

## **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://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://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://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](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://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://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/Yugoslav_Wars)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethnic\\_cleansing\\_in\\_the\\_Bosnian\\_War](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethnic_cleansing_in_the_Bosnian_War)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rape\\_during\\_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](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/Ethnic_cleansing)

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

Armenian

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armenian\\_Genocide](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armenian_Genocide)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Talaat\\_Pasha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Talaat_Pasha)

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

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation\\_Nemesis](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://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://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://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Act_of_Killing)

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

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n\\_cXCOBcH5c](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=DnPmg0R1M04>

<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.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://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Battle_of_Algers)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f\\_N2wyq7fCE](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://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://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://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**

