**Politics of Identity**

*Course Description:* Old questions of justice, equality and freedom are increasingly displaced by or reformulated as identity, cultural or citizenship issues. This course is intended to introduce students to the current debates in political science on identity. It inquires the cross links of identity issues with economic, social, gender, political, religious, ethnic, national and cultural issues in order to critically evaluate the displacements and/or the reformulations in question.

*Course Requirements:* Class attendance is mandatory. A total number of 4 absences—excused or unexcused—will result in a reduction of half a letter grade. Students are expected to do the reading before coming to class. There will be 6 pop quizzes during the semester (%20 in total). There will be approximately 70-80 pages of reading for each week. The written assignment consist of four 3-5 page papers (20% each). Papers deadlines are marked below and questions will be distributed in advance in class. Please see handout entitled “Writing Papers” for rules of referencing and definitions of plagiarism. While I am grading your work, I will assume that you have read this handout.

*Reading Assignments for each week:*

Introduction

February 5th Hobsbawm, Eric. 1996. “Identity Politics and the Left” in *New*

*Left Review* 217: 38-47, e-journal

Capitalism and Identity

February 12th Karl Marx, “On the Jewish Question,” *Collected Works*, pp. 146-174

Sepulveda, “Democrates Alter”

De las Casas, “Thirty Very Juridical Propositions,” “Apologetic

History of the Indies”

De Las Casas, Bartolomé. A Short Account of the Destruction of the

Indies, map, 3-30, 31-36, 57-64, 71-79, 102-104.

Wallerstein, Immanauel. 1991. “The Ideological Tensions of Capitalism:

Universalism versus Racism and Sexism” in *Race, Nation, Class:*

*Ambiguous Identities* by Étienne and Immanuel Wallerstein. New York: Verso.

Althusser, L. “Ideological State Apparatuses,” in Mapping Ideology (New

York: Verso)

Žižek, Slavoj. "Multiculturalism, or, the Cultural Logic of Multinational Capitalism." New LeftReview 225 (1997): 28-51

Liberalism, Institutions and Identity

February 19th Mill, John S. *Considerations on Representative Government*

Mill John S. *The Subjection of Women*

Rawls, John. Theories of Justice, selections on difference principle and overlapping consensus

February 26th Taylor, Charles. 1994. “The Politics of Recognition.” Pp. in 25-73 in

*Multiculturalism*, ed. A. Gutmann.Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Kymlicka, Will. 1989. “Introduction.” *Liberalism Community and*

*Culture*. Oxford: Clarendon Press. Section of John Rawls.

Lentin, Alana. 2005. “Replacing ‘race” historicizing ‘culture’ in

multiculturalism,” *Patterns of Prejudice* vol. 39 no 4. 379-396

Akan, Murat, “Contextualizing Multiculturalism,” *Studies in*

*Comparative International Development* 38: 2 (2003)

**First Paper (Hardcopy) due March 2nd –Friday at 15:00 in room IB 208.**

European Questions?; The United Kingdom and France

March 5th Soysal, Yasemin Nuhoglu. 1994. *Limits of Citizenship Migrants and Postnational Membership in Europe.* Chicago: University Chicago Press.

Commission on the Future of Multi-Ethnic Britain 2000 ‘The Future of Multi-Ethnic Britain’ London: Profile Books.

Commission on Integration and Cohesion 2007, “Our Shared Future,” West Yorkshire: Crown

Parekh, Bhikhu. 2008. “European Liberalism and ‘The Muslim Question’, International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World, Paper 9. Leiden: Amsterdam University Press

March 12th Modood, Tariq. *Multiculturalism: A Civic Idea*.

Vertovec, Steven. 2007. “Super-diversity and its Implications.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 29(6): 1024-54.

Brian Barry, “The Muddles of Multiculturalism,” *New Left Review* 8 (March/April 2001),

Brian Barry, Culture and Equality: An Egalitarian Critique of Multiculturalism (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2002),

Brian Barry, 2002 “Second Thoughts – and Some First Thoughts Revived” in P. Kelly (ed.) *Multiculturalism Reconsidered* (Cambridge: Polity, 2002),

March 19th Charles Taylor, *Secularism and Freedom of Conscience.*

Murat Akan *"Diversité*: Challenging or Constituting *Laïcité*?," *French Cultural Studies* 28 (2017)

Sandrine Bertaux, “Towards the unmaking of the French mainstream: the empirical turn in immigrant assimilation and the making of Frenchness,” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 42, no. 9 (2016): 1496-1512.

Kastoryano, R. 2004 ‘Religion and Incorporation: Islam in France and Germany’, International Migration Review 38(3): 1234–55.

March 26th Koopmans Ruud and Paul Statham. 1999. “Challenging the Liberal Nation-State? Postnationalism, Multiculturalism, and the Collective Claim Making of Migrants and Ethnic Minorities in Britain and Germany.” *American Journal of Sociology*, 105 (3): 652-696.

Akan, Murat, "Laïcité and Multiculturalism: The Stasi Report in Context," British Journal of Sociology 60: 2 (2009)

Peter Geschiere, Perils of Belonging (Chicago: University of Chicago Press 2009)

**Second Paper (Hardcopy) due March 30th –Friday at 15:00 in room IB 208.**

Turkish Questions?, Alevis, Kurds, Women and Armenians

April 2nd Yakup Kadri Karaosmanoğlu, *Ankara*

Navaro-Yashin, Yael. 2002. “The Market for Identities: Secularism,

Islamism, Commodities in *Fragments of Culture*.ed. by Deniz Kandiyoti and Ayse Saktanber. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press. Pp 221- 253

Erman, T., & Göker, E., 2000. “Alevi politics in contemporary Turkey”, *Middle Eastern Studies,* *36*, 99-118.

April 9th Sinclair-Webb, E., 2003. “Sectarian Violence, The Alevi Minority and the Left: Kahramanmaraş 1978” in P.J. White & J. Jongerden, eds., *Turkey’s Alevi Enigma: A Comprehensive Overview* (Leiden, Brill).

Erdem Yörük and Murat Yüksel, “Class and Politics in Turkey’s Gezi Protests,” *New Left Review* 89 (Sept/Oct) 2014.

Ceren Özgül, “Legally Armenian: Tolerance, Conversion, and Name Change in Turkish Courts,” *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, [Volume 56](https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/comparative-studies-in-society-and-history/volume/journal-css-volume-56/08710386713FAD4B1D760FB4A8AE681C), [Issue 3](https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/comparative-studies-in-society-and-history/issue/journal-css-volume-56-issue-3/B4A66F1CDB6F7C7693A80D819F088261) (2014

**Third Paper (Hardcopy) due April 13th –Friday at 15:00 in room IB 208.**

Further Theoretical Reflections

April 23rd Virginia Woolf, *Three Guineas*

April 30th Stephen Jay Gould, *The Mismeasure of Man*. New York: Norton

May 7th Chuck Collins, Jennifer Ladd, Maynard Seider and Felice Yeskel, *Class Lives:* *Stories from across Our Economic Divide* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2014)

**Fourth Paper (Hardcopy) due May 11th –Friday at 15:00 in room IB 208.**