Overview of Seminar

I. ETHNIC AND NATIONAL IDENTITIES
II. NATIONALISM
   A. The Sources of Nationalism
   B. The Origins of Nations
III. ETHNIC AND NATIONAL CONFLICT
IV. PLURALISM AND THE STATE
   A. The Impossibility Hypothesis
   B. Consociationalism
   C. Alternative Powersharing Arrangements
   D. Electoral Systems and Ethnicity.

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Participation. Please come prepared to contribute to each week’s discussion. If you periodically find that you can only complete all readings for a week by skimming, then read fewer of the assigned readings that week and set aside some time for reflection on these.

Writing Assignment. You should complete a twelve-page sketch of an empirical research article. This is the beginning of a thirty-page article that you would write if you had the time to complete the empirical research. You should also prepare a one-page summary of the article and distribute copies to every member of the seminar before the eighth-week meeting. This assignment is described in a separate document. You will present your project to the seminar on May 23. The complete twelve-page sketch is due on Monday of finals week—June 10.

Readings. You may want to order copies of the assigned books from one of the commercial internet sources. A master copy of each article will be available in the department lounge so that you can make a copy for yourself.
SCHEDULE OF SEMINARS AND READINGS

Week 1.  INTRODUCTORY MEETING. (April 4)

No assigned reading prior to this meeting.

Two useful compendia of excerpts from some of the most important writings in the field:

Week 2.  ETHNIC AND NATIONAL IDENTITIES. (April 11)

Ernest Renan. “Qu’est-ce qu’une nation?” (Excerpt)

Read at least one of the following books:

Week 3.  NATIONALISM. (April 18)

Week 4.  THE ORIGINS OF NATIONS.  (April 25)


Week 5.  ETHNIC AND NATIONAL CONFLICT.  (May 3)


Week 6.  PLURALISM AND THE STATE—IMPOSSIBILITY HYPOTHESIS.  (May 9)


Week 7.  **PLURALISM AND THE STATE-CONSOCIATIONALISM.**  (May 16)


Week 8.  **PRESENTATION OF RESEARCH ARTICLES IN PROGRESS.**  (May 23)

Week 9.  **PLURALISM AND THE STATE-POWERSHARING ALTERNATIVES.**  (May 30)


David Lake and Donald Rothchild. “Political Decentralization and Civil War Settlements.” In *Powersharing and Peacemaking*, edited by Philip G. Roeder and Donald Rothchild. (in progress)


Week 10.  **PLURALISM AND THE STATE-ELECTORAL SYSTEMS.**  (June 6)


Monday, June 10. ARTICLE DUE.

Suggestions for Further Reading

The Nature of Ethnic and National Identities

Haas, Ernest B. “What is Nationalism and Why Should We Study It?” International Organization 40 (Summer 1986), 707-744.

The Sources of Nationalism and Ethnic Mobilization

Some Recent Studies of the Origins of Nations and Nation-states

Ethnicity and the State