Spring 2018

**Conflict and Social Change 1 (520311)**

Class Time: Tuesdays, 8:30-11:40 (1st & 2nd periods)
Class Meeting Location: Room 406

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**Course Requirements**

1. Weekly reading and assignments (due the day before the class meeting); and

2. A Term Paper (in 4000 to 6000 words) due by **Tuesday, July 17**.

   Please note that the paper’s central question and outline must be approved by **Tuesday, May 29**. A paper outline should comprise 1) a question (a “puzzle”); 2) the justification (a brief argument as to why it is worthwhile to investigate your question); 3) a methodological statement (on where and how you obtain necessary data); and 4) a brief bibliography. **Make sure to submit a draft outline well in advance for comments** so that you may have the time to revise it a few times.

   Also note that a rough draft of your paper has to be circulated among the course participants by **Friday, June 29** for class discussion (à la Brookings format) on July 3.

**Reading Materials**

All the assigned readings (except for those available as e-books, through the TUFS library system, when accessed from the campus) are posted at the TUFS Moodle:

The questions for weekly assignments will be posted at the TUFS Moodle as well.

**Objectives**

1. To ensure that the participants become versed with cutting-edge, theoretically-informed analytical approaches and empirical research through reading and discussing select works on the dynamics of conflict and contentious politics; and

2. To ensure that the participants practice writing a theoretically-informed academic research paper.
Topics (and Scholars) to be Covered

- An Analytical Reminder: Why and How History Matters (Till)
- Nation-State Formation and Violence (Gerwarth; Gerwarth & Üngör)
- Genocide (1) (Üngör; Oncioiu)
- National Revivals and Violence (1) (Hutinson; Guibernau)
- National Revivals and Violence (2) (Laitin)
- Ethnic and Nationalist Violence (Brubaker & Laitin)
- Postcolonial State and Violence (Wimmer; Marx)
- Rethinking Ethnicity (Jenkins)
- Genocide (2) (Luft)
- Social Movements and Civil War (della Porta)

Schedule

Week 1 (April 10): Course Introduction; no reading.

Week 2 (April 17): An Analytical Reminder - Why and How History Matters


Week 3 (April 24): National Self-Determination and Minorities


Week 4 (May 1): Genocide (1)


Week 5 (May 8): National Revivals and Violence (1)


Week 6 (May 15): National Revivals and Violence (2)

**Required Readings:** Laitin (1995), “National Revivals and Violence,” *European Journal of Sociology* 36(1);


Week 7 (May 22): Ethnic and Nationalist Violence


Week 8 (May 29): Postcolonial State and Violence


Week 9 (June 5): Rethinking Ethnicity


Week 10 (June 12): Genocide (2)


Week 11 (June 19): Social Movements and Civil War

**Required Readings:**


Week 12 (June 26): **no class** [you can work on your paper]

Please make sure to circulate your paper by the end of Friday June 29 so that your designated “discussant” may have the time to read it and prepare her/his comments.

Week 13 (July 3): Student Paper Discussion

We will meet and discuss your paper drafts in a style called the “Brookings format.” The “Brookings format” is one in which the discussant (not the author) presents a paper and then comments on it; the author will then have a chance to respond.

Final paper due: by the end of **Tuesday, July 17**.
Additional Recommended Readings:

<Historical Sociology & Temporality>


<Comparative Historical Analysis>


<Structure and Agency>


<Approaches to Violent Ethnic/Nationalist/Sectarian/Status Conflicts>


<Sociocultural Contentious Politics>


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< Political Opportunity, Discursive Fields and Framing Processes >

McAdam, Doug, John D. McCarthy, and Mayer N. Zald, eds. 1996. Comparative Perspectives on Social Movements: Political Opportunities, Mobilizing Structures, and Cultural Framings. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.


McAdam, Doug, Sidney Tarrow, and Charles Tilly. Dynamics of Contention. Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Press. [e-book available at TUFS library] http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/CBO9780511805431


<Repression and Mobilization>


<Civil War>


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<Violence against Civilians>


