

Lecture 7

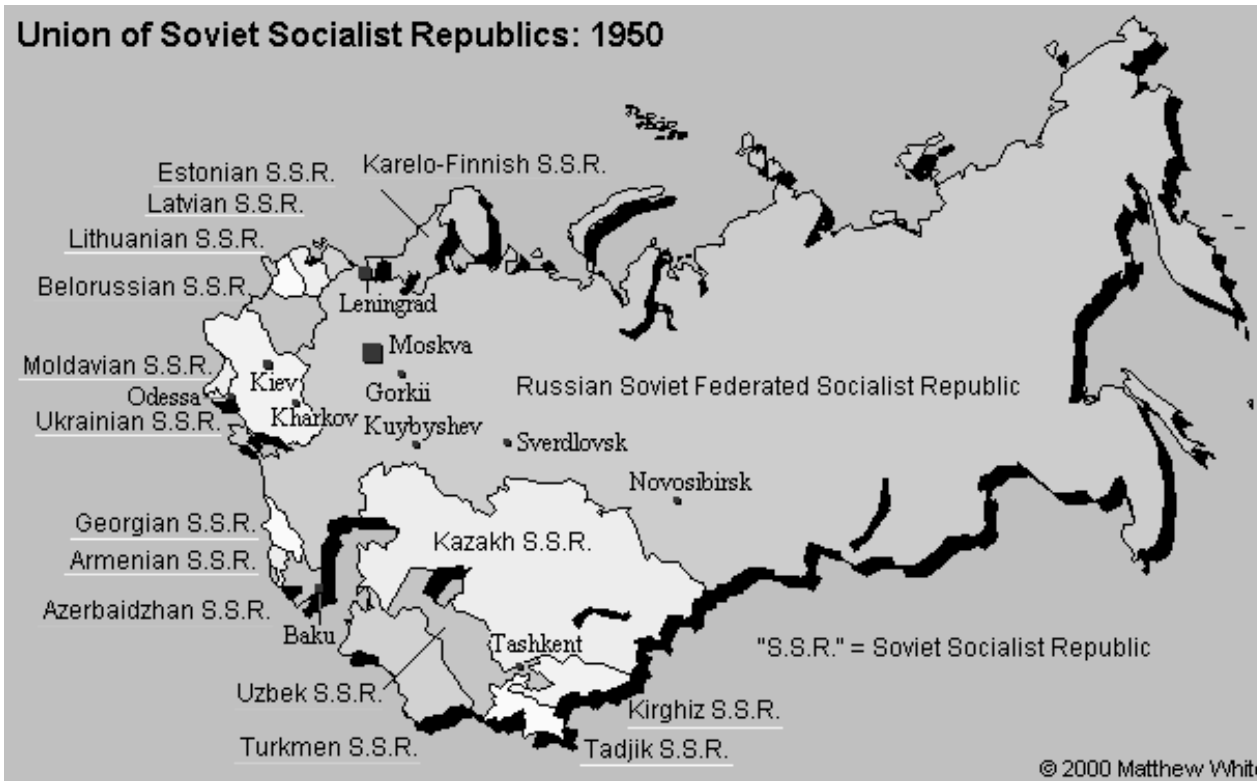
**Post-communist construction
of new 'nationalising' states**

1989-1991

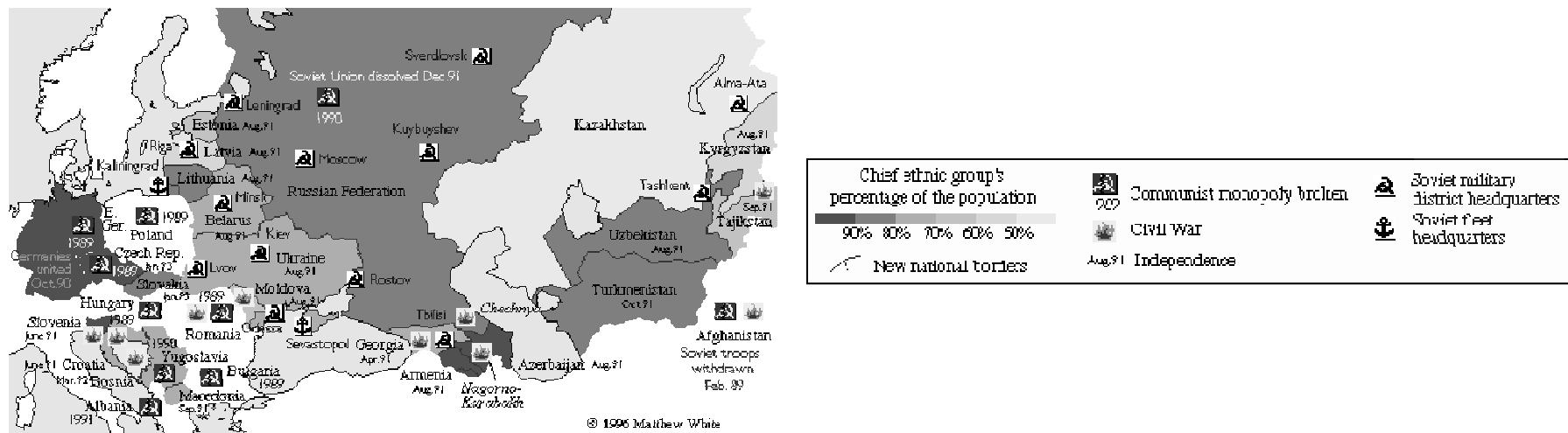
- The collapse of communism
- The collapse of the Soviet Bloc:
- Polish *Solidarnosc*; Czechoslovak *Civic Union*; East German *Civic Forum*; Bulgarian *Democratic Union*; Romanian *Salvation front*; the case of the Balts; end of the Warsaw Pact and Comecon
- Break-up of multinational states:
- Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia
- Construction of new states



Union of Soviet Socialist Republics: 1950

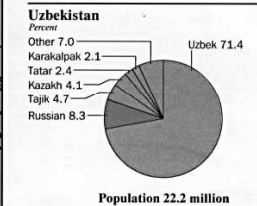
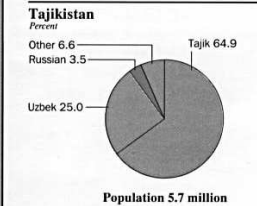
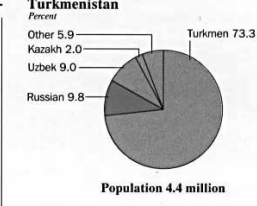
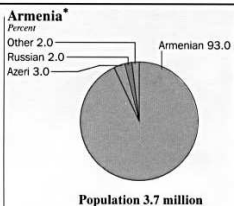
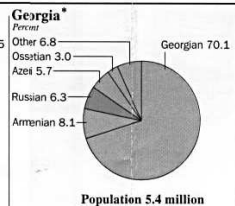
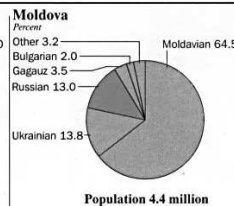
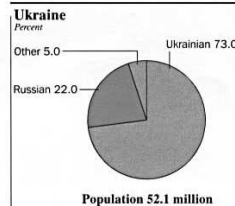
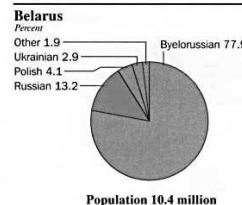
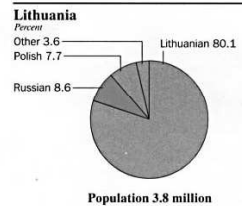
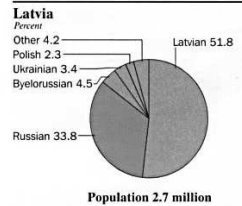
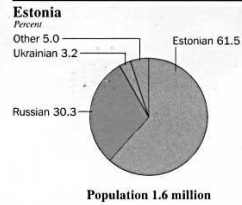


The fall of the USSR





Ethnic Russians in the Newly Independent States



*Ethnic percentages for Georgia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan taken from the 1989 Soviet census; they may not accurately reflect present-day conditions.

Majority and minority nations

- Difference between state-building and nation-building
- Pierre van den Berghe: '***nation-states***' are ***killing machines, led by small groups of people (elites), who steal from all others***
Once you define the nationalist state as the only legitimate form of state power, it means that anybody who is not of the nation (i.e. of the founding nation, of the dominant ethnic group in the state) is superfluous, does not fit in, and has to be eliminated one way or the other

'Nationalising' nationalism

- Rogers Brubaker:
- a nationalizing state is understood as “the state *of* and *for* a particular ethnocultural ‘core nation’ whose language, culture, demographic position, economic welfare and political hegemony must be protected and promoted by the state

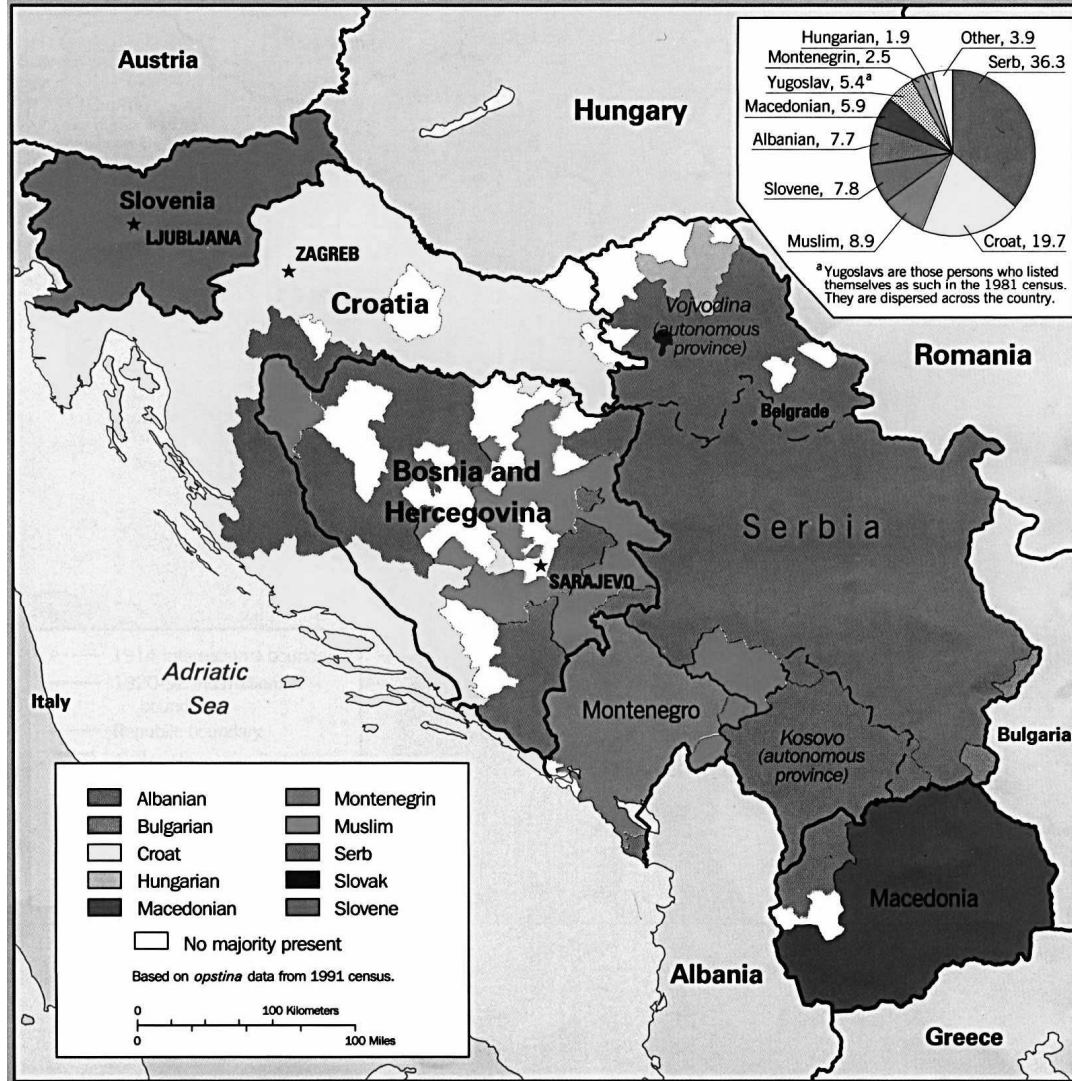
case-study:

- **the break-up of Yugoslavia and 'ethnic cleansing'**

Former Yugoslavia



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Serbia and Montenegro have asserted the formation of a joint independent state, but this entity has not been formally recognized as a state by the United States.

Macedonia has proclaimed independent statehood, but has not been formally recognized as a state by the United States.



Next week's readings:

- From *Xenophobia and Post-socialism* (Pajnik, ed.) read Tanya Lokshina "Hate speech in Russia" pp. 89-108 (parts for review)
- Pdf files for review