Nationalism and Social Change | SOC40620 (UCD)

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Module Outline:

This module aims to explore the key theoretical approaches in the study of ethnicity and nationalism. The focus is on understanding the sociological foundations of the large scale historical changes that have shaped the world over the last three hundred years. The module provides a thematic survey of these long term historical developments with a spotlight on the relationships between ethnicity, nationalism and modernity. More specifically the module addresses the cultural, political, economic, and social aspects of nation formation in Europe and other continents. The module aims to examine major research traditions in the study of ethnicity and nationalism, and to relate these approaches to other key themes in sociology.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the module students will be able to:

- Demonstrate a detailed understanding of the main sociological approaches in the study of ethnicity and nationalism;
- Evaluate the role modernity has played in the formation of nations and nationalisms;
- Appraise the general relationships between ethnicity, nationalism and society in the broader historical and geographical contexts.

Lectures & Tutorials/ Contact hours:

- Module Length: 11 weeks (Hilary Term)
- Workload: Readings: 70hrs; Formative assessment (e.g. practice-based activities): 65hrs; Summative assessment (e.g. essays, journals): 65hrs. Total: 200 hours
Recommended Texts

Key Reading:


Assessment

- End-of-semester essay of 3,000 words: 80%
- Weekly reading summaries and active participation: 20%