Course Syllabus- Nationalisms in Europe Today: the Catalan Case

Language of instruction: English
Professor: Marc Sanjaume i Calvet
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Course contact hours: 45
Recommended credit: 3 US credits-5 ECTS credits
Course prerequisites: There are no prerequisites for this course
Language requirements: None

Course description:
This course aims to offer an approach to Nationalism and the Catalan case. Through theoretical and empirical references the students will get a general knowledge of Nationalism in political theory and will be able to examine concrete cases of nationalist movements. Moreover, the case of Catalonia will be analyzed in depth using the theoretical framework previously studied. The students will study the history, institutional evolution and political system of this small nation of Europe.

Learning objectives:
At the end of this course the students will be able to understand how Nationalism appeared as a major Western ideology. In addition, students will be able to understand the past and present of Catalonia and its political system. Last but not least students will be familiar with the most important theories that try to explain nationalism and the demands of stateless nations.

Course workload
There will be reading presentations and one final exam. Also students will give an individual presentation based on local media news that the professor will indicate. The presentation will be evaluated individually. It is necessary to write a four/five page essay combining the different readings of the course.

Methods of instruction:
The course is structured in lecture, outdoor classes and on presentations given by students that will lead the group to different discussions.

Method of assessment:
Media news presentation: 20%
Reading Presentation 15%
Essay: 15%
Final exam: 20%
Class participation: 30%
Absence policy

Attendance to class is mandatory and will be daily monitored by professors. Missing classes will impact on the student’s final grade as it follows:

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<td>Up to two (2) absences</td>
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The Study Abroad attendance policy does not distinguish between justified or unjustified absences. The student is responsible to manage his/her absences around the two permitted ones.

Emergency situations (hospitalization, family emergency…) will be analyzed on a case by case basis by the Director of UPF Study Abroad Programs.

Classroom norms:

Students will have a ten-minute break after one-hour of the class session.

No food allowed in class.

Weekly schedule:

**WEEK 1 (7th – 10th)**

7th Tuesday INTRODUCTION
Presentations/Syllabus/Duties

8th Wednesday CATALONIA: BASIC INTRODUCTION
Resources/Common places/Media/Basic information

9th Thursday METHODOLOGY
Writing/Concepts/Case Studies

10th Friday NATIONALISM IN EUROPE
Enlightenment/History/Emergence

**WEEK 2 (14th – 16th)**

14th Tuesday WHAT IS A NATION?
Reading: Canovan, M. “What is a nation?” in Canovan, M., Nationhood and Political Theory, Edward Elgar, 1996

15th Wednesday ROMANTICISM & ENLIGHTENMENT

16th Thursday NATIONALISM & LIBERALISM

WEEK 3 (20th – 23rd)
20th Monday NATIONALISM & SOCIALISM

21st Tuesday THEORIES & PARADIGMS

22nd Wednesday CONSTRUCTIVISM & MODERNISM

23rd Thursday ETHNO-SYMBOLISM
Reading: Smith, Anthony D. "Gastronomy or geology? The role of Nationalism in the reconstruction of nations." Nations and Nationalism 1, no. 1 (1994): 3-23.

WEEK 4 (27th – 29th)
27th Monday CATALONIA: HISTORICAL INTRODUCTION
Reading: Balcells, A. “From the origins of Catalonia to the Eighteenth Century” in Balcells A., Catalan Nationalism, Macmillan Press, 1996

28th Tuesday CATALONIA: THE ORIGINS OF CATALANISM

29th Wednesday VISIT: OUTDOOR SESSION ON NATIONAL HISTORY
National Museum & Fossar de les Moreres

WEEK 5 (4th – 8th)
4th Monday CATALAN NATIONALISM: WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

5th Tuesday CATALONIA WITHIN SPAIN: SELF-GOVERNMENT EVOLUTION

6th Wednesday CATALONIA TODAY: GOVERNMENT & STATUTE OF AUTONOMY
Reading: Preamble and Articles 1-14, Statute of Autonomy, Generalitat de Catalunya, 2006

7th Thursday CATALONIA TODAY: POLITICAL PARTIES
8th Friday VISIT: CATALAN AUTONOMOUS COMMUNITY PARLIAMENT
Institutional guided visit & deputies chat

WEEK 6 (11th – 13th)
11th Monday CATALONIA TODAY: CURRENT DEBATES WITHIN CATALAN NATIONALISM
Secession: facts & theories
TV3 (catalan broadcasting) debate on secession
“Adéu, Espanya” English subtitles
Discussion

12th Tuesday REFRESH
General Concepts & Doubts

13th Wednesday EXAM
Final Exam

General bibliography:
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