

Course Title: **Sociology of Ethnicity and Racism (MA)**

Lecturer: Dr. Veronika Bajt

Academic Year: 2005/2006 (**Spring Semester**)

Thu 16.00 – 17.40, room 42

The course's main objective is to examine key theoretical debates on racism, ethnicity and nationalism. *Sociology of Ethnicity and Racism* critically assesses the ways in which concepts such as 'race', 'ethnicity' and 'nation' are used in social science, political and everyday discourse. The course explores competing explanatory frameworks and analyses of ethnicity, racism and nationalism. We will debate the meaning and significance of multiculturalism, assimilation, acculturation and integration. The course also emphasises the intersections of ethnicity and social inequalities. Drawing on historical and comparative examples, this course develops a critical engagement with conventional understandings and current concepts including 'cultural racism'.

The following themes will be discussed:

Basic concepts and definitions: 'race', ethnicity, nation, racism, nationalism; historical antecedents and contemporary manifestations of racism; slavery and the rise of 'scientific' racism; theories of race and racism; modernity and race; ethnicity: the idea of ethnic revival; primordialism; nations and nationalism; ethnonationalisms; multiculturalism and citizenship: the politics of difference, individual and collective rights; assimilation and integration; segregation and social exclusion; social inequality.

### **Course requirements:**

Good command of English language (both spoken and written).

Active participation.

### **Selected literature:**

Back, Les & John Solomos (eds.) (2000) *Theories of Race and Racism: A Reader*. London: Routledge.

Bulmer, Martin & John Solomos (eds.) (1999) *Racism*. Oxford University Press.

Cornell, Stephen & Douglas Hartmann (1998) *Ethnicity and Race: Making Identities in a Changing World*. London: Pine Forge Press.

Cordell, Karl (ed.) (1999) *Ethnicity and Democratisation in the New Europe*. London: Routledge.

Essed, Philomena & David Theo Goldberg (eds.) (2002) *Race Critical Theories: Text and Context*. Oxford: Blackwell.

Fenton, Steve (1999) *Ethnicity, Racism, Class and Culture*.

Guibernau, Montserrat & John Rex (eds.) (1997) *The Ethnicity Reader: Nationalism, Multiculturalism and Migration*. Cambridge: Polity Press.

Hutchinson, John & Anthony D. Smith (eds.) (1994) *Nationalism*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Hutchinson, John & Anthony D. Smith (eds.) (1996) *Ethnicity*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Mortimer, Edward, Robert Fine (eds.) (1999) *People, Nation and State: The Meaning of Ethnicity and Nationalism*. London: I.B. Tauris Publishers.

Kaufman, Eric P. (ed.) (2004) *Rethinking Ethnicity: Majority Groups and Dominant Minorities*. London: Routledge.