Geography 23: Power, Territoriality and Political Geography

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Lecture: MWF 12:00 – 1:35 AM
X-Hour: Tuesday 1:00- 1:50 PM

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Course Description: Territoriality, the geographic expression of power, is one of the most common strategies for exercising political control. This course explores the interaction of geography and politics, including the origin and function of nations and states, policing and social control, federalism, the role and status of racial and ethnic minorities, political representation and electoral redistricting. Through such topics, the class addresses questions regarding the nature of power, identity, democratic theory and the relationship between the individual and the state. We will focus particular attention on issues of scale, or how the application of territorial strategies at different spatial levels affects political relationships. Dist: SOC.

Requirements:

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Expectations: Assignments, including the set reading, should be completed in a timely fashion. Generally speaking, you will not receive credit for late assignments unless you have good reasons and have made prior arrangements with me. I also expect active participation from students during the discussions, presentations and lectures.

Disabilities and special circumstances: In general, the earlier you bring a problem to my attention, the easier it will be to address. Students with disabilities, including "invisible" ones such as chronic diseases, learning disabilities, and psychiatric disabilities are welcome to discuss the condition with me after class or during office hours so that we may arrange appropriate accommodations.

HOWEVER, any student with a documented disability needing academic adjustments or accommodations should speak to me by the END OF THE SECOND WEEK OF THE QUARTER. All discussions will remain confidential, although the Student Disabilities Coordinator may be consulted to verify the documentation of the disability.
Books:
The books and reading packet are only available at Wheelock Books, and NOT at the Dartmouth Bookstore. The books are also on reserve at Baker-Berry Library.


Reading Packet:
Selections are listed in the order they appear in the reading packet.


**Schedule of Classes**

*Read the assigned material BEFORE class!*

**Week 1: Introduction to Political Geography**

September 25: Introduction

September 27: The Scope of Political Geography

**Book:** Agnew (1998), Introduction; Painter (1995), Introduction, ch. 1

**Week 2: Territoriality, Power and Geography**

September 30: The Geopolitical Imagination

**Book:** Agnew (1998), ch. 1-2

**Reader:** Sack (1986), ch. 1

October 2: Territoriality and Scale

**Reader:** Sack (1986), ch. 5, 7; Marston (2000)

October 4: Political Membership and Authority (Discussion)

**Reader:** Cox (1998)

**Week 3: Intra-State Power: Electoral Redistricting**

October 7: Research Paper Workshop

October 8, x-hour: Political Representation in the United States

**Book:** Monmonier (2001), ch. 1

**Reader:** Madison, Federalist #10; Marston (1990)

October 9: Introduction to Redistricting Exercise

**Meet in Starr Instructional Center, Berry Library, 2nd floor**

**Book:** Monmonier (2001), ch. 2, 8, 9

**Reader:** Webster (1997)

October 11: Malapportionment and the Apportionment Revolution

**Book:** Monmonier (2001), ch. 3

**Reader:** Dixon (1968), ch. 1, 11.
Week 4: The Voting Rights Movement

October 14: Voting Rights of Racial Minorities

**Book:** Grofman, et al (1994), ch. 1; Monmonier (2001), ch. 4;

October 15, x-hour: The Voting Rights Movement and Voting Rights Act
Video: “Eyes on the Prize: Bridge to Freedom”

**Book:** Grofman, et al (1994), ch. 2
**Reader:** Thernstrom (1987), Introduction, ch. 1

October 16: The Voting Rights Act, 1965-1990s

**Book:** Grofman, et al (1994), ch. 3; Monmonier (2001), ch. 5

Research Paper Proposal Due

October 18: Congressional Redistricting in the 1990s

**Book:** Grofman, et al (1994), ch. 5 & 6; Monmonier (2001), ch. 6
**Reader:** Webster (2000); Leib (1998)

Week 5: Voting Rights and Redistricting

October 21: Paradoxes of Representation

**Book:** Monmonier (2001), ch. 7
**Reader:** Swain (1993), ch. 1; Lublin (1997), ch. 6.

October 23: Alternatives in Political Representation

**Book:** Monmonier (2001), ch. 10-11
**Reader:** Forest (1996)

October 24 (Thursday) Extra-Credit Lecture: “Racial Redistricting and the Supreme Court”
David T. Canon (University of Wisconsin, Madison)
4-5:30 PM, Rockefeller 2

October 25: Race, Redistricting, and Representation in the U.S. House
Guest Lecturer. David Canon (University of Wisconsin, Madison)

Check the course web page for additions and updates: www.dartmouth.edu/~geog23

Week 6: Redistricting Presentations

October 28: Group Presentations

October 29, x-hour: Group Presentations (if necessary)

October 30: Group Presentations

Group Project Papers Due

November 1 Special Class Day - NO CLASS

Week 7: Inter-State Power: Nations and States

November 4: What is a Nation?

Book: Hutchinson and Smith (1994), sections 1-3, 5-7.*

November 6: States and Nation-States


November 8: Cultivating Nations: Cultural Nationalism in Europe

Book: Agnew, ch. 4; Hutchinson and Smith (1994), sections 12, 19-23.


Week 8: 20th Century Nationalism

November 11: Nationalism and “Self-Determination” in Europe

Video: “Eastern Europe: 1900-1939.”


Reader: Mamatey (1979)

November 13: Nationalism Outside of Europe: Anti-Colonialism

Book: Painter (1995), ch. 4; Hutchinson and Smith (1994), sections 29-36, 43

November 15: Competing National Claims: Israel and Palestine

Guest Lecture: Samer Alatout (Cornell University and Dartmouth College)

Book: Hutchinson and Smith (1994), sections 8, 21 (re-read), and 47.

* Read the introduction to the appropriate part of Hutchinson and Smith (1994) before you read the individuals sections.
Week 9: Nationalism in Europe During and After the Cold War

November 18: Nationalism in East Europe after 1945

**Reader:** Frommer (2000); Schöpflin (1995)

November 20: Nationalism and the End of the Cold War

**Video:** Cold War Series: “The Wall Comes Down 1989”

**Book:** Painter (1995), ch. 5; Hutchinson and Smith (1994), section 44.

November 22: National Fragmentation after the Cold War

**Reader:** Kaiser (1995); Zak (1995)

Week 10: The Symbolic Politics of Nationalism

November 25: Monuments, Memorials and the Politics of National Identity

**Reader:** N. Johnson (1995); Forest and J. Johnson (2002)

Research Paper Due

November 27: Special Class Day - NO CLASS

November 29: NO CLASS - Happy Thanksgiving

Week 11: Nationalism in Contemporary Europe

December 2: Xenophobia and Nationalism

Guest Lecturer: Robert Kerr (University of Oregon and Dartmouth College)

**Book:** Hutchinson and Smith (1994), section 47 (re-read).
**Reader:** Davidson (1997)

December 4: The European Union: A Post-Nationalist Order?

**Book:** Hutchinson and Smith (1994), sections 45, 46, 48, 49
**Reader:** Entrikin (1999)