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Ortega 313

Course Description

This graduate seminar takes a comparative and interdisciplinary approach to examining nations and nationalism, state formation and the political economy of state power, and genealogies of sovereignty and self-determination. Our discussions will focus on questions of colonialism and indigenous sovereignty, the historical making of the modern state, the geopolitics of international relations and “human rights,” regimes of governance and citizenship, labor migration and the shifting dynamics of capitalism, insurgent and reactionary nationalisms, the territorialization of biopolitical orders, and the gendered and racialized terms of political belonging and exclusion.

Course Requirements

Student Participation (60% of final grade)

This seminar involves thoughtful and active participation in class discussion. Each week you are required to post on the course WebCT page *two or three synthetic questions* that engage the issues and debates addressed in the reading (approximately 500 words total). These questions should target key aspects of the reading that you would like to discuss further in class. Your questions must be *posted by 10pm Tuesday prior to the class session*.

Conference Paper (40% of final grade)

Students will be expected to submit a conference-length paper on a topic of their choice relevant to the course themes. Select an academic conference call for papers (e.g., American Studies Association, American Historical Association, etc.) and follow the paper proposal guidelines provided for that conference. An abstract (with the call for papers attached) will be due by the sixth week of class. Final drafts are due at the beginning of the last day of class. Papers should be 8-12 pages (approximately 3000 to 5000 words), not including bibliography.

- **Paper proposal** due at the beginning of class on **September 30th**
- **Final paper** due at the beginning of class on **December 9th**

Course Readings

The following books are available for purchase at the UNM Bookstore:

- Joanne Barker, ed., *Sovereignty Matters: Locations of Contestation and Possibility in Indigenous Struggles for Self-Determination* (University of Nebraska Press, 2005)
- Michel Foucault, “*Society Must Be Defended*”: *Lectures at the Collège de France, 1975-1976* (Picador, 2003)
- Benedict Anderson, *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism*, New ed. (Verso, 2006)
- Douglas Howland and Luise White, eds., *The State of Sovereignty: Territories, Laws, Populations* (Indiana University Press, 2009)
- María E. Montoya, *Translating Property: The Maxwell Land Grant and the Conflict Over Land in the American West, 1840-1900* (University Press of Kansas, 2005)
- Giorgio Agamben, *Homo Sacer: Sovereign Power and Bare Life* (Stanford University Press, 1998)
- J. Kēhaulani Kauanui, *Hawaiian Blood: Colonialism and the Politics of Sovereignty and Indigeneity* (Duke University Press, 2008)
- Eddie S. Glaude, Jr., ed., *Is It Nation Time?: Contemporary Essays on Black Power and Black Nationalism* (University of Chicago Press, 2002)
- James Ferguson, *Global Shadows: Africa in the Neoliberal World Order* (Duke University Press, 2006)

All other readings are available on eReserve: [<http://ereserves.unm.edu/courseindex.asp> (the password for the course is “lobo510”)]

Academic Honesty

Cite all sources in your paper. Any language or other material presented in your paper without quotation marks or citation must be your own work. "Academic dishonesty... (includes, but is not limited to)... dishonesty in quizzes, tests, or assignments; claiming credit for work not done or work done by others; hindering the academic work of other students; misrepresenting academic or professional qualifications within or without the University; and nondisclosure of misrepresentation in filling out applications or other University records." (*Pathfinder, Student Code of Conduct, 2.4*). The American Studies Department supports this policy. If you're found guilty of academic dishonesty, you will receive an "F" for the class and be reported to the Dean of Students.

Students With Disabilities

If you have or believe you have a disability, you may wish to self-identify. You can do so by providing documentation to the office for Services for Students with disabilities. Appropriate accommodations may then be provided for you. Any student in this course who has a disability that may prevent full demonstration of academic ability should contact the professor personally as soon as possible so that we can discuss accommodations necessary to ensure full participation and to facilitate your educational opportunities.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week 1 August 26

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Week 2 September 2

Jean Bodin, *On Sovereignty*, ed. Julian H. Franklin (Cambridge University Press, 1992 [1576]), 1-45.

Radhika Mongia, "Historicizing State Sovereignty: Inequality and the Form of Equivalence," *Comparative Studies in Society & History* 49:2 (2007)

Joanne Barker, "For Whom Sovereignty Matters," in *Sovereignty Matters: Locations of Contestation and Possibility in Indigenous Struggles for Self-Determination*, ed. Joanne Barker (University of Nebraska Press, 2005).

Taiiaki Alfred, "Sovereignty," in *Sovereignty Matters*

Audra Simpson, "Subjects of Sovereignty: Indigeneity, the Revenue Rule, and Juridics of Failed Consent," *Law and Contemporary Problems* 71.3 (Summer 2008)

Siba N'Zatioula Grovogui, "Encounters: Theory, Difference, and Representations," in *Beyond Eurocentrism and Anarchy: Memories of International Order and Institutions* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2006).

Week 3 September 9

Michel Foucault, "*Society Must Be Defended*": *Lectures at the Collège de France, 1975-1976* (Picador, 2003)

Week 4 September 16

Ernest Renan, "What is a Nation?," in *Becoming National: A Reader*, eds. Geoff Eley and Ronald G. Suny (Oxford University Press, 1996)

Eric J. Hobsbawm, *Nations and Nationalism since 1780* (Cambridge University Press, 1992), 1-45.

Étienne Balibar, "The Nation Form: History and Ideology" in *Race, Nation, Class: Ambiguous Identities*, Étienne Balibar and Immanuel Wallerstein (Verso, 1992)

Benedict Anderson, *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism*, New ed. (Verso, 2006)

Week 5 September 23

Partha Chatterjee, “Whose Imagined Community?,” in *The Nation and Its Fragments* (Princeton University Press, 1993)

Lydia H. Liu, “Desire and Sovereign Thinking,” in *Grounds of Comparison: Around the Work of Benedict Anderson*, eds. Jonathan Culler and Pheng Cheah (Routledge, 2003)

Anne McClintock, “‘No Longer in Future Heaven’: Nationalism, Gender and Race” in *Becoming National: A Reader*, eds. Geoff Eley and Ronald G. Suny (Oxford University Press, 1996)

Manu Goswami, “Rethinking the Modular Nation Form: Toward a Sociohistorical Conception of Nationalism,” *Comparative Studies in Society & History* 44:4 (2002)

Ana María Alonso, “Territorializing the Nation and ‘Integrating the Indian’: ‘Metizaje’ in Mexican Official Discourses and Popular Culture,” in *Sovereign Bodies: Citizens, Migrants and States in the Postcolonial World*, eds. Thomas Blom Hansen and Finn Stepputat (Princeton University Press, 2005).

John D. Kelly and Martha Kaplan, “Legal Fictions after Empire,” in *The State of Sovereignty: Territories, Laws, Populations*, eds. Douglas Howland and Luise White (Indiana University Press, 2009)

Week 6 September 30

Nicos Poulantzas, “The Problem of the Capitalist State,” *New Left Review* 58 (1969): 67-78.

Ralph Miliband, “The Capitalist State: Reply to Nicos Poulantzas,” *New Left Review* 59 (1970): 53-60

Ralph Miliband, “Poulantzas and the Capitalist State,” *New Left Review* 82 (1973): 83-92.

Ernesto Laclau, “The Specificity of the Political” (1975), in *Politics and Ideology in Marxist Theory* (Verso, 1977).

Nicos Poulantzas, “The Capitalist State: A Reply to Miliband and Laclau,” *New Left Review* 95 (1976): 63-83.

Ariano Nervo Codato and Renato Monseff Perissinotto, “The State and Contemporary Political Theory: Lessons from Marx,” in *Paradigm Lost: State Theory Reconsidered*, eds. Stanley Aronowitz and Peter Bratsis (University of Minnesota Press, 2002)

Week 7 October 7

María E. Montoya, *Translating Property: The Maxwell Land Grant and the Conflict Over Land in the American West, 1840-1900* (University Press of Kansas, 2005)

Week 8 October 14

Stephen Skowronek, *Building a New American State: The Expansion of National Administrative Capacities, 1877-1920* (Cambridge University Press, 1982), 3-46.

Timothy Mitchell, "Society, Economy, and the State Effect" in *State/Culture: State Formation after the Cultural Turn*, ed. George Steinmetz (Cornell University Press, 1999).

Wendy Brown, "Finding the Man in the State," in *States of Injury* (Princeton University Press, 1995).

Jacqueline Stevens, *Reproducing the State* (Princeton University Press, 1999), 50-101.

Fernando Coronil and Julie Skurski, "States of Violence and the Violence of States," *States of Violence*, eds. Fernando Coronil and Julie Skurski (University of Michigan Press, 2006)

Veena Das, "The Signature of the State: The Paradox of Illegibility," in *Life and Words: Violence and the Descent into the Ordinary* (University of California Press, 2007).

Week 9 October 21

Giorgio Agamben, *Homo Sacer: Sovereign Power and Bare Life* (Stanford University Press, 1998)

William E. Connolly, "The Complexities of Sovereignty," in *Giorgio Agamben: Sovereignty and Life*, eds. Matthew Calarco and Steven DeCaroli (Stanford University Press, 2007).

Catherine Mills, "Biopolitics, Liberal Eugenics, and Nihilism," in *Giorgio Agamben: Sovereignty and Life*

Week 10 October 28

J. Kēhaulani Kauanui, *Hawaiian Blood: Colonialism and the Politics of Sovereignty and Indigeneity* (Duke University Press, 2008)

Week 11 November 4

Eddie S. Glaude, Jr., ed., *Is It Nation Time?: Contemporary Essays on Black Power and Black Nationalism* (University of Chicago Press, 2002)

Nikhil Pal Singh, *Black is a Country: Race and the Unfinished Struggle for Democracy* (Harvard University Press, 2004), 15-57.

Week 12 November 11

Margaret R. Somers, *Genealogies of Citizenship: Markets, Statelessness, and the Right to Have Rights* (Cambridge University Press, 2008), 1-60.

Alexandra Minna Stern, *Eugenic Nation: Faults and Frontiers of Better Breeding in Modern America* (University of California Press, 2005), 57-81.

Eithne Luibhéid, "Sexuality, Migration, and the Shifting Line between Legal and Illegal Status," *GLQ* 14.2-3 (2008)

Rhacel Salazar Parreñas, *The Force of Domesticity: Filipina Migrants and Globalization* (NYU Press, 2008), 40-61.

Week 13 November 18

Ronald Niezen, *The Origins of Indigenism: Human Rights and the Politics of Identity* (University of California Press, 2003), 94-144, 193-221.

Talal Asad, "Redeeming the 'Human' Through Human Rights," in *Formations of the Secular: Christianity, Islam, Modernity* (Stanford University Press, 2003)

Liisa H. Malkki, "Citizens of Humanity: Internationalism and the Imagined Community of Nations," *Diaspora* 3.1 (1994)

Siba N'Zatioula Grovogui, "The Secret Lives of the 'Sovereign': Rethinking Sovereignty as International Morality," in *The State of Sovereignty*

Mark Philip Bradley, "The Ambiguities of Sovereignty: The United States and the Global Human Rights Cases of the 1940s and 1950s," in *The State of Sovereignty*

Inderpal Grewal, *Transnational America: Feminisms, Diasporas, Neoliberalisms* (Duke University Press, 2005), 121-157.

Week 14 [THANKSGIVING BREAK]

Week 15 December 2

James Ferguson, *Global Shadows: Africa in the Neoliberal World Order* (Duke University Press, 2006)

Week 16 December 9

[Final papers due; course wrap-up]

Some suggestions for further reading:

Laura María Agustín, *Sex at the Margins: Migration, Labour Markets and the Rescue Industry* (Zed Books, 2007)

Étienne Balibar, *We, The People of Europe: Reflections on Transnational Citizenship* (Princeton University Press, 2004)

Ali Behdad, *A Forgetful Nation: On Immigration and Cultural Identity in the United States* (Duke University Press, 2005)

Seyla Benhabib, *The Rights of Others: Aliens, Residents, and Citizens* (Cambridge University Press, 2004)

Kevin Bruyneel, *The Third Space of Sovereignty: The Postcolonial Politics of U.S.-Indigenous Relations* (University of Minnesota Press, 2007)

Rod Bush, *We Are Not What We Seem: Black Nationalism and Class Struggle in the American Century* (NYU Press, 2000)

Jessica R. Cattelino, *High Stakes: Florida Seminole Gambling and Sovereignty* (Duke University Press, 2008)

Pheng Cheah, *Inhuman Conditions: On Cosmopolitanism and Human Rights* (Harvard University Press, 2007)

Fernando Coronil, *The Magical State: Nature, Money, and Modernity in Venezuela* (University of Chicago Press, 1997)

Philip Corrigan and Derek Sayer, *The Great Arch: English State Formation As Cultural Revolution* (Basil Blackwell, 1985)

Kathleen Davis, *Periodization and Sovereignty: How Ideas of Feudalism and Secularization Govern the Politics of Time* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008)

Vine Deloria, Jr. and Clifford M. Lytle, *The Nations Within: The Past and Future of American Indian Sovereignty* (University of Texas Press, 1998 [1984])

Peter Evans, Dietrich Rueschemeyer, and Theda Skocpol, eds., *Bringing the State Back In* (Cambridge University Press, 1985)

Licia Fiol-Matta, *A Queer Mother for the Nation: The State and Gabriela Mistral* (University of Minnesota Press, 2002)

Ernest Gellner, *Nations and Nationalism* (Cornell University Press, 1983)

Mark Goodale and Sally Engle Merry, eds., *The Practice of Human Rights: Tracking Law Between the Global and the Local* (Cambridge University Press, 2007)

- Bob Jessop, *State Theory: Putting Capitalist States in Their Place* (Penn State Press, 1990)
- Ernst H. Kantorowicz, *The King's Two Bodies: A Study in Mediaeval Political Theology* (Princeton University Press, 1957)
- Michael B. Katz, *The Price of Citizenship: Redefining the American Welfare State*, Updated ed. (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008)
- Eithne Luibhéid and Lionel Cantú, eds., *Queer Migrations: Sexuality, U.S. Citizenship, and Border Crossings* (University of Minnesota Press, 2005)
- Michael Mann, *States, War and Capitalism* (Blackwell, 1988)
- Claus Offe, *Contradictions of the Welfare State* (MIT Press, 1984)
- Carole Pateman, "The Patriarchal Welfare State," in *The Disorder of Women: Democracy, Feminism, and Political Theory* (Stanford University Press, 1989)
- Jamie Peck, *Workfare States* (Guilford Press, 2001)
- Paul Pierson, *Dismantling the Welfare State? Reagan, Thatcher, and the Politics of Retrenchment* (Cambridge University Press, 1994)
- Gianfranco Poggi, *The Development of the Modern State: A Sociological Introduction* (Stanford University Press, 1978)
- Balakrishnan Rajagopal, *International Law from Below: Development, Social Movements and Third World Resistance* (Cambridge University Press, 2003)
- Saskia Sassen, *Territory, Authority, Rights: From Medieval to Global Assemblages* (Princeton University Press, 2006)
- Carl Schmitt, *Political Theology: Four Chapters on the Concept of Sovereignty* (University of Chicago Press, 2006 [1922])
- James C. Scott, *Seeing Like a State: How Certain Schemes to Improve the Human Condition Have Failed* (Yale University Press, 1998)
- Anna Marie Smith, *Welfare Reform and Sexual Regulation* (Cambridge University Press, 2007)
- Matthew Sparke, *In the Space of Theory: Postfoundational Geographies of the Nation-State* (University of Minnesota Press, 2005)
- Shannon Speed, *Rights in Rebellion: Indigenous Struggle and Human Rights in Chiapas* (Stanford University Press, 2008)
- David E. Wilkins and K. Tsianina Lomawaima, *Uneven Ground: American Indian Sovereignty and Federal Law* (University of Oklahoma Press, 2001)

POSTING WEEKLY READING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WebCT Vista Instructions

<https://vista.unm.edu/webct/entryPageIns.dowebct>

Draft and save your weekly response using a word processing program. Then cut and paste into the message field of WebCT after doing the following:

- **Log on** in the upper right corner of the screen using your UNM Net ID and password.
- Under the Course listings select (click on) **AMST-510.003 (Fall 2009)**.
- In the column on the left of the screen with the heading "Course Tools" select "**Discussions.**"
- Click on the "**Topic**" title of the week's discussion (**usually the title of the reading and date of the upcoming class session**).
- Click on "**Create Message.**"
- Paste in your reading response in the text box under "**Message.**"
- Click on "**Post**" once you are finished.