Development of Ethnic Relations in the Czech Republic

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Course requirements:

Students are required to submit one written essay. Topics can be chosen by students according to their interests and topics of the course, students do not have to consult their choice with lecturer. Submission of academic essays - until **June 10, 2016.** Late submission will be penalised by lowering one grade per day. Please submit electronically into an e-mail mvasecka@fss.muni.cz.

Lenght of the essay:

1500 - 2000 words maximum (please, include the word count at the end of your work). The essay must include standard citation and references (either in the text itself or at the end of the text), as well as bibliography of cited and used literature. All direct citation longer than 5 words must be marked by „" and the sources included in bibliography. (Applies also for WWW addresses, which must also include date of visit!!)

Sylabus and literature:

1. Introduction into the course.

Why are we so much intrigued by ethnicity in 21st century?

Ethnic relations - prejudices and stereotypes as an important evil

Specificity of the Czech Republic within the Central European context

- Weber, M. What is an ethnic group? In: Montserrat Guibernau – John Rex (ed). The Ethnicity Reader. Cambridge, Polity Press, 1997. pp. 15 – 26. /11 pages/

- Eriksen, T.H.: Ethnicity, race and nation. In: Montserrat Guibernau - John Rex (ed). The Ethnicity Reader. Cambridge, Polity Press, 1997. pp. 15 – 26. /9 pages/

- Berghe, van den, P.: Race and Ethnicity: A Socio-Biological Perspective. In: Ethnic and Racial Studies, 1/ 4 (1978), pp. 402-409. /8 pages/

- Wolf, E.R.1982. 1997. *Europe and the people without history*. California: University of California Press. Ch. 1. pp. 3-23

2. Theories of race and ethnicity.

Introduction into race and ethnicity studies

Theories of race

Identity and self-identification

- Anderson, B.: 1996. *Imagined Communities*. New York: Verso, pp. 141-154 Cohen, P. ´Its Racism What Dunnit´ in Donald, J. and Rattansi, A. eds. *Race, Culture and Difference*. London: Sage

- R. Brubaker . 2004. *Ethnicity withouth Groups*: Introduction, + Ch. no. 1 and 5

- Barth, F. 1969. *Ethnic Groups and Boundaries.* Boston: Little, Brown and comp.

- Peukert, D.J.K. *Inside Nazi Germany: Conformity, Opposition and Racism in Everyday Life.* Penguin Books. Chapter 12.

3. Nation, Nationalism and the Theory of the State:

Beginnings of nations

National mythology as an important prerequisite for nation building

Primordial and constructivist thinking about a nation

Ethnic and civic conceptualizations of a nation

- Anderson, B.: 1996. *Imagined Communities*. New York: Verso, pp. 1-7

- Smith, A.D. 1991. *National Identity*. London: Penguin Books, pp. 1-18 and 71-98

- 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.

- Richmond, A.: Ethnic Nationalism and Postindustrialism. In: Ethnic and Racial Studies, 7/ 1, 1984, pp 5-16.

4. Group rights and ethnicity. Multiculturalism in the Czech republic.

Multiculturalism as an ideology of modern society

Functional usage of the term multiculturalism

Types of group differentiating rights

Criticism of multiculturalism

Multiculturalism and nationalized citizenship

- John Rex: The concept of a multicultural society. In: Montserrat Guibernau - John Rex (ed). The Ethnicity Reader. Cambridge, Polity Press, 1997. pp. 205 - 219.

- Will Kymlicka - Ian Shapiro: Meanings of Ethnicity and Group Rights - Introduction. In: Will Kymlicka - Ian Shapiro: Ethnicity and Group Rights. NYU Press, New York, 1997. pp. 3-21.

- Thomas W. Pogge: Group Rights and Ethnicity. In: Will Kymlicka - Ian Shapiro: Ethnicity and Group Rights. NYU Press, New York, 1997. pp. 187-215.

- David Forsythe: Human Rights in International Relations. Chapter 9: The politics of liberalism in a realist world. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2000. pp. 217 - 236.

5. Ethnicity and modern citizenship in the Czech republic

Modern citizenship and politics of inclusion

Core and terminal groups in post-industrial world

Citizenship policies in the Czech republic and the EU in general

- Alexander J. C., 1980, Core solidarity, ethnic out-group and social differentiation: a multidimensional model of inclusion in modern societies, in J. Dofny e A. Akiwowo (eds.), National and ethnic movements, Sage, London, 1980, pp.5-28.

- Faulks, Keith, 2000: Citizenship. Routledge: London

- Joppke, Ch. 2004: Citizenship without Identity. In: Canadian Diversity, Vol. 3:2. Montreal: Association for Canadian Studies.

- Rex, J. 1994: The nature of ethnicity in the project of migration. In: Guibernau, M. - Rex, J.(eds): The Ethnicity Leader. Nationalism, Multiculturalism and Migration. Cambridge: Polity Press.

- Anderson, B. 1991, *Imagined Communities. Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism*. London.

- Kurti, László and Juliet Langman (eds) 1997, *Beyond Borders: Remaking Cultural Identities in the New East and Central Europe.* Boulder.

- Smith, A. 1986, *The Ethnic Origins of Nations*. Oxford.

6. Ethnicity, race, and modern welfare state in the Czech republic

Etnization and feminization of poverty in the Czech republic.

Ethnic ghetoization in the Czech republic.

Principles how approach marginalized groups

- Rebecca Jean Emigh – Eva Fodor – Iván Szelényi: The Racialization and Feminization of Poverty? In: Rebecca Jean Emigh – Iván Szelényi: Poverty, Ethnicity, and Gender in Eastern Europe During the Market Transition. Praeger, Westport 2001. pp. 1-32.
- Vašečka, M. - Radičová, I., 2001: *Social Exclusion and Double Marginalization of the Roma in the Slovak Republic after 1989.* In: Labor, Employment, and Social Policies in the EU Enlargement Process (eds.) Funck, B. - Pizzati, L., The World Bank, Washington, DC.
- Massey, D., Denton, N.: The Perpetuation of the Underclass. In: American Apartheid – Segregation and the Making of the Underclass. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1993, s.148 – 185.

7. Historical context of national minorities in the Czech Republic.

Development of ethnic relations within the boundaries of the former Czechoslovak states in the period between 1918-1989.

Czech-German relations.

Czech-Slovak relations.

● Walzer, M. 2004. *On Toleration*, New Haven and London: Yale UP pp. 14-36 and 52-82

● Eriksen, T.H. 1997. ´Multiculturalism, Individualism and Human Rights: Romanticism, the Enlightenment and Lessons from Mauritius´ in Wilson, R. A (ed.) *Human Rights, Culture and context. Anthropological Perspectives.* London: Pluto Press. Pp. 49-69

8. **Majority and minorities in the Czech republic**

Autochtonous versus new minorities

EU legislation on minorities and practice in the Czech republic

Public opinion on minorities

Who are the Czechs? (De)Construction of the national spirit.

- Holý, L. 1996. *The Little Czech and the Great Czech Nation.* Cambridge: Cambridge Uni Press, Introduction and Chapters 3., 5., and 6

- Verdery, K. 1996. *What was Socialism and what comes next?* Princeton. Princeton Uni Press. Introduction

9. **Specificity of the Roma national minority in the Czech Republic I.:** The Roma national minority is the most visible and the most discussed within the contemporeary Czech Republic. The Roma are more then any other minority disliked by the majority population, which sees them as problematic and having the greatest demands. Why is that? What makes them different from other minorities? Where is the root of the so called ´Roma problem´ or ´Roma question´? The following lectures will approach this theme from historical and cultural perspective, positioning the whole issue within the wider context of the complex Czech majority culture.

- Horváthová, J. 2000. *Life in Black and White*. Praha: Gallery. Pp. 48-64

- Barany, Z. 2002. *The East European Gypsies: regime change, marginality and ethnopolitics*. Cambridge: Cambridge Uni Press

- Hancock, I. *We are the Romani People*. Hatfield. The Uni of Hertfordshire Press

10. **Specificity of the Roma national minority in the Czech Republic II.:** continuation of the topic
   - Guy, ¨W. 1975. (1996)¨Ways of looking at the Roma: The Case of Czechoslovakia¨ in Tong, D. (ed.) *Gypsies. An Interdisciplinary Reader.* Garland: New York

- Okely, J. After Writing Culture: Some Political consequences of Theories of the Gypsy Ethnicity.
- Petrova, D., ¨The Roma: Between the Myth and the Future´, In. Social Research Magazine, special issue Pariah Minorities, vol. 72, no. 1, Spring 2003, pp. 111-161

11. Development of ethnic relations in the Czech Republic since 1989.

Success of multiculturalism?

Vietnamese, Ukrainians and economic migration

Multicultural education

Attitude toward foreigners in general

Extremism and related issues

- Miller, D. 1995. *On Nationality*. Oxford: Clarendon Press. Pp. 119-154
- Wilson, A. 1997. *Ukrainian nationalism in the 1990s.* Cambridge: Cambridge Uni Press

12. Minorities in the Media – situation after 1989

Role of media in forming public opinion, beliefs, mental concepts and fears.

The image of minorities in the press and in films

Deconstruction of a myth of media objectivity and neutrality.

- Jirák, M. ´The Media, Stereotypes, Minorities, Foreigners and the Rest of Us.´ in *Hard to make out foreigners. How foreigners are (not) written about in the Czech Press.* Praha: MKC o.s. pp. 47-48
- Moore-Mezlíková, M. ´Constructing the Image of Asian Immigrants in the Czech Media´ in *Hard to make out foreigners. How foreigners are (not) written about in the Czech Press.* Praha: MKC o.s. pp. 49-53
- Klvačová, P., Bitrich, T. ´How Foreigners are (not) written about´ In *Hard to make out foreigners. How foreigners are (not) written about in the Czech Press.* Praha: MKC o.s. pp. 54-72