

## **Gender and Nationalism**

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14 Sept - 30 Nov 2007  
Fri 10:00-12:00  
U37, sh1

### **Aims**

The course aims to equip students with basic knowledge of feminist approaches to nationalism and how to engage in gendered analyses of it. The first half of the course consists of theoretical teaching and discussion of theories and interpretations of gender and nationalism. During the second part of the course, nationalism is approached through examples in various global contexts. Students are expected to engage with the topics in discussion and debate. At the end of the course students should understand the importance of feminist contributions to the study of nationalism and be able integrate gender as a regular category of analysis.

### **Study Units**

Political Science: M230/P230: 2-4 credits (1-2 study weeks)  
Women's Studies: WNA240/243 and 11.1/11.7: 5 credits (3 study weeks)

### **Course requirements**

For 2 credits (M230/P230 only):

- Reading for each week
- Written assignment: Lecture diary (5-6 pages, covering min. 8 of 10 lectures)

For 4 credits (M230/P230 only):

- Reading for each week
- Written assignment: Essay on a related theme (10 pages)

For 5 credits in Women's Studies (WNA240/243), Political History (11.1/11.7):

- Reading for each week
- Written assignment: Essay on a related theme (15 pages)

**Deadline** for written assignments: 10 December 2007

Assignments should be emailed to [jemima.repo@helsinki.fi](mailto:jemima.repo@helsinki.fi)

Language: English, Finnish, French (German, Spanish)

### **Grading**

Scale of 1-5

Weight: Written assignment 80%, participation in class discussions 20%

## Course outline

14.09. Introduction

21.09. Gender and militarized nationalism

- \*Nagel, Joane (1998) "Masculinity and Nationalism: Gender and Sexuality in the Making of Nations" *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 21: 2, 242-269

28.09. Nationalism and sexuality

- \*Peterson, Spike V. (1999) "Sexing Political Identities / Nationalism as Heterosexism" *International Feminist Journal of Politics* 1:1, 34-65

05.10. Postcolonial perspectives

- Puri, Jyoti (2004) "Redoubtable Essences: Nationalisms and Genders" in *Encountering Nationalism* Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 107-142

12.10. Reproducing nation: Motherhood, eugenics and demography

- \*Yuval-Davis, Nira (1996) "Women and the Biological Reproduction of 'The Nation'" *Women's Studies International Forum* 19: 1-2, 17-24
- Stoler, Ann Laura (1997) "Making Empire Respectable: The Politics of Race and Sexual Morality in Twentieth-Century Colonial Cultures" in McClintock, Anne, Mufti, Aamir and Shohat, Ella (eds) *Dangerous Liaisons: Gender, Nation and Postcolonial Perspectives* Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 355-373 (excerpt)

19.10. British colonialist policy

- Enloe, Cynthia (2000) "The Contagious Diseases Act: Using Women to Control Soldiering Men" in *Maneuvers: The International Politics of Militarizing Women's Lives* Berkeley: University of California Press, pp. 52-59 (excerpt)

26.10. No class

02.11. Imperial Japan

- \*Robertson, Jennifer (2001) "Japan's First Cyborg? Miss Nippon, Eugenics and Wartime Technologies of Beauty, Body and Blood" *Body & Society* 7: 1, 1-34

09.11. No class

16.11. Constructing the Finnish nation

- Johanna Valenius (2004) "Bridal Finland" in *Undressing the Maid: Gender, Sexuality and the Body in the Construction of the Finnish Nation* Helsinki: Suomalaisen Kirjallisuuden Seura, 99-123

23.11. Ethnonationalism in Bosnia

- Enloe, Cynthia (2004) "All the Men Are in the Militias, All the Women are Victims: The Politics of Masculinity and Femininity in Nationalist Wars" in *The*

*Curious Feminist* Berkeley: University of California Press, 99-118

- \*(Recommended) Nikolic-Ristanovic, Vesna (1996) "War, nationalism and mothers" *Peace Review* 8: 3

### 30.11. War on Terrorism

- \*Puar, Jasbir K. & Rai Amit S. (2002) "Monster, Terrorist, Fag: The War on Terrorism and the Production of Docile Patriots" *Social Text* 20: 3, 117-148

All articles are available for photocopying at the lobby of the Department of Political Science.

Those also available online are marked with an asterix (\*). They can be accessed through the Nelli database ([www.nelliportaali.fi](http://www.nelliportaali.fi)).

### **Related literature**

Blom, Ida, Hagemann, Karen & Hall, Katherine (2000) *Gendered Nations Nationalisms and Gender Order in The Long Nineteenth Century* Oxford: Berg.

Caine, Barbara & Sluga, Glenda (2004) "Sex and Race, Nations and Empires" in *Gendering European History* Continuum: London and New York, 87-116

Cockburn, Cynthia (1998) *The Space Between Us: Negotiating Gender and National Identities in Conflict* London: Zed Books

Cusak, Tricia & Bhreatnach-Lynch, Síghle (eds) *Art, Nation and Gender: Ethnic Landscapes, Myths and Mother-Figures* Aldershot: Ashgate

Enloe, Cynthia (1993) *The Morning After: Sexual Politics at the End of the Cold War* Berkeley: University of California Press

Enloe, Cynthia (2000a) *Bananas, Beaches and Bases: Making Feminist Sense of International Politics* Berkeley: University of California Press

Enloe, Cynthia (2000b) *Maneuvers: The International Politics of Militarizing Women's Lives* Berkeley: University of California Press

Gordon, Tuula, Komulainen, Katri & Kirsti Lempiäinen (eds) (2002) *Suomineitonen hei! Kansallisuuden sukupuoli* Tampere: Vastapaino

Hooper, Charlotte (2001) *Manly States: Masculinities, International Relations, and Gender Politics* New York; Columbia University Press

Levine, Philippa (ed.) (2004) *Gender and Empire* Oxford: Oxford University Press

Marttila, Anna Maria (2007) "Nationalismi" in Kantola, Johanna & Valenius, Johanna *Toinen maailmanpolitiikka: 10 käsitettä feministiseen kansainvälisten suhteiden tutkimukseen* Tampere: Vastapaino, 61-97

Mayer, Tamar (ed.) (2000) *Gender Ironies of Nationalism: Sexing the Nation* London: Routledge

McClintock, Anne, Mufti, Aamir and Shohat, Ella (eds) (1997) *Dangerous Liaisons: Gender, Nation and Postcolonial Perspectives* Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press

Mohanty, Chandra & Alexander, M. Jacqui (eds) (1997) *Feminist Genealogies, Colonial Legacies, Democratic Futures* New York and London: Routledge

Mohanty, Chandra (2004) *Feminism Without Borders: Decolonizing Theory, Practicing Solidarity* Durham and London: Duke University Press

Peterson, V. Spike & Runyan, Anne Sisson (1993) *Global Gender Issues; Dilemmas in World Politics* Westview Press: Colorado and Oxford

Ranchford-Nilsson, Sita & Tétreault, Mary Ann (2000) *Women, States, and Nationalism: At Home in the Nation?* London and New York: Routledge.

Tickner, J. Ann (2001) *Gendering World Politics; Issues and Approaches in the Post-Cold War Era* New York: Columbia University Press

Yuval-Davis, Nira and Anthias Floya (eds) (1989) *Woman-Nation-State* London: Sage Publications

Yuval-Davis, Nira (1997) *Gender & Nation* London: Sage Publications