

2. Nationalism and Nations

- classic theories of nationalism
- birth and growth of nationalism, beginnings of nation
- historical (developmentalist) perspectives
- national mythology as an important prerequisite for nation building
- ethnic and civic conceptualizations of a nation

Readings:

- Anderson, B.: 1996. *Imagined Communities*. New York: Verso, pp. 1-7.
- Smith, A.D. 1991. *National Identity*. London: Penguin Books, pp. 1-18.
- Hobsbawm, E. 1983. *Inventing Tradition*. Cambridge. Cambridge Uni Press, Introduction.
- Gellner, E.: Nations and Nationalism. Chapter 2: Nationalism and High Cultures. Blackwell, Oxford 1983. pp. 55-62.
- Renan, E. 1996. "Qu'est-ce qu'une nation?" (What is a nation?), in Eley, Geoff and Suny, Ronald (eds.) *Becoming National*, Oxford University Press, Read pp. 41-55.