



COURSE UNIT (MODULE) DESCRIPTION

Course unit (module) title	Code
Sociology of Ethnic Relations	

Lecturer(s)	Department(s) where the course unit (module) is delivered
Coordinator: Regimantas Juras	Department of Sociology, Faculty of Philosophy
Other(s):	

Study cycle	Type of the course unit (module)
Bachelor	

Mode of delivery	Period when the course unit (module) is delivered	Language(s) of instruction
Lectures and seminars	2nd, 3rd years of studies	

Requirements for students	
Prerequisites: Familiarity with sociological theories (both classical and contemporary)	Additional requirements (if any):

Course (module) volume in credits	Total student's workload	Contact hours	Self-study hours
5	102	48	54

Purpose of the course unit (module): programme competences to be developed		
The aim of the course is to provide students with a comprehensive overview of the main developments in history and theory of nationalism and ethnicity: from the fundamental “pre-modernity vs. modernity” debate between Anthony Smith and Ernest Gellner to the contemporary debates in sociology and political philosophy.		
Learning outcomes of the course unit (module)	Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
After completion of the course, the students should:		
- have an awareness of the social, historical, and political context of the “era of nationalism”;	Lecture that combines elements of a seminar; discussion of the texts to be read	Active participation in the discussions, written essay
- have an advanced understanding of the evolution and typology of nationalism;		
- have a general knowledge of the main theories of nationalism and ethnicity;		
- be able to critically examine the foundation and basic components of different theories of nationalism.	Lecture that combines elements of a seminar; consulting students individually	Written essay

Content: breakdown of the topics	Contact hours							Self-study work: time and assignments	
	Lectures	Tutorials	Seminars	Exercises	Laboratory work	Internship/work placement	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Assignments
1. The history of theorizing nationalism. Central problems, ideas and concepts.	2						2	2	Thompson, Andrew & Fevre, Ralph. 2001, p. 297–315
2. Ernest Gellner. <i>Nationalism</i> as a political principle: the relationship between the <i>state</i> and the <i>nation</i> . The analysis of the processes of <i>differentiation</i> . Transition from <i>agrarian society</i> to <i>industrial society</i> .	4		2				6	4	Gellner, Ernest. 1983, p. 1–38.
3. Anthony D. Smith. <i>Ethno-symbolism. Ethnie</i> and the <i>nation</i> . Nationalism in modernity: the dialectic of <i>bureaucratic cycle</i> .	4		2				6	4	Smith, Anthony. 1991, p. 19–42.
5. Benedict Anderson. Nations as <i>imagined communities</i> . <i>Print-capitalism</i> as a prerequisite of modern self-understanding.	2		2				4	4	Anderson, Benedict. 2006, p. 9–46.
6. Neo-Marxist theories of Nationalism. Tom Nairn and the thesis of <i>Uneven Development</i> . Michael Hechter and the <i>Internal Colonialism</i> .	2		2				4	4	Nairn, Tom. 1997, p. 1–20; 70–72.
7. The birth of the nation: the early Lithuanian nationalism.	2						2	4	Valantiejus, Algis. 2002, p. 315–334.
8. New developments in the studies of <i>nationalism</i> and <i>ethnicity</i> : Michael Billig, Rogers Brubaker and Craig Calhoun.	4		2				6	7	Brubaker, Rogers. 1996, p. 13–22. Brubaker, Rogers. 2004, p. 7–27. Billig, Michael, 1995, p. 1–12.
9. Daniel Chernilo. The concept of <i>methodological nationalism</i> .	2		1				3	4	Chernilo, Daniel. 2011, p. 98–117.
10. Nationalism and <i>globalization</i> . Ulrich Beck. Gerard Delanty. Epochal break and the idea of the <i>cosmopolitan imagination</i> .	4		1				5	5	Beck, Ulrich. 2000, p. 79–105. Delanty, Gerard. 2009, p. 1–17.
11. Jeffrey Alexander's cultural sociology. On the sociology of evil and the holocaust.	2		2				4	2	Alexander, Jeffrey. 2003, p. 109–120.
12. Zygmunt Bauman. Collective and individual freedom.	4		2				6	4	Bauman, Zygmunt. 2008, p. 110–144.
Task of Writing an Essay								10	
	32		16				48	54	

Assessment strategy	Weight, %	Deadline	Assessment criteria
Essay-writing	80	By the end of the course	The ability to discuss the chosen topic analytically, the ability to structure the text, knowledge of and the overview of the main theories of nationalism and ethnicity.
Active participation in discussions	20	Throughout the course	Knowledge and understanding of the main ideas, theses, concepts suggested by the authors discussed.

Author	Year of publication	Title	Issue of a periodical or volume of a publication	Publishing place and house or web link
Compulsory reading				
1. Alexander, Jeffrey	2003	<i>The Meanings of Social Life: A Cultural Sociology</i>		Oxford University Press
2. Anderson, Benedict	2006	<i>Imagined Communities</i>		London, New York: Verso
3. Bauman, Zygmunt	2008	<i>Does ethics have a chance in a world of consumers</i>		Cambridge, London: Harvard university press
6. Beck, Ulrich	2000	“The cosmopolitan perspective: sociology of the second age of modernity”	51(1): 79–105.	<i>British Journal of Sociology</i>
5. Billig, Michael	1995	<i>Banal Nationalism</i>		London, Thousand Oaks, New Delhi: SAGE Publications
6. Brubaker, Rogers	1996	<i>Nationalism Reframed. Nationhood and the National Question in the New Europe</i>		Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
7. Brubaker, Rogers	2004	<i>Ethnicity Without Groups</i>		Cambridge: Harvard University Press
8. Daniel Chernilo	2011	<i>The critique of methodological nationalism : Theory and history</i>	106: 98–117.	<i>Thesis Eleven</i>
9. Delanty, Gerard	2009	<i>The Cosmopolitan Imagination</i>		Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
10. Gellner, Ernest	1983	<i>Nations and Nationalism</i>		Oxford: Basil Blackwell Publisher Limited
11. Nairn, Tom	1997	<i>Faces of Nationalism</i>		London, New York: Verso
12. Smith, Anthony D.	1991	<i>National identity</i>		London: Penguin Books
13. Thompson, Andrew & Fevre, Ralph	2001	“The national question: sociological reflections on nation and nationalism”	7(3): 297–315.	<i>Nations and nationalism</i>
14. Valantiejus, Algis.	2001	“The early Lithuanian nationalism: sources of its legitimate meanings in an environment of shifting boundaries”	(8/3): 315–334.	<i>Nations and Nationalism</i>
Optional reading				
1. Brubaker, Rogers	1994	<i>Citizenship and Nationhood in France and Germany</i>		Cambridge, London: Harvard University Press
2. Calhoun, Craig	1997	<i>Nationalism</i>		Open University Press
3. Chernilo, Daniel	2007	<i>A Social Theory of the Nation-State. The Political Forms of Modernity Beyond Methodological Nationalism</i>		London and New York: Routledge
4. Özkirimli, Umut	2000	<i>Theories of nationalism: a Critical Introduction</i>		New York: St. Martin's Press