

Reading List

Nationalism Reading Group 2022

I. Session-1 Nationalism: What is it and where is it at?

There is an upsurge of nationalist political action around the world and the Covid-19 pandemic has only made this more prominent. This session will explore the meaning of the idea of the ‘nation’ and of nationalism, its historical evolution and its meaning in our current political times. How has the global pandemic impacted the imaginations of the nation and what kinds of state-nation relationships does it bring to the fore?

- Mylonas, Harris & Tudor, Maya, 2021. Nationalism: What We Know and What We Still Need to Know. *Annual review of political science*, 24(1), pp.109–132.
- Valluvan, S., 2019. *The Clamour of Nationalism: Race and Nation in Twenty-First-Century Britain*, Manchester.
- Tamir, Yael, 2020. Why Nationalism? Because Nothing Else Works. *Nations and Nationalism*, 26(3), pp.538–543.

Suggested readings

- Uddin, S.M., 2006. *Constructing Bangladesh: Religion, Ethnicity, and Language in an Islamic Nation*, New Delhi: Vistaar.
- Bieber, F. (2022) “Global Nationalism in Times of the COVID-19 Pandemic,” *Nationalities Papers*. Cambridge University Press, 50(1), pp. 13–25. DOI: 10.1017/nps.2020.35.

II. Session 2 Nationalism and Populism

What does the rise of populist nationalism in India mean for its liberal democratic order and social justice goals? To address this question, this session will examine the conceptual meanings of nationalism and populism, focusing on their overlap with the kinds of political mobilisations that they promote. While nationalism is about the insider-outsider boundary, populism is about the people-elite boundary. This session will discuss the outcomes of the co-existence of these boundaries.

- Brubaker, Rogers, 2020. Populism and Nationalism. *Nations and Nationalism*, 26(1), pp.44–66.
- Mudde, Cas, 2010. The Populist Radical Right: A Pathological Normalcy. *West European Politics*, 33(6), pp.1167–1186.
- Jaffrelot, Christophe & Anil, Pratinav, 2021. “Chapter 7: Mrs. Gandhi’s Personalisation of Power” in *India’s First Dictatorship*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- de la Torre, Carlos, 2017. Populism and Nationalism in Latin America. *Javnost (Ljubljana, Slovenia)*, 24(4), pp.375–390.
- Jaffrelot, C. & Schoch, C., 2021. “Chapter 4: Welfare or Well-being?” in *Modi’s India: Hindu Nationalism and the Rise of Ethnic Democracy*, Princeton, NJ.

Suggested Readings

- Chatterjee, P., 2020. *I am the People: Reflections on Popular Sovereignty Today*, New York.
- Malešević, S. (2019) *Grounded Nationalisms: A Sociological Analysis*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. DOI: 10.1017/9781108589451.
- Rooduijn, M., 2019. State of the field: How to Study Populism and Adjacent Topics? A Plea for Both More and Less Focus. *European Journal of Political Research*, 58(1), pp.362–372.
- Brubaker, Rogers, 2017. Why populism? *Theory and Society*, 46(5), pp.357–385.
- Hansen, T. B. and Roy, S. (eds) (2022) *Saffron Republic: Hindu Nationalism and State Power in India*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (Metamorphoses of the Political: Multidisciplinary Approaches).

III. Session 3 Nationalism and Capitalism

The relationship between nationalism and capitalism has been long discussed since some of the seminal works on nationalism. The Indian case particularly in the context of the post-1990 liberalisation of the economy is an important case to examine with regard to the changes in nationalistic imaginations from the socialistic economy of the pre-1990s in state discourses. In what ways did participation in the global economy transform the imagination of the Indian nation and what does this mean for social inclusion and the state's social justice agenda?

- Jha, P.S., 2006. *The Twilight of the Nation-State: Globalisation, Chaos and War*, London; Ann Arbor, MI: Pluto Press.
- Greenfeld, L., 2001. *The Spirit of Capitalism: Nationalism and Economic Growth*, Cambridge, Mass. London: Harvard University Press.
- Kaur, R., 2020. *Brand New Nation: Capitalist Dreams and Nationalist Designs in Twenty-first-Century India*, Redwood City.

Suggested readings

- Anderson, B., 2016. *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism* Revised., London; New York.

IV. Session 4 Nationalism and National integration

While nationalism is an ideology, a form of identification, an emotion and a form of attachment which includes the state and the society (though the state nationalist ideology may differ from the one practised at the social and political level, in some cases) national integration is explicitly a nation-building practice of the state. The inter-relationship between the two can be telling of the relationship between the nation, state and society and the crises that the state deems to be critical for nation-building. This session will reflect on state practices, those which explicitly focus on national integration and those which are routinely involved in social welfare, their implications for inclusive, just imaginings of the nation.

- Roy, S., 2007. *Beyond Belief: India and the Politics of Postcolonial Nationalism*, Durham, NC.
- Vom Hau, Matthias, 2009. Unpacking the School: Textbooks, Teachers, and the Construction of Nationhood in Mexico, Argentina, and Peru. *Latin American Research Review*, 44(3), pp.127–154.
- Tukumbi Lumumba-Kasongo, 2011. The National Project as a Public Administration Concept: The Problematic of State Building in the Search for New Development Paradigms in Africa. *Africa Development*, 36(2), pp.63–96.
- Seoighe, Rachel, 2016. Inscribing the Victor's Land: Nationalistic Authorship in Sri Lanka's Post-war Northeast. *Conflict, Security and Development*, 16(5), pp.443–471.

Suggested readings

- Tudor, Maya and Dan Slater. "Nationalism, Authoritarianism, and Democracy: Historical Lessons from South and Southeast Asia." *Perspectives on Politics* Vol. 19, No.3 (Sept 2021): 706-722.
- Benei, V., 2008. *Schooling passions: Nation, history, and language in contemporary Western India*. Stanford University Press.
- von Holdt, Karl, 2010. Nationalism, Bureaucracy and the Developmental State: The South African Case. *South African Review of Sociology*, 41(1), pp.4–27.
- Handelman, D., 2004. *Nationalism and the Israeli State: Bureaucratic Logic in Public Events*, Oxford: Berg.
- Breuilly, J., 1982. "Chapter 13: Nation-Building and Nationalism in the New States" in *Nationalism and the State*, Manchester: Manchester University Press.
- Guichard, S., 2010. *The Construction of History and Nationalism in India: Textbooks, Controversies and Politics*. Routledge.

Session 5 Nationalism: Every day and Grassroots

The mundane and ignored domain of nationalism is the “every day”, the wellspring of future mobilisations and confused stirrings of alternative imaginations of the nation. This session will discuss the conceptual literature on the ways in which the nation exists in every day and engage with the recently released Pew research report on religion and nationalism in India.

- Skey, M., 2011. “Introduction: What’s going on?” in *National Belonging and Everyday Life: The Significance of Nationhood in an Uncertain World*, Basingstoke; New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Williams, Philippa, 2012. India's Muslims, Lived Secularism and Realising Citizenship. *Citizenship Studies*, 16(8), pp.979–995.
- Govinda, Radhika, 2013. ‘Didi, are you Hindu?’ Politics of Secularism in Women's Activism in India: Case-study of a Grassroots Women's Organization in Rural Uttar Pradesh. *Modern Asian Studies*, 47(2), pp.612–651.
- Menon, K.D., 2010. *Everyday Nationalism: Women of the Hindu right in India*, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.

Relevant survey data

- Pew Research Center, 2021. *Religion in India: Tolerance and Segregation*.
- Lokniti, 2019, *Centre for the Studying of Developing Societies*, National Election Studies Survey, pp. 46-53

Suggested reading

- Froerer, Peggy, 2006. Emphasizing 'Others': The Emergence of Hindu Nationalism in a Central Indian Tribal Community. *The Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, 12(1), pp.39–59.
- Surak, K., 2013. *Making Tea, Making Japan: Cultural Nationalism in Practice*, Stanford, California: Stanford University Press.
- Brubaker, R., Feischmidt, M. & Fox, J., 2018. *Nationalist Politics and Everyday Ethnicity in a Transylvanian Town*, Princeton, NJ.
- Yashar, Deborah J., 1998. Contesting Citizenship: Indigenous Movements and Democracy in Latin America. *Comparative Politics*, 31(1), pp.23–42.
- Shani, O. (2022) “The People and the Making of India's Constitution,” *The Historical Journal*. Cambridge University Press, pp. 1–22. DOI: 10.1017/S0018246X21000856.

Session 6 Nationalism and Ethno-religion

- Nāgarāj, D.R., 2012. “The Forms of Kanada Nationalism” in *Listening to the Loom: Essays on Literature, Politics, and Violence*. Permanent Black.
- Ray, A. and Banerjee-Dube, I. eds., 2020. “Introduction: Nation, Religion, Identity —Crisscrossing Concerns” *Nation, Nationalism and the Public Sphere: Religious Politics in India*. Sage Publications Pvt. Limited.
- Baruah, S. 2020. Chapter 4. The Naga Conflict: Ceasefire Politics and Elusive Peace. *In the Name of the Nation: India and Its Northeast*. Redwood City: Stanford University Press, pp. 100-125. <https://doi.org/10.1515/9781503611290-006>
- Yack, Bernard, 1996. The Myth of the Civic Nation. *Critical Review* (New York, N.Y.), 10(2), pp.193–211.

Suggested reading

- Simonsen, Kristina Bakkær, and Bart Bonikowski. 2020. “Is Civic Nationalism Necessarily Inclusive? Conceptions of Nationhood and Anti-Muslim Attitudes in Europe.” *European Journal of Political Research* 59 (1): 114-36.
- Tamir, Y., 2020. Why Nationalism. In *Why Nationalism*. Princeton University Press.
- Yack, B., 2012. *Nationalism and the Moral Psychology of Community*, Chicago, Ill.
- Cesari, J., 2021. *We God's people: Christianity, Islam and Hinduism in the world of nations*. Cambridge University Press.

Session 7 Nationalism and electoral democracy

- Thachil, T., 2016. *Elite Parties, Poor Voters: How Social Services Win Votes in India*. First Paperback., Cambridge.
- Stepan, A., Linz, J.J. and Yadav, Y., 2011. *Crafting State-Nations: India and other Multinational Democracies*. JHU Press.
- Banerjee, M., 2022. *Cultivating Democracy: Politics and Citizenship in Agrarian India*, New York, NY.

Suggested reading

- Wedeen, L., 2008. *Peripheral Visions: Publics, Power, and Performance in Yemen*, Chicago, Ill.; London: University of Chicago Press.
- Mehta, P.B., 2003. *The Burden of Democracy*, New Delhi: Penguin Books.
- Mir, R. and Chakraborty, R., 2021. Narendra Modi falls victim to India's never-ending image problem., Nikkei Asia, October 21, 2021. Accessible at: <https://asia.nikkei.com/Opinion/Narendra-Modi-falls-victim-to-India-s-never-ending-image-problem>

Other Suggested Readings

- Purushotham, S., 2021. *From Raj to Republic: Sovereignty, Violence, and Democracy in India*. Stanford University Press.
- Bacchetta, P., 2000. Sacred Space in Conflict in India: The Babri Masjid affair. *Growth and Change*, 31(2), pp.255-284.
- Christou, M. and Spyrou, S., 2017. The Hyphen in Between: Children's intersectional Understandings of National Identities. *Children's Geographies*, 15(1), pp.51-64.
- Millei, Z., 2015. The cultural politics of 'Childhood' and 'Nation': Space, Mobility and a Global World. *Global Studies of Childhood*, 5(1), pp.3-6.
- Millei, Z., 2019. Pedagogy of nation: A Concept and Method to Research Nationalism in Young Children's Institutional Lives. *Childhood*, 26(1), pp.83-97.
- Millei, Z. and Imre, R., 2021. Banal and Everyday Nationalisms in Children's Mundane and Institutional Lives. *Children's Geographies*, 19(5), pp.505-513.
- Zembylas, M., 2010. Children's Construction and Experience of Racism and Nationalism in Greek-Cypriot Primary Schools. *Childhood*, 17(3), pp.312-328.

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