

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDIES

## Conflict Resolution Programme

invites Masters and PhD students to a course on

### ETHNIC CONFLICT

by

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What is ethnicity? What does it share with nationalism and in what respects is it different? Why do ethnic groups fight violently and kill wantonly, especially after living peacefully for a long time? Under what conditions do they manage their relations peacefully? When do they become nationalistic? Does ethnic conflict mark the politics of poor countries, or is it a wider phenomenon? Do people participate in ethnic insurgencies because of greed or grievance? Will ethnic groups disappear as modernity proceeds further? How should liberals look at nationalism? Is ethnicity, or ethnic conflict, best studied in a small-n, or a large-n, methodological frame? What aspects of it can be studied well in an experimental methodological setting?

These questions will guide this ten-session course. Students will be introduced to the classic texts on ethnicity, nationalism and ethnic conflict, as also to the more important recent work. Over the last two decades, the subfield of ethnicity and ethnic conflict has grown enormously, generating novel insights and reaching new levels of sophistication.

#### Schedule

Date	Time	Topic
4 <sup>th</sup> Aug. 2014	2 to 3 pm	What is Ethnicity? What is Nationalism? How Did Nationalism Emerge?
4 <sup>th</sup> Aug. 2014	3.30 to 4.30 pm	Instrumentalism versus Essentialism
5 <sup>th</sup> Aug. 2014	2 to 3 pm	Exploring Microfoundations Further: Ethnic Assertion and Violence
5 <sup>th</sup> Aug. 2014	3.30 to 4.30 pm	Constructivism
6 <sup>th</sup> Aug. 2014	2 to 3 pm	Postmodernism
6 <sup>th</sup> Aug. 2014	3.30 to 4.30 pm	Ethnic Diversity and Political Systems: Are liberal democracies unsuitable for multiethnic societies? Is consociationalism the answer?
7 <sup>th</sup> Aug. 2014	2 to 3 pm	Do people choose identities based on institutional realities?
7 <sup>th</sup> Aug. 2014	3.30 to 4.30 pm	Ethnocommunal Riots
8 <sup>th</sup> Aug. 2014	2 to 3 pm	Ethnic Civil Wars
8 <sup>th</sup> Aug. 2014	3.30 to 4.30 pm	Can One Combine Liberalism and Commitment to one's Ethnic Group? Should one?

## Key texts covered

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- James Fearon and David Laitin, "Explaining Interethnic Cooperation", *American Political Science Review*, December 1996, pp. 715-735.
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- Russell Hardin, *One for All* (Princeton, 1997), ISBN: 0691048258
- Donald Horowitz, *Ethnic Groups in Conflict* (California, 2000), ISBN: 0520227069
- Donald Horowitz, *A Democratic South Africa*, California, 1991
- Stathis Kalyvas, *The Logic of Violence in Civil War* (Cambridge U Press, 2006)
- Will Kymlicka, *Multicultural Citizenship* (Oxford, 1996), ISBN: 0198290918
- David Laitin, *Hegemony and Culture* (Chicago, 1986), ISBN: 0226467902
- David Laitin, *Identity in Formation* (Cornell U Press, 1998) Arend Lijphart, *Democracy in Plural Societies*, Yale, 1977
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- Daniel Posner, *Institutions and Ethnic Politics in Africa* (Cambridge U Press, 2005)
- Daniel Posner, "The Political Salience of Cultural Difference", *APSR*, November 2004
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- Nicholas Sambanis, 2001, "Do Ethnic and Nonethnic Civil Wars Have the Same Causes?", *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 45:3, 259-282
- Charles Taylor, *Multiculturalism and the Politics of Recognition* (Princeton, 1994), ISBN: 0691037795
- Ashutosh Varshney, *Ethnic Conflict and Civic Life*, (Yale, 2003), ISBN: 0300100132
- Ashutosh Varshney, "Ethnicity and Ethnic Conflict", in Carles Boix and Susan Stokes, eds, *Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*, Oxford University Press, 2007,
- Ashutosh Varshney, "Nationalism, Ethnic Conflict and Rationality", *Perspectives on Politics*, March 2003, 84-99.
- Ashutosh Varshney, "Postmodernism, Civic Engagement and Ethnic Conflict: A Passage to India", *Comparative Politics*, October 1997, pp. 1-20.
- Steven Wilkinson, *Votes and Violence* (Cambridge U Press, 2004)
- Elisabeth Jean Wood, *Insurgent Collective Action and Civil War in El Salvador* (Cambridge U Press, 2003)