ANTH 471/HGP 471: Senior Seminar – Nations and Nationalism

Possible Research Paper Topics

Anti-nationalists:
- Anarchists
- Socialists

Class and the Culturally Authentic:
- High Culture vs. Popular Culture
- Top-down vs. Bottom-up Politics

Concentric Identities and Multiple Nationalisms

Cosmopolitanism

Current Events:
- Catalan Independence
- Russian Seizure of Crimea
- Scottish Independence

Education and Centers of Learning:
- Access to Higher Education
- Elementary History Textbooks
- Intellects
- Radical Student Groups

Empire, Colonialism, and Race
- England and “The White Man’s Burden”
- Imperial Competition and Conflict
- Subordination of Ethnic Groups:
  - Spanish Castes
  - Hutus vs. Tutsis

Gender and Sexuality:
- “Feminine” Nations
- Masculine Ideals and the Military

Literature:
- Literary Tropes
- Overwrought Narratives
- Poetry

Multinationalism

Monuments and Museums

National Heros

National Identity in the U.S.
- Fear of the Other:
  - Lavender Scare
  - Red Scare
- Position of Minorities

Regional and State Identities
- National Traditions:
  - Customs
  - Rituals
  - Symbols

Origins of the Idea:
- French Revolution
- European Romanticism

Patriotism

Preservation of National Identity

Reformulated National Identities
- “How the Irish Became White”
- “How Jews Became Germans”

Role of Ethnicity

Role of Language

Role of Media:
- Film
- Newspapers
- Television

Role of Religion:
- Creation of Religious Utopias
- Influence of Organized Churches
- Sectarian Conflict:
  - Shias vs. Sunnis
  - Catholics vs. Protestants

Romanticization of Golden Ages:
- Camelot and Modern Liberalism
- Reagan Revolution and Modern Conservatism
- Zionism in Modern Israel

Secret Societies:
- Carbonari
- Decembrists
- Ku Klux Klan

Simmering Nationalist Conflicts:
- Chechans in Russian Fed.
- Kurds in Turkey
- Muslims in XinJiang

U.S. in the World:
- “The Global Policeman”
- Bush Era Regime Change