



Approved in 45th BoA Meeting (18-02-22)

Course number : HS542
Course Name : Ethnicity, State, and Nationalism in India
Credit Distribution : 3-0-0-3
Intended for : UG/PG
Prerequisite : None
Mutual Exclusion : None

1. Preamble:

The course discusses issues of ethnicity, nation, and nationalism in India. Drawing upon theoretical perspectives aided by empirical illustrations, the course provides a holistic understanding of the debates concerning these concepts in the Indian context. The course draws upon the broader meanings of these concepts and its applicability to understand Indian situation. The first part of the course maps the basic concepts to equip students with theoretical understanding. In the second section the course devotes itself to understand Indian experiences by drawing upon issues of multiculturalism and pluralism, and varied forms of ethnic formations. The course will discuss the various manifestations of ethnic issues such as regionalism, ethnic strife, growth and proliferation of ethnic parties with a stated objective to understand how ethnic claims confront the state in myriad ways.

2. Course Modules with quantitative lecture hours:

Module 1: Basic Concepts (4 hours)

- State
- Nation
- Nationalism
- Ethnicity

Module 2: Theories of ethnicity (12 hours)

- Ethnicity, State and Nation
- Civic and Ethnic nationalism
- Approaches to understand ethnicity-
- Structure-functional
- Weberian
- Marxist and Neo-Marxist,
- Primordialist/Instrumentalist,
- Postmodernist and Social Constructionist

Module 3: Theoretical Approaches to Nation and Nationalisms (10 hours)

- Growth of nation-state in Europe
- Nation, Modernity and Capitalism
- Nationalist awakening in Colonial India
- Ideas of Nationalism in post-colonial India
- Post-Nationalism

Module 4: Ethnicity and sub-nationalism**(8 hours)**

- Ethnic Minorities and the state in India
- Ethnicity and ethnic violence
- Ethnic violence, Minorities and Women
- Ethnic conflict in North-east India: ethno-territoriality, conflicts, and movements for self-determination

Module 5: Managing Diversity in India**(8 hours)**

- Integration and Assimilation
- Issues of pluralism, multiculturalism,
- Ethnic identity, Identity claims and Ethnic resurgence
- State's effort in managing difference and its consequences

3. Laboratory/practical/tutorial Modules: NA**4. Textbooks:**

1. Baruah, Sanjib. 2009. *Beyond Counterinsurgency: Breaking the Impasse in Northeast India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
2. Brubaker, Roger. 2010. *Ethnicity without Groups*. Harvard: Harvard University Press.

5. References:

1. Chatterjee, Partha. 1986. *Nationalist Thought and the Colonial World: A Derivative Discourse*. Tokyo: Zed Books.
2. Chatterjee, Partha. 1993. *Nation and its fragments: Colonial and Postcolonial Histories*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
3. Gellner, Ernest. 1983. *Nations and Nationalism*. New York: Cornell University Press.
4. Hutchinson, John and Anthony D. Smith (eds). 1996. *Ethnicity*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
5. Hutchinson, John and Anthony D. Smith (eds). 1994. *Nationalism*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
6. Jayal, Niraja Gopal. 2006. *Representing India: Ethnic Diversity and the Governance of Public Institutions*. Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan.
7. Mann, Michael. 1995. *The dark side of Democracy: Explaining Ethnic Cleansing*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
8. Phadnis, Urmila and Rajat Ganguly. 1991. *Ethnicity and nation-building in South Asia*, New Delhi: Sage.
9. Shneiderman, Sara. 2015. *Rituals of Ethnicity: Thangmi Identities between Nepal and India*.
10. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.
11. Anderson, Benedict. 1991. *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism*. London and New York: Verso.

***Note:** Any other text/Article suggested by the subject teacher from the list of reference listed below.

****The course will try to complement theoretical readings with some documentaries and films on the subject.**

5. Similarity Content Declaration with Existing Courses.

S.N.	Course Code	Similarity Content	Approx. % of Content
1	HS524 India in the 1950s: Biography of a Foundational Decade	Ethnic Minorities and the state in India	5%
2	HS255 India Since Independence	Issues of Identity	5%
3	HS 263 Popular Culture in Modern India: A Historical Perspective	Nation-building in popular imagination	5%
4	HS-401 Tribal India, Indigenous Latin America	Post-colonial nation-making and issues of tribes	5%
			20%

6. Justification for new course proposal if cumulative similarity content is > 30%: N/A

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