

REES 5272 Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict in Film

ALL READINGS AND LECTURES IN ENGLISH

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First day of classes: 17 January

Spring break: 7 March

Last day of classes: 25 April

This seminar-format course studies political violence, civil wars, ethnic conflicts, and genocidal policies and their representation in social media, cable news, documentaries, and feature films. We discuss various techniques and strategies of propaganda wars, the post-truth media environment, etc. The students are expected to develop and demonstrate a critical approach to cinematic and media representation of various modes of political violence based on a large and diverse body of historical sources. The central regions of interest are the Former Soviet Union, Russia, the Caucasus, the Balkans, US homegrown political violence, and the Middle East.

Requirements:

1. a) 30-minute presentation on a topic of student's choice (see below for possible topics.)
2. b) Final 10-page essay-type paper based on the presentation and independent research.
3. c) Participation in class discussions.

Course Schedule and Discussion Topics

Orientation Session and Introductory Lecture

Clash of Civilizations

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clash_of_Civilizations

<https://web.archive.org/web/20110720165019/http://edvardas.home.mruni.eu/wp-content/uploads/2008/10/huntington.pdf>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aPS-pONiEG8>

"Whose is this song?" (film)

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0387926/>

https://franklin.library.upenn.edu/catalog/FRANKLIN_9954534143503681

<https://video-alexanderstreet-com.proxy.library.upenn.edu/watch/whose-is-this-song>

The Asymmetric Warfare

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asymmetric_warfare

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/2009880>

<https://web.stanford.edu/class/polisci211z/2.2/Mack%20WP%201975%20Asymm%20Conf.pdf>

https://archive.org/details/Fangs_of_the_Lone_Wolf_Chechen_Tactics_in_the_Russian-Cheche

Regarding the Pain of Others: The Balkan Crisis

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regarding_the_Pain_of_Others

https://monoskop.org/images/a/a6/Sontag_Susan_2003_Regarding_the_Pain_of_Others.pdf

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2FRW5jw19y0>

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?172991-1/depth-susan-sontag>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yugoslav_Wars

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethnic_cleansing_in_the_Bosnian_War

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rape_during_the_Bosnian_War

<https://www.facinghistory.org/resource-library/video/sexual-violence-weapon-war-and-genocide>

Balkan Civil Wars in Film

The Siege of Sarajevo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tnaG0PiBPbw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6GgubPwiWNg>

Welcome to Sarajevo (film)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Welcome_to_Sarajevo

Before the Rain (film)

<https://www.kanopystreaming.com/wayf/video/rain>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Before_the_Rain_\(1994_film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Before_the_Rain_(1994_film))

Savior (film)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Savior_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Savior_(film))

Genocide and Ethnic Cleansing

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethnic_cleansing

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genocide>

Armenian

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armenian_Genocide

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Talaat_Pasha

<http://www.historyvshollywood.com/reelfaces/the-promise/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Nemesis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HdyGmXmzCDw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ehk5pDKyUno>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=co1OomCOP-w>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7fKNyznpW8w&feature=share>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENaO3NPxzkM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uC5qMKpftNE>

Hotel Rwanda (film)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rwandan_genocide

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/09/world/europe/king-leopold-statue-antwerp.html>

<https://mondediplo.com/2021/06/11rwanda>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hotel_Rwanda

<https://www.kanopystreaming.com/wayf/product/ghosts-rwanda-0>

Indonesia

The Act of Killing (film)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Act_of_Killing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLQxVy7R9qo>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_cXCOBcH5c

Propaganda and Ethnic Profiling

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Propaganda>

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/propaganda>

Edward Bernays

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Propaganda_\(book\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Propaganda_(book))

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DnPmgOR1M04>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fEsPOt8MG7E>

<https://theconversation.com/the-manipulation-of-the-american-mind-edward-bernays-and-the-birth-of-public-relations-44393>

Propaganda and "Otherisation"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fimW4tTwFCY>

Nosferatu (film)

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nosferatu>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B_38ip3cm4U

<https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=26111>

<https://www.tabletmag.com/sections/arts-letters/articles/nosferatu-hoberman-murnau>

<https://jewishcurrents.org/march-5-nosferatu>

<https://www.northjersey.com/story/entertainment/2020/06/02/nosferatu-made-midst-epidemic-all-seems-familiar/5270827002/>

Propaganda Wars

Control Room (film)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Control_Room_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Control_Room_(film))

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MCgfMdvk2n8>

Terrorist or Freedom Fighter

The Battle of Algiers (film)

<https://www.kanopystreaming.com/wayf/video/battle-algiers-0>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Battle_of_Algers

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_N2wyq7fCE

Russian/Ukrainian Crisis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzNxLzFfR5w>

War on Truth:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/war-on-truth/id1613942487>

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/tetyana-my-son-is-the-snake-island-hero/id1613942487?i=1000558392020>

Russian/Chechen Crisis

Terror in Moscow (documentary films)

<https://topdocumentaryfilms.com/terror-moscow/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moscow_theater_hostage_crisis

<https://vimeo.com/45234763>

Beslan School Crisis (documentary films)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beslan_school_siege

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mtPLXPgUr3c>

Apartment Bombings

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBTA66H14A>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qkjG2LQx8oE>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russian_apartment_bombings

<https://www.businessinsider.com/how-the-1999-russian-apartment-bombings-led-to-putins-rise-to-power-2018-3>

Final Paper Due

