

Anthropology 1737/ 2782

Special Topics: Ethno-National Violence

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The following books are required for this course:

Malkki, Liisa (1995) *Purity and Exile: Violence, Memory and National Cosmology among Hutu Refugees in Tanzania*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Petersen, Roger (2002) *Understanding Ethnic Violence*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Rabinowitz, Dan (1997) *Overlooking Nazareth: The Ethnography of Exclusion in a Town in Galilee*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Ron, James (2003) *Frontiers & Ghettos: State Violence in Serbia & Israel*. Berkeley: University of California Press

Sudetic, Chuck (1998) *Blood and Vengeance: One Family's Story of the War in Bosnia*. New York: W.W. Norton.

Required for grad students only:

Daniel, E.V. (1996) *Charred Lullabies: Chapters in an Anthropology of Violence*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

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

In addition, a number of articles, book chapters and the like are also required reading. These may be found in a reader, available for purchase from Copy Cat.

Syllabus

Aug. 25: **Introduction**

Aug. 27: **Basic Concepts (1):**

Brubaker & Laitin, "Ethnic & Nationalist Violence." *Annual Review of Sociology* 1998: 423-452

Bowman, "The Violence in Identity," in B. Schmidt & I. Schroeder, eds, *Anthropology of Violence & Conflict* (2001):25-46.

Kleinman, Arthur and Joan Kleinman (1996) "The Appeal of Experience: The Dismay of Images: Cultural Appropriations of Suffering in Our Times." *Daedalus* (Winter, 1996): 1-23.

Representation 1:

Lapore, "Prologue: The Circle" in *The Name of War: King Phillip's War and the Origins of American Identity* (1998): 3-18.

Sep1: NO CLASS - LABOR DAY

Sep 3: Basic Concepts (2)

Petersen, *Understanding Ethnic Violence*

Sep 8, 10: Locality and Globalization

Malkki, "National Geographic: The Rooting of Peoples & the Territorialization of National Identities," *Cultural Anthropology* 7(1): 24-44 (1992).

Appadurai, "The Production of Locality," in Appadurai, *Modernity at Large* (1996): 178-199.

Appadurai, "Dead Certainty: Ethnic Violence in the Era of Globalization." *Public Culture* 10: 225-247 (1998)

Grad students:

Gupta & Ferguson, "Beyond Culture: Space, Identity & the Politics of Difference," *Cultural Anthropology* 7(1): 1-23 (1992)

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

Sep 15, 17, 22: Case Study 1: India, 1947

Representation 2: Collins & Lapierre, "Our People Have Gone Mad" and "The Greatest Migration in History," in *Freedom at Midnight* (1975): 340-369 and 373-400.

Gilmartin, "A Magnificent Gift: Muslim Nationalism and the Election Process in Colonial Punjab." *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 40:415-436 (1998)

Brass, "The Partition of India and Retributive Genocide in the Punjab, 1946-47: Means, Methods and Purposes." *Journal of Genocide Research* 5: 71-101 (2003)

Bhutalia, "Blood," *Granta* 57: 13-22 (1997)

Feature film recommended (available on video): Earth (1998)

Grad Students: for both India cases:

Fox, "Communalism & Modernity" and van der Veer, "Writing Violence," both in Ludden, ed., *Contesting the Nation* (1996).

Das, "Introduction: Communities, Riots, Survivors -- the South Asian Experience," in V. Das, *Mirrors of Violence* (1990): 1-36.

Sep 24, 29: Case Study 2: India, 1980s-90s

Varshney, "Contested Meanings: India's National Identity, Hindu Nationalism and the Politics of Anxiety." *Daedalus* (Summer 1993): 227-261.

Srinivasan, "The Survivor in the Study of Violence," in V.

Das, *Mirrors of Violence* (1990): 305-320.

Representation 3: Das, "Our Work to Cry, Your Work to Listen," in V. Das, *Mirrors of Violence* (1990): 345-398.

Oct. 1, 6, 8: **Case Study 3: Rwanda (1970s)**

Malkki, *Purity and Exile: Violence, Memory and National Cosmology among Hutu Refugees in Tanzania* (1995)

Oct 13: Undergrads: MIDTERM EXAM

Grad Students: E.V. Daniel, *Charred Lullabies* (1996) [Sri Lanka]

Oct. 15, 20, 22: **Case Study 4: Palestine/ Israel^{??}**

Segev, Tom (1987) *1949: The First Israelis*. New York: Owl Books, Henry Holt & Co. Chs. 1-3 (pp. 1-91).

Avineri, Shlomo (1996) "The Presence of Eastern and Central Europe in the Culture and Politics of Contemporary Israel." *East European Politics & Societies* 10: 163-172.

Rabinowitz, Dan (1997) *Overlooking Nazareth: The Ethnography of Exclusion in a Town in Galilee*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Shavit, Ari, "Survival of the Fittest? An Interview with Benny Morris." (January 2004 Interview from the Israeli newspaper *Ha'aretz*, available at <http://www.counterpunch.org/shavit01162004.html>)

Grad Students:

Shamir, Ronan (1996) "Suspended in Space: Bedouins under the Law of Israel." *Law & Society Review* 30: 231-258.

Recommended for grad students:

Sternhall, Zeev (1997) *The Founding Myths of Israel: Nationalism, Socialism and the Making of the Jewish State*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Morris, Benny (1987) *The Birth of the Palestinian Refugee Problem*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Shlaim, Avi (1990) *The Politics of Partition: King Abdullah,*

¹ The readings on Palestine/ Israel differ from most American presentations of the subject in that they concentrate on the displacement of Palestinians in 1947 and the exclusion of Palestinians from much of Israeli official life since then. For purposes of this course, the fate of the Palestinians is the most relevant aspect of this complex situation. While some may object to this presentation, *all* of the sources used are written or produced by Jewish Israelis, not by Palestinians, and neither the authors nor I can be accused of being hostile to the State of Israel.

the Zionists and Palestine, 1921-51. New York: Columbia University Press.

Oct. 27, 29

Nov 3: **Case Study 5: Bosnia**

Hayden, "Imagined Communities & Real Victims: Self-Determination & Ethnic Cleansing in Yugoslavia." *American Ethnologist* (1996)

Bougarel, Xavier (1996) "Bosnia and Hercegovina: State and Communalism," in David Dyker and Ivan Vejvoda, eds., *Yugoslavia and After: A Study in Fragmentation, Despair and Rebirth*. New York: Longman.

Hayden, "Bosnia's Internal War and the International Criminal Tribunal," *The Fletcher Forum* 22(1): 45-64 (1998)

Representation 4: Smajlovic, "From the Heart of the Heart of the former Yugoslavia," *Wilson Quarterly* (Summer 1995): 100-113.

Representation 5: Sudetic, *Blood and Vengeance: One Family's Story of the War in Bosnia* (1998)

Recommended feature films (available on video)

Underground (Golden Palm at Cannes, 1994)

Pretty Village, Pretty Flame

No Man's Land (Academy Award, Best For. Film, 2002)

Nov. 5, 10, 12

Gendered Violence

Giles & Hyndman, "Gender & Conflict in a Global Context," in *Sites of Violence: Gender & Conflict Zones* 2004): 3-18.

Harris, "The 'Child of the Barbarian': Rape, Race and Nationalism in France During the First World War." *Past & Present* 141:170-206 (1993).

Das, "National Honour and Practical Kinship: Of Unwanted Women and Children," in V. Das, *Critical Events: An Anthropological Perspective on Contemporary India* (1995): 55-83.

Das, "Language and Body: Transactions in the Construction of Pain." *Daedalus* (Winter 1996): 67-91.

International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, *The Prosecutor v. Jean-Paul Akayesu* (judgment, 2 Sept. 1998). Excerpts:

Indictment: 3-9

Historical Context: 22-30

[Sexual violence evidence summary: 76-87] *Note: This evidence includes very specific descriptions and may upset some readers. For this reason, this section is **not required** reading.*

Genocide defined: 92-96

Rape defined: 124-127
Rape as genocide: 130-131

Grad Students:

Borneman, "Towards a Theory of Ethnic Cleansing: Territorial Sovereignty, Heterosexuality and Europe," in Borneman, *Subversions of International Order* (1998): 273-317.

Hayden, "Rape and Rape Avoidance in Ethno-National Conflicts: Sexual Violence in Liminalized States." *American Anthropologist*, 102 (#1), March 2000.

Nov. 17: **Territory and Violence**
Ron, *Frontiers & Ghettos*

Nov. 19: Film: *Bosnia: We Are All Neighbors*

Dec. 1: Discussion of Bosnia film and Ron book

Dec. 3: Conclusion

Recommended for those who wish, after this course, to try to contemplate what Abraham Lincoln called "the better angels of our nature": Tzvetan Todorov, Facing the Extreme: Moral Life in the Concentration Camps. (New York: Henry Holt [1996]).