

# CHANGING IDENTITIES IN POST-COLD WAR CENTRAL EUROPE

Spring 2013

Masaryk University in Brno

## 1. February 28 – Introduction: cultural and political theories of identity

- + Gupta, Akhil and James Ferguson (1992) Beyond 'Culture': Space, Identity, and the Politics of Difference. *Cultural Anthropology*, vol. 7, no. 1 (Feb. 1992), 6–23.
- + Brubaker, Rogers (1996) Rethinking Nationhood: Nation as Institutionalized Form, Practical Category, Contingent Event. In *Nationalism Reframed: Nationhood and the National Question in the New Europe*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 13–22.
- + Laitin, David D. (1998) A Theory of Political Identities. In *Identity in Formation: The Russian-Speaking Populations in the Near Abroad*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 3–35.

## 2. February 28 – Cultural geographies of East-Central Europe

- + Szücs, Jenő (1988) Three Historical Regions of Europe. In John Keane, ed., *Civil Society and the State* (London: Verso), 291–333. (ECE)
- \* Gal, Susan (1991) Bartók's Funeral: Representations of Europe in Hungarian Political Rhetoric. *American Ethnologist*, vol. 18, no. 3, Representations of Europe: Transforming State, Society, and Identity (Aug. 1991), 440–458. (HU)
- \* Galbraith, Marysia H. (2004) Between East and West: Geographic Metaphors of Identity in Poland. *Ethos*, vol. 32, no. 1 (March 2004), 51–81. (PL)
- + Arnason, Johann P. (2005) Introduction: Demarcating East-Central Europe. *European Journal of Social Theory*, vol. 8, no. 4, 387–400. (ECE)

## 3. March 14 – Nationalism and national minorities

- + Brubaker, Rogers (1996) National Minorities, Nationalizing States, and External National Homelands in the New Europe. In *Nationalism Reframed: Nationhood and the National Question in the New Europe*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 55–76. (ECE)
- \* Holy, Ladislav (1994) Metaphors of the Natural and the Artificial in Czech Political Discourse. *Man, New Series*, vol. 29, no. 4 (Dec. 1994), 809–829. (CZ)
- \* Hann, Chris (1998) Postsocialist Nationalism: Rediscovering the Past in Southeast Poland. *Slavic Review*, vol. 57, no. 4 (Winter 1998), 840–863. (PL)

## 4. March 14 – Race and ethnicity: ascribed and adopted identities

- \* Hayden, Robert M. (1996) Imagined Communities and Real Victims: Self-Determination and Ethnic Cleansing in Yugoslavia. *American Ethnologist*, vol. 23, no. 4 (Nov. 1996), 783–801. (YU)
- \* Lemon, Alaina (2002) Without a 'Concept'? Race as Discursive Practice. *Slavic Review*, vol. 61, no. 1 (Spring 2002), 54–61. (RU)
- \* White, Jenny B. (1997) Turks in the New Germany. *American Anthropologist*, vol. 99, no. 4 (Winter 1997), 754–769. (D)

## 5. March 28 – History, memory and forgetting: reworking identities

- \* Kugelmass, Jack, Annamaria Orla-Bukowska (1998) "If You Build it They Will Come": Recreating an Historic Jewish District in Post-Communist Kraków. *City and Society*, vol. 10, no. 1 (June 1998), 315–353. (PL)
- \* James, Jason (2006) Undoing Trauma: Reconstructing the Church of Our Lady in Dresden. *Ethos*, vol. 34, no. 2 (June 2006), 244–272. (D)
- \* Parla, Ayse (2009) Remembering across the Border: Postsocialist Nostalgia among the Turkish Immigrants from Bulgaria. *American Ethnologist*, vol. 36, no. 4 (Nov. 2009), 750–767. (BG)

## 6. March 28 – Religious revival and emerging fundamentalism

- \* Bohlman, Philip V. (2000) To Hear the Voices Still Heard: On Synagogue Restoration in Eastern Europe. In Daphne Berdahl, Matti Bunzl and Martha Lampland, eds., *Altering States: Ethnographies of Transition in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 40–69. (ECE)
- \* Kalb, Don (2009) Conversations with a Polish Populist: Tracing Hidden Histories of Globalization, Class, and Dispossession in Postsocialism (and Beyond). *American Ethnologist*, vol. 36, no. 2 (May 2009), 207–223. (PL)

Readings marked with a plus sign (+) are required readings for all students (8 readings).

## 7. April 11 – Citizenship: exclusion and inclusion

- \* Borneman, John (1993) Uniting the German Nation: Law, Narrative, and Historicity. *American Ethnologist*, vol. 20, no. 2 (May 1993), 288–311. (D)
- \* Feldman, Gregory (2005) Culture, State, and Security in Europe: The Case of Citizenship and Integration Policy in Estonia. *American Ethnologist*, vol. 32, no. 4 (Nov. 2005), 676–694. (EE)
- + Verdery, Katherine (1998) Transnationalism, Nationalism, Citizenship, and Property: Eastern Europe since 1989. *American Ethnologist*, vol. 25, no. 2 (May 1998), 291–306. (RO)

## 8. April 11 – Property, personhood, and community: selves and identities

- + Verdery, Katherine (1996) The Elasticity of Land: Problems of Property Restitution in Transylvania. In Katherine Verdery, *What Was Socialism and What Comes Next?* Princeton: Princeton University Press, 133–167. (RO)
- \* Verdery, Katherine (1999) Fuzzy Property: Rights, Power and Identity in Transylvania's Decollectivization. In Michael Burawoy and Katherine Verdery, eds., *Uncertain Transition: Ethnographies of Change in the Postsocialist World*. Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield, 53–81. (RO)

## 9. April 25 – Class cultures: vocational identity, flexibility, and mobility

- \* Lampland, Martha (1991) Pigs, Party Secretaries, and Private Lives in Hungary. *American Ethnologist*, vol. 18, no. 3, Representations of Europe: Transforming State, Society, and Identity (Aug. 1991), 459–479. (HU)
- \* Dunn, Elizabeth (1999) Slick Salesmen and Simple People: Negotiated Capitalism in a Privatized Polish Firm. In Michael Burawoy and Katherine Verdery, eds., *Uncertain Transition: Ethnographies of Change in the Postsocialist World*. Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield, 125–150. (PL)
- \* Thiessen, Ilka (2002) 'Leb i Sol' (Bread and Salt): The Meanings of Work in the Changing Society of Macedonia. *Anthropology of Work Review*, vol. 23, no. 1–2, 8–13. (MK)

## 10. April 25 – Leisure, consumption, and situational identities

- \* Berdahl, Daphne (2001) 'Go, Trabi, Go!': Reflections on a Car and Its Symbolization over Time. *Anthropology and Humanism*, vol. 25, no. 2, 131–141. (D)
- \* Patico, Jennifer (2005) To Be Happy in a Mercedes: Tropes of Value and Ambivalent Visions of Marketization. *American Ethnologist*, vol. 32, no. 3 (Aug. 2005), 479–496. (RU)
- \* Fehérváry, Krisztina (2002) American Kitchens, Luxury Bathrooms, and the Search for a 'Normal' Life in Post-Socialist Hungary. *Ethnos*, vol. 67, no. 3, 369–400. (HU)
- \* Kotnik, Vlado (2007) Sport, Landscape, and National Identity: Representations of an Idealized Vision of Nationhood in Slovenian Skiing Telecasts. *JSAE*, vol. 7, no. 2 (Fall-Winter 2007), 19–35. (SL)

## 11. May 9 – Gendered and generational identities

- \* Bunzl, Matti (2000) The Prague Experience: Gay Male Sex Tourism and the Neocolonial Invention of and Embodied Border. In Daphne Berdahl, Matti Bunzl and Martha Lampland, eds., *Altering States: Ethnographies of Transition in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 70–95. (CZ)
- \* Friedman, Jack R. (2007) Shame and the Experience of Ambivalence on the Margins of the Global: Pathologizing the Past and Present in Romania's Industrial Wastelands. *Ethos*, vol.35, no.2 (June 2007), 235–264. (RO)
- \* Ilieva, Polyana (2010) Bulgaria at the Cross-Roads of Post-Socialism and EU Membership: Generational Dimensions to European Integration. *JSAE*, vol. 10, no. 2 (Fall-Winter 2010), 18–28. (BG)

## 12. May 9 – Rethinking the family: feminism and anti-feminism

- + Verdery, Katherine (1996) From Parent-State to Family Patriarchs: Gender and Nation in Contemporary Eastern Europe. In Katherine Verdery, *What Was Socialism and What Comes Next?* (Princeton: Princeton University Press), 61–82. (ECE)
- \* Haney, Lynne (1999) 'But We Are Still Mothers': Gender, the State, and the Construction of Need in Postsocialist Hungary. In Michael Burawoy and Katherine Verdery, eds., *Uncertain Transition: Ethnographies of Change in the Postsocialist World*. Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield, 151–187. (HU)
- \* Kapusta-Pofahl, Karen (2002) 'Who Would Create a Czech Feminism?': Challenging Assumptions in the Process of Creating Relevant Feminisms in the Czech Republic. *Anthropology of East Europe Review*, vol. 20, no. 2, 61–68. (CZ)

Readings marked with an asterisk (\*) may be chosen for class presentation (27 readings).