

Nationalism and Multiculturalism: General Theory and Some Applications

A Proposal for a Seminar by Professor Chaim Gans

Course Description

The main goal of the course is to conduct a critical discussion of the different types of multicultural and national rights, their possible justifications, and their applications to concrete cases. In order to facilitate this, two general topics will be discussed: the concepts of the nation and of cultural groups; a normative typology of nationalist ideologies and types of multicultural programs. These then will be applied to more particular issues such as national self-determination, cultural preservation rights, nationalism and immigration, with special attention to some cases (e.g. Israel's Law of Return, refusal to allow the return of Palestinian refugees, etc.).

Course Policies

Reading assignments will form the basis of class discussions.

Assignments

Assignments: Final exam at the end of the quarter which will be 100% of final grade.

List of reading and course topics.

A. The Concepts of Culture and Nation

1. Kymlicka, Will. *Multicultural Citizenship: A Liberal Theory of Minority Rights*. Oxford; New York: Clarendon Press; Oxford University Press, 1995. pp. 11-18.
2. Hutchinson, John, and Smith, Anthony D. *Nationalism*. Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 1994. pp. 17-21, 43-46.
3. Raz, Joseph, and Margalit, Avishai. 'National Self-Determination.' in, *Ethics in the Public Domain: Essays in the Morality of Law and Politics*. Oxford: New York: Clarendon Press; Oxford University Press, 1994. pp. 125-134.

B. Types of Nationalist Ideologies and Nation-States

1. Gans, Chaim. 'Chapter 1, Nationalist ideologies – a normative typology.' in, *The Limits of Nationalism*. Cambridge, UK; New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003. pp. 7-38, (specifically 7-29).

C. Justifying Civic Nationalism and Civic Nation-States

1. Miller, David. *On Nationality*. Oxford: New York: Clarendon Press; Oxford University Press, 1995. pp. 81-118, (specifically 90-99).
2. J.S. Mill

D. Anti-Liberal Justifications for [Ethno-]cultural Nationalism

1. Berlin, Isaiah, 'Nationalism: Past Neglect and Present Power.' In, Berlin, Isaiah, and Henry Hardy (ed.) *Against the Current: Essays in the History of Ideas*. New York: Viking Press, 1980. pp. 333-355. (specifically pp. 341-345).
2. Barry, Brian. *Culture and Equality: An Egalitarian Critique of Multiculturalism*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2001. pp. 260-264

E. Core-Liberal and Liberal-Compatible Justifications for [Ethno-] Cultural Nationalism and for Cultural Rights

1. Kymlicka, *Multicultural Citizenship: A Liberal Theory of Minority Rights*. pp. 75-106.
2. Patten, Alan. *Equal Recognition: The Moral Foundations of Minority Rights*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2014. pp. 27-33.
3. Margalit, Avishai and Halbertal, Moshe, 'Liberalism and the Right to Culture', in *Social Research* 61(3) (1994). pp. 491-510.
4. Gans, *The Limits of Nationalism*. pp. 49-55.
5. Gans, Chaim. 'Chapter 6: Citizenship and Nationhood.' In, *The Oxford Handbook of Citizenship*. Ayelet Shachar, Rainer Baubock, Irene Bloemraad, and Maarten Vink (Ed.). Oxford University Press, 2017. pp.107-128, (specifically 109-112).

F. Cultural Rights: Types, Beneficiaries, Limits, and Justice in their Distribution

1. Kymlicka, *Multicultural Citizenship: A Liberal Theory of Minority Rights*. pp. 26-44.
2. Gans, *The Limits of Nationalism*. pp. 58-65.
3. Barry, Brian. *Culture and Equality: An Egalitarian Critique of Multiculturalism*. pp. 148-154.
4. Carens, Joseph H. 'Chapter 9: Democracy and Respect for Difference: The Case of Fiji.' in, *Culture, Citizenship, and Community: A Contextual Exploration of Justice As Evenhandedness*. Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 2000. pp. 200-259.
5. Stilz, Anna. 'Civic Nationalism and Language Policy.' *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 37, no. 3 (2009): pp. 257– 292.
6. Gans, 'Citizenship and Nationhood.' In, *The Oxford Handbook of Citizenship*. pp. 107-128, (specifically pp. 115-123).

G. National Self-Determination

1. Patten, *Equal Recognition: The Moral Foundations of Minority Rights*. pp. 232-268.
2. Raz, and Margalit, 'National Self-Determination.' in, *Ethics in the Public Domain: Essays in the Morality of Law and Politics*. pp. 125-134.
3. Miller, *On Nationality*. pp. 81-118. (especially pp. 81-90, 99-118).
4. Gans, *The Limits of Nationalism*. pp. 67-96.