session of the Congress of the United States" (May 17, 1956) (M)

Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Leila Ahmed, *Border Passages*, selections (M)

Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>

Amitav Ghosh, *Shadow Lines* (P)

Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>

Brass, *Theft of an Idol*, chapters 2, 3, 4 (M)

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>

FILM: \***Father, Son and Holy War** (Fayerweather 113 at 4:15 and 6:30)

Pathak and Rajan, "Shah Bano" (M)

Basu, "Feminism Inverted: the Real Women and Gendered Imagery of Hindu Nationalism" (M)

Paola Bachetta, "All Our Goddesses Are Armed: Religion, Resistance and Revenge..." (M)

#### Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>

Uma Narayan, *Dislocating Cultures*, chapter 3 (M)

Kristin Koptiuch, "Cultural Defence" and Criminological Displacements: Gender, Race and (Trans)nation in the Legal Surveillance of U.S. Diaspora Asians' (M)

#### Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> Political Awakenings of Youth

Ben Anderson, "The Logic of Seriality" (M)

Edward Aspinall – "Student Activism" (M)

Ritty Lukose, "Empty Citizenship: Protesting Politics in the Era of Globalization," (M)

### **IV Globalization and Resistance**

#### Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>

FILM: \*This is what democracy looks like (2000) – (Fayerweather 113 at 4:15 and 6:30)  
([http://www.corrugate.org/this\\_is\\_what\\_democracy\\_looks\\_like/this\\_is\\_what\\_democracy\\_looks\\_like](http://www.corrugate.org/this_is_what_democracy_looks_like/this_is_what_democracy_looks_like)) (OL)

Falk, "The Decline of Citizenship in an Era of Globalization," *Citizenship Studies* (M)

Glassman, "From Seattle (and Ubon) to Bangkok: The Scales of Resistance to Corporate Globalization" (M)

Khagram, "Restructuring the Global Politics of Development" (M)

#### Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> Migration and Diasporas

FILM: \* **My Son the Fanatic** (Fayerweather 113 at 4:15 and 6:30)

Anderson, "Long Distance Nationalism" in *Spectre of Comparisons* (M)

Arvind Rajagopal, "Hindu Nationalism in the US: Changing Configurations of Political Practice" (M)

Aihwa Ong, *Flexible Citizenship*, Chapter 4 (M)

#### Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> Terrorism/the War on Terrorism

Huntington, *The Clash of Civilizations* (M)

Bernard Lewis, "The Roots of Muslim Rage" (M)

Sen, *Identity and Violence*, chapters 4 (M)

Stephen Zunes and Richard Falk, *Tinderbox: US Foreign Policy and the Roots of Terrorism*, chapter 6 (M)

Eqbal Ahmad, "Terrorism: Theirs and Ours" (M)

Bikhu Parekh "Bin Ladin Meets Gandhi" (M)

Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>

Appadurai, *Fear of Small Numbers* (M)

Judith Butler, *Precarious Lives*, "Violence, Mourning and politics" (M)

Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>

Women Living Under Muslim Laws web site, wluml.org. See especially "About Us" and "News and Views" (OL)

WLUML, *Knowing Our Rights*, Introduction (M)

Madhavi Sunder, "A Culture of One's Own: Learning from Women Living Under Muslim Laws" (M)

Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>

Anna Tsing *Friction*, chapters 3-4, 6-7 (P)