

Seminar: State, Nationalism, and Diasporas

Level and status: 4 credit points M.A. elective seminar

Prior requirements: none

Lecturer: André Levy

Taught: since 1994

Course description:

The concept of "diaspora" will be the heart of this workshop. We will discuss its late re-emergence and re-newel while treating its social, political, and historical background as well as its multi-facet character. The implications of the various definitions, stemming (among other things) from the different disciplinary perspectives, will be also dealt with. The examination of the diaspora will take into consideration the historical, social, and cultural occurrences related to the Nation-State, while also drawing the distinctive line between diasporas and ethnicities.

Course requirements: 1. Participation in all classes. 2. Reading materials weekly. 3. Students are required to present in class meetings papers from the reading list (10% of grade). 4. Present an outline of their final work (10%) 5. Submit a final paper (80%) based on independent research. Detailed instructions for it are on H.L.

Grade: final written work (80% of grade) class presentation (10%), and presentation of the work at class (10%).

Course reading list:

Fall Semester

Simmel, George. 1950. The Stranger. *In* The Sociology of George Simmel. K. H. Wolff, ed. New York: The Free Press. 402-408.

Anderson, Benedict

1983 *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism.* London: Verso.

Herzfeld, Michael. 1997. *Cultural Intimacy: Social Poetics in the Nation-State.* New York: Routledge. 1-32.

Demetriou, Madeleine

Beyond the Nation-state? Transnational Politics in the Age of Diaspora. The Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism Bulletin 16(Winter):17-25.

Eriksen, Thomas Hylland. 1993. *Ethnicity and Nationalism: Anthropological Perspectives.* Chapter 3. London; Boulder, Colo: Pluto Press.

Foner, Nancy. 1997. *What's New About Transnationalism? New York Immigrants Today and at the Turn of the Century.* *Diaspora* 6(3):355-373.

Cohen, Robin. 1997. *Global Diasporas: An Introduction*. Seattle: University of Washington Press. ix-29.

Levy, André

2001 Center and Diaspora: Jews in late-twentieth-century Morocco. *City and Society* XIII(2):247-272

Tololyan, Khachig

1996 Rethinking Diaspora(s): Stateless Power in the Transnational Moment. *Diaspora* 5(1):3-36.

Fall Semester

Soysal, Yasemin N

2000 Citizenship and Identity: Living in Diasporas in Post-War Europe? *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 23(1):1-15.

Kirshenblatt-Gimblett, Barbara

1994 Spaces of Dispersal. *Cultural Anthropology* 9(3):339-344.

Safran, William

1991 *Diasporas in Modern Societies: Myths of Homeland and Return*. *Diaspora* 1(1):83-99.

Goekjian, Georgy F.

1998 Diaspora and Denial: The Holocaust and the "Question" of the Armenian Genocide. *Diaspora* 7(1):3-24.

Levy, André

2000 *Diasporas through Anthropological Lenses: Contexts of Postmodernity*. *Diaspora* (forthcoming).

Werbner, Pnina

1998 *Diasporic Political Imaginaries: A Sphere of Freedom or a Sphere of Illusions*. *Communal/Plural: Journal of Transnational and Crosscultural Studies* May(?):??-??

Gosh, Amitav

1989 The Diaspora in Indian Culture. *Public Culture* 2(1):73-78.

Vertovec, Steven

1997 Three Meanings of "Diaspora," Exemplified among South Asian Religions. *Diaspora* 6(3):277-299.

Additional reading

Boyarin, Jonathan

1991 *Polish Jews in Paris*. Bloomington, IND: Indiana University Press.

Brah, Avtar

1996 *Cartographies of Diaspora: Contesting Identities*. London: Routledge.

Malkki, Liisa H.

1995 Purity and Exile: Violence, Memory, and National Cosmology among the Hutu Refugees in Tanzania. Chicago & London.

Pattie, Susan

1994 At Home in Diaspora: Armenians in America. *Diaspora* 3(2):185-198.

Gross, Joan, David McMurray, and Ted Swedenburg

1996 Arab Noise and Ramadan Nights: *Rai*, Rap, and Franco-Maghrebi Identities. *In* Displacement, Diaspora, and Geographies of Identity. S. Lavie and T. Swedenburg, eds. pp. 119-155. Durham and London: Duke University Press.

Hall, Stuart

1990 Cultural Identity and Diaspora. *In* Identity: Community, Culture, Difference. J. Rutherford, ed. pp. ??-?? London: Lawrence and Wishart.

Anthias, Floya

1998 Evaluating 'Diaspora': Beyond Ethnicity? *Sociology* 32(3):557-580.

Loizos, Peter

1999 Ottoman Half-lives: Long-term Perspectives on Particular Forced Migration. *Journal of Refugee Studies* 12(3):237-263.

Boyarin, Daniel, and Jonathan Boyarin

1993 Diaspora: Generation and Ground of Jewish Identity. *Critical Inquiry* 19(3-4):693-725.

Stratton, Jon

1994 1997 (Dis)placing the Jews: Historicizing the Idea of Diaspora. *Diaspora* 6(3):301-329.