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Empires & the Rise of Nations – Strategies & Institutions

Lecture

Mondays, 12-14, Garystr. 55/105 (Theodor Grigoriadis).

Seminar

Wednesdays, 16-18, Ihnestr. 22/UG 3 (Margarita Maximova).

Office Hours

Theodor Grigoriadis: Mondays, 8-10, Garystr. 55/101A.
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Modules

Master of Science in Economics & Master of Science in Public Economics: *Wirtschaftsgeschichte des 20. Jahrhunderts/Area Studies in Economic Theory*.

Master of Arts in East European Studies/Political Science/IR: *Disziplinäre Grundlagen A+B/Profile/Theorien und Methoden*.

Empires and the Rise of Nations is a course on economics and history with focus on imperial formations and nation-building in Eastern Europe and the Middle East. The first part of the course will focus on the economic organization and nationalities structures of the Russian, Ottoman, German and Habsburg Empires as well as their socialist equivalents such as the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, while providing an overview of theories of nationalism and nation-building. The second part of the course will concentrate on comparative cases from Eastern Europe and the Middle East by combining economic, historical and social science advances in the literature and setting the ground for innovating thinking in the contemporary and historical political economy of nationalism. The third part of the course will present the main debates that emerge from the first two parts and will be taken over by students. *Strategies and Institutions* constitutes an introduction in intermediate game theory with an explicit focus on institutional and political games. Economics/Public Economics students must take both parts of this module to fulfill the School of Business and Economics requirements, while East European/Political Science/IR may take them separately according to their learning and schedule preferences within the School of Political and Social Sciences. Slides, which have been graciously provided by Gérard Roland (UC Berkeley), will be used to facilitate the learning process. The course grade is defined by a final exam/research paper (depending on degree program pursued).

Regular participation

75 percent attendance.

Active participation

Collective presentation (12 slides per person, 15 minutes per person) in the last three weeks of the semester.

Required Textbooks

Empires & the Rise of Nations

1. De Waal, Thomas. *The Caucasus: an introduction*. Oxford University Press, 2018.
2. Friedman, Francine. *Bosnia and Herzegovina: A polity on the brink*. Routledge, 2013.
3. Gellner, Ernest. *Nations and Nationalism*, New York: Cornell University Press, 2009.
4. Gregory, Paul. *The Political Economy of Stalinism: Evidence from the Soviet Secret Archives*. Cambridge University Press, 1994.
5. Harrison, Mark (Ed.). *Guns and Rubles: the Defense Industry in the Stalinist State*. Yale-Hoover Series on Stalin, Stalinism, and the Cold War. Yale University Press, 2008.
6. Kuran, Timur. *The Long Divergence: How Islamic Law Held Back the Middle East*. Princeton University Press, 2011.
7. Martin, Terry. *The affirmative action empire: nations and nationalism in the Soviet Union, 1923-1939*. Cornell University Press, 2001.
8. Plokhy, Serhii. *The Russo-Ukrainian war: the return of history*, Norton & Norton, 2023.
9. Roland, Gérard. *Transition and Economics: Politics, Markets and Firms*. MIT Press, 2004.
10. Safieddine, Hicham. *Banking on the state: The financial foundations of Lebanon*. Stanford University Press, 2019.
11. Snyder, Timothy. *The Reconstruction of Nations: Poland, Ukraine, Lithuania, Belarus, 1569-1999*. Yale University Press, 2002.
12. ---. *The Road to Unfreedom: Russia, Europe, America*. Crown, 2018.

Strategies & Institutions

1. Osborne Martin J. *An Introduction to Game Theory*, Oxford University Press, 2004.
2. Tadelis Steven. *Game Theory: An Introduction*, Princeton University Press, 2013.

Audiovisual Materials

Smyrna, My Beloved – Smyrna, eine Stadt in Flammen, Tanweer Productions, 2021 (Film).

Grade

Final Exam: Economics and Public Economics Masters Students.

Research Paper: East European Studies/Political Science/IR Masters Students.

Empires & the Rise of Nations

Part I: Empires

Week 1: Theories of Nationalism

- Gellner, Ch. 1-4.

Week 2: Russian Empire

- Barkai Haim. "The Macroeconomics of Tsarist Russia in the Industrialization Era: Monetary Developments, the Balance of Payments, and the Gold Standard", *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 33, No. 2 (June 1973): 339-371.
- Cadiot, Juliette. "Searching for nationality: Statistics and national categories at the end of the Russian Empire (1897-1917)." *The Russian Review* 64.3 (2005): 440-455.
- Chernina Eugenia, Paul C. Dower and Andrei Markevich. "Property rights, land liquidity and internal migration", *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 110, 191-215, September 2014.
- Dower Paul C. and Andrei Markevich. "A History of Resistance to Privatization in Russia", *Journal of Comparative Economics*, Vol. 42, No. 4, 855-873, December 2014.
- Gregory Paul and John Sailors. "Russian Monetary Policy and Industrialization, 1861-1913", *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 36, No. 4 (December 1976): 836-851.

- Kahan Arcadius. "Government Policies and the Industrialization of Russia", *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 27, No. 4, 460-477, December 1967.

Week 3: Ottoman Empire

- Kuran, 2011 (Excerpts).

Week 4: Habsburg & German Empires

- Grosfeld, I. & Zhuravskaya, E. (2015). Cultural vs. Economic Legacies of Empires: Evidence from the Partition of Poland. *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 43, 55-75.
- Wolf, N. (2005). Path Dependent Border Effects: the Case of Poland's Reunification (1918-1939). *Explorations in Economic History*, 42, 414-438.
- Wolf, N., Schulze, M.-S. & Heinemeyer, H.-C. (2011). On the Economic Consequences of the Peace: Trade and Borders after Versailles. *Journal of Economic History*, 71, 915-949.

Week 5: Soviet Union & Yugoslavia I

- Bonin John P. and Alan J. Marcus, "Information, Motivation and Control in Decentralized Planning: The Case of Discretionary Managerial Behavior", *Journal of Comparative Economics*, Vol. 3, No. 3 (September 1979): 235-253.
- Gregory (1994), Ch. 1-5.
- Gregory Paul, Philipp Schröder, and Konstantin Sonin. "Rational dictators, and the killing of innocents: Data from Stalin's archives", *Journal of Comparative Economics*, Vol. 39, No. 1, 34-42, March 2011.
- Weitzman Martin L. "The New Soviet Incentive Model", *Bell Journal of Economics*, Vol. 7, No. 1 (Spring 1976): 251-257.

Week 6: Soviet Union & Yugoslavia II

- Harrison, 2008 (Excerpts).
- Harrison Mark. "Prices, Planners and Producers: an Agency Problem in Soviet Industry, 1928-1950", *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 58, No. 4, 1032-1062, December 1998.
- Roland, Ch. 3.
- Martin, 2001 (Excerpts).

Part II: Nations

Week 7: Bosnia-Herzegovina

- Bieber, Florian. "Bosnia-Herzegovina and Lebanon: Historical lessons of two multireligious states." *Third World Quarterly* 21.2 (2000): 269-281.
- Christia, Fotini. "Following the money: Muslim versus Muslim in Bosnia's civil war." *Comparative Politics* 40.4 (2008): 461-480.
- Friedman, 2013 (Excerpts).
- Kondylis, Florence. "Conflict displacement and labor market outcomes in post-war Bosnia and Herzegovina." *Journal of Development Economics* 93.2 (2010): 235-248.

Week 8: Lebanon

- Hägerdal, Nils. "Ethnic cleansing and the politics of restraint: Violence and coexistence in the Lebanese Civil War." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 63.1 (2019): 59-84.
- Hakim, Carol. "The French Mandate in Lebanon." *American Historical Review* 124.5 (2019): 1689-1693.
- Nagle, John, and Mary-Alice Clancy. "Power-sharing after civil war: Thirty years since Lebanon's Taif agreement." *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* 25.1 (2019): 1-8.
- Safieddine, 2019 (Excerpts).

Week 9: Ukraine

- Snyder, 2002 (Excerpts).
- Snyder, 2018 (Excerpts).

Week 10: Greece, Turkey & Cyprus I

- Arbatli, Cemal Eren, and Gunes Gokmen. "Human capital transfers and sub-national development: Armenian and Greek legacy in post-expulsion Turkey." *Journal of Economic Growth* 28.1 (2023): 1-43.
- Grigoriadis, Theodoros N., and Dimitrios Moschos. "Farewell Anatolia: refugees & the rise of the Greek left." *European Journal of Political Economy* 77 (2023): 102281.
- Philliou, Christine. "Liberalism and the Path to Treason in the Ottoman Empire, 1908–1923." *Negotiating Democracy and Religious Pluralism: India, Pakistan, and Turkey* (2021): 59.

Week 11: Greece, Turkey & Cyprus II

- Screening of the movie *Smyrna, My Beloved – Smyrna, eine Stadt in Flammen*, Auditorium: TBA.

Week 12: Armenia, Georgia & Azerbaijan

- Suny, Ronald Grigor. "Armenian genocide." *Encyclopaedia Britannica* (2019).
- De Waal, 2018 (Excerpts).

Week 13: Israel & Palestine

- Billmeier, Andreas, and Tommaso Nannicini. "Assessing economic liberalization episodes: A synthetic control approach." *Review of Economics and Statistics* 95.3 (2013): 983-1001.
- Barak, Yair. "Israel's unconventional economic policy, 1948-77." *Israel Affairs* 28.3 (2022): 394-412.
- Di Maio, Michele, and Roberto Nistico. "The effect of parental job loss on child school dropout: Evidence from the Occupied Palestinian Territories." *Journal of Development Economics* 141 (2019): 102375.

Part III: Debates

Week 14: Typologies & Perspectives on Nationalism

- Gellner, Ch. 5-10.

Week 15: State Building & Diversity

- Blaydes, Lisa. "State building in the Middle East." *Annual Review of Political Science* 20 (2017): 487-504.
- Besley, Timothy. "State capacity, reciprocity, and the social contract." *Econometrica* 88.4 (2020): 1307-1335.
- Carlitz, R., Morjaria, A., & Mueller, J. M. (2022). *State-building in a diverse society* (No. w30731). National Bureau of Economic Research.

Week 16: The Ukrainian Conflict

- Plochy, 2023 (Excerpts).

Strategies & Institutions

Week 1: Static Games of Complete Information I

- Tadelis, Ch. 3.
- Osborne, Ch. 11.

Week 2: Static Games of Complete Information II

- Tadelis, Ch. 4.

- Osborne, Ch. 12.

Week 3: Static Games of Complete Information III

- Tadelis, Ch. 5.
- Osborne, Ch. 2-3.

Week 4: Static Games of Complete Information IV

- Tadelis, Ch. 6.
- Osborne, Ch. 4.

Week 5: Dynamic Games of Complete Information I

- Tadelis, Ch. 7.
- Osborne, Ch. 5.

Week 6: Dynamic Games of Complete Information II

- Tadelis, Ch. 8.
- Osborne, Ch. 6.

Week 7: Dynamic Games of Complete Information III

- Tadelis, Ch. 9.
- Osborne, Ch. 7.

Week 8: Dynamic Games of Complete Information IV

- Tadelis, Ch. 10.
- Osborne, Ch. 14-15.

Week 9: Dynamic Games of Complete Information V

- Tadelis, Ch. 11.
- Osborne, Ch. 16.

Week 10: Static Games of Incomplete Information

- Tadelis, Ch. 12-13.
- Osborne, Ch. 9.

Week 11: Dynamic Games of Incomplete Information I

- Tadelis, Ch. 15.
- Osborne, Ch. 10a.

Week 12: Dynamic Games of Incomplete Information II

- Tadelis, Ch. 16.
- Osborne, Ch. 10b.

Week 13: Dynamic Games of Incomplete Information III

- Tadelis, Ch. 18.

Week 14: Review I

- Quiz I.

Week 15: Review II

- Quiz II.

Week 16: Review III

- Mock Exam.