

Department of Sociology & Anthropology, BGU

Course: Conflict and Conflict Resolution

Fall/ Spring 2010-2011

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Course description: In the course we shall explore contemporary ethnic, national and religious conflicts and wars within and between groups and collectives. On what issues groups fight, how and in what historical and political context? How conflicts end when they end and what are the meaning of reconciliation in different places in the world? We shall focus on theoretical debates around the various alternative possibilities. The goal is to explore the conditions of intractable conflicts other than the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in order to widen our sociological and political knowledge of conflict situations and events in the Twentieth Century -- the era in which war has become the state of the multitude.

Course Requirements

1. Attendance (student who will miss more than 3 classes will not allow to finish the course).
2. Reading for each class.
3. A seminar paper (of 10 pages) in which you are required to study and analyze, in light of the readings, one specific conflict in the world (in or between groups) that we have not discussed in class. The task is to gather information about the historical, social, economic, territorial and political context and to develop an analysis and understanding of the conflict. The paper has to be submitted by 21.2.2011.
4. A take-home exam based on the readings of the Spring semester.

Gradings

Seminar paper --- 50%

Take-home exam --- 50%

Reading List

Fall, 2010

The Changing Face of war

Hardt, Michael and negri, Antonio, 2004. ***Multitude: War and Democracy in the Age of Empire***. New York: The Penguin Press. Pp. 3-95.

The Psychological basis of Conflict

Bar-Tal, Daniel and Teichman Yona, 2005. ***Stereotypes and Prejudice in Conflict***. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Pp. 20-91.

Conflict and Identity

Brewer, B. Marilynn 2001. "Intergroup Identification and Intergroup Conflict: When Does Ingroup Love Becomes Outgroup Hate?" In R. Ashmore, L. Ussim, and D. Wilder Eds. ***Social Identity, Intergroup Conflict, and Conflict Reduction*** (pp.17-41). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Eriksen, H. Thomas 2001. " Ethnic Identity, National Identity, and Intergroup Conflict: The Significance of Personal Experiences." In R. Ashmore et al. PP. 42-68.

White W. Robert 2001. "Social and Role Identities and Political Violence: Identity as a Window on Violence in Northern Ireland. In R. Ashmore et al. pp 133- 158.

Staub Ervin 2001. "Individual and Group Identities in Genocide and Mass Killing." In R. Ashmore et al. pp. 159-184.

The Colonial Legacy

Mammi Arbert, 2004. The Colonized and the colonizer. In, Shenhav Yehuda, Ed. Colonialism and the Postcolonial Condition. Tel Aviv: Hakibbutz Hameuchad/Van Leer. Pages, 47-82.

Rwanda

Neuberger, Benjamin, 2005. ***Rwanda – Genocide in the 'Land of a Thousand Hills.'*** Raanana: The Open University. (Hebrew) Pages, 55-105.

Mamdani, Mahmood, 2001. ***When Victims Become Killers: Colonialism, Nativism and the Genocide in Rwanda***. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. Pp. 103-131; 185-233.
The movie: Hotel Rwanda

Bosnia

Ignatieff, Michael. 1997. ***The Warrior's Honor: Ethnic War and the Modern Conscience***. New York: Metropolitan Books/Henry Holt and Company. Pp. 34-7

Women, Militarism, War and Peace

Enloe, Cynthia. 2003. "A Conversation with Cynthia Enloe: Feminists Look at Masculinity and Men Who wage war." ***Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society***, 28(4): 1187-1207.

Puechguirbal, Nadine. 2003. "Women and War in Democratic Republic of The Congo." ***Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society***, 28(4)

Reconciliation, Recognition, Forgiveness

Raymond, Cohen, 2004. "Apology and Reconciliation in International Relations." In, Bar-Siman-Tov, Yaacov, Ed. ***From Conflict Resolution to Reconciliation***. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Pp. 177-195.

McCandless, Erin 2001. "The case of Land in Zimbabwe: Cause of Conflict, Foundation for Sustained Peace." In M. Abu-Nimer, (pp. 209-233).

Hart, Barry 2001. "Refugee Return in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Coexistence Before Reconciliation." In M. Abu-Nimer, (pp. 291-310).

Ahluwalia, Pal. 2000. "Towards (Re)Conciliation: The Post-Colonial Economy of Giving." ***Social identities***, 6(1): 29-48.

Auerbach, Yehudith, 2004. "The Role of Forgiveness in Reconciliation." In, Yaacov Bar-Siman-Tov, Pp. 149-175.

Derrida, J. 2005. An Interview with Derrida on Forgiveness. ***Theory and Criticism***, 27: 127-143. (Hebrew).