Peoples, Nations, Classes, Races, Ethnies, Languages etc.
Human Classification, Social Analysis, and Political Action
from Herder to Gumilev

Ph.D. Program “Global History and Governance”
Spring term, 2022/2023

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Course requirements in view of the final grade:
1. Regular attendance -10 per cent.
2. Participation in discussions based on suggested readings -35 per cent.
   (Please note: each participant will have to intervene at least once in each session)
3. A final essay on a specific topic to be agreed with Professor Graziosi by the end of April, 5,000-6,000 to 8,000 words for Ph.D. and graduate students, 2,500 to 3,000 words for undergraduates -55 per cent.

NB. Whenever possible, reading materials will be available in OneDrive.
SESSIONS

I. Background: Human Unity and Human Differentiation (Linguistic, Bodily, etc.)
(March 14, 2023: 15-17 pm)

II. Peoples, Nations, Nationalities, and Social Hierarchies from the Enlightenment to Thierry
(March 21, 2023: 15-17 pm)

III. Romagnosi, Mazzini, Mancini, Mamiani: The Italian Solution and its Impact
(March 28, 2023: 15-17 pm)

IV. Linguistics, Anthropology, Sociology, and the Darwinian Revolution
(April 4, 2023: 15-17 pm)

V. From Marx and Engels to Lenin and Stalin: Classes, Nations, or Peoples?
(April 12, 2023: 11-13 am)

VI. WWI and its Aftermath: Self-Determination, its Promises, and its Problems
(April 19, 2023: 11-13 am)

VII. Socialism, Nationalism, and their Hybrids: Building, Un-Building, and Destroying Peoples, 1918-1948
(April 26, 2023: 9-11 am)

VIII. Decolonization and its Impact: The Re-emergence of Race/Color
(May 2, 2023: 15-17 pm)

IX. Papers’ Presentation & Discussion
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X. Papers’ Presentation & Discussion
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I. Background: Human Unity and Human Differentiation (Linguistic, Bodily, etc.)
(March 14, 2023: 15-17 pm)

Main Topics:

1. Introduction
   • A few words about the instructor
   • Presentation of the course
   • Organization of the course (Please note: each participant will have to intervene at least once in each session)
   • Readings
   • Presentations and papers (NB. Choice of papers by participants to be agreed with the instructor by Session 4)

2. How I got here

3. General overview and background of the phenomenon

Readings:

1. Mandatory for everybody

2. Plus one of the following options:


II. Peoples, Nations, Nationalities, and Social Hierarchies from the Enlightenment to Thierry
(March 21, 2023: 15-17 pm)

Main Topics:

1. The Enlightenment and Human Classification between Philosophy and Science
2. Rousseau and Herder
3. Corsica and Poland
4. Revolutions
5. Alexander I and Metternich
6. Napoleon and Nationality
7. In Defeated France: The National explains the Social
8. Fichte and Hegel

Readings:

1. Mandatory for everybody

or


2. Plus one of the following options:
2a

2b

2c

2d
III. Romagnosi, Mazzini, Mancini, Mamiani: The Italian Solution and its Impact
(March 28, 2023: 15-17 pm)

Main Topics:

1. Background (Herder, Fichte, Schlegel)
2. Romagnosi
3. Mazzini
4. Mancini
5. Mamiani
6. Italy's International Impact and Legacy

Readings:

1. Mandatory for everybody

or

T. Mamiani, Dell’ottima congregazione umana e del principio di nazionalità, in D’un nuovo diritto europeo, Torino: Marzorati, 1859: 359-442.

2. Plus one of the following options:


IV. Linguistics, Anthropology, Sociology, and the Darwinian Revolution
(April 4, 2023: 15-17 pm)

Main Topics:

1. Linguistics

2. A Wrong Door: Anthropology and Descriptive Classification

3. Sociology

4. Statisticians and Censuses

5. A Misunderstood Revolution: Darwin

6. The New, Pseudo-Scientific Racial Ideology

Readings:

1. Mandatory for everybody

or


2. Plus one of the following options:

2a

2b

2c (reserved to those who did not choose it as a mandatory reading)

2d
V. From Marx and Engels to Lenin and Stalin: Classes, Nations, or Peoples?
(April 12, 2023: 11-13 am)

Main Topics:

1. Before Marx and Engels
2. 1848-49: Classes or Peoples?
3. Poles, Irish, Self-Determination and the Problem of Revolution
4. Kautsky, Bernstein and Bauer
5. Socialism in One Country
6. The Colonial Question
7. Corradini and his Impact, from Turkey to Japan
8. Lenin and Stalin
9. Internationalists and Class Purity

Readings:

1. Mandatory for everybody
O. Bauer, La questione nazionale (a cura di Nicolao Merker), Roma: Editori riuniti, 1999

or

J. Stalin, Il Marxismo e la questione nazionale (1913), parts I-IV,
https://www.marxists.org/reference/archive/stalin/works/1913/03.htm;
Foreign Languages Publishing House, 1954,

2. Plus one of the following options:

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2b

2c
VI. WWI and its Aftermath: Self-Determination, its Promises, and its Problems
(April 19, 2023: 11-13 am)

Main Topics:

1. The Impact of the War-Revolution
2. Lenin and the Mancini-Wilson Moment: The Prevalence of the National
3. Self-determination and the League of Nations
4. Mandates and the Colonial World
6. Demography, Races, and the Decline of the West
7. Huxley: Races and Ethnic Groups

Readings:

V.I. Lenin, The Right of Nations to Self-Determination (1914),
https://www.marxists.org/archive/lenin/works/1914/self-det/;

or

W. Wilson, The Fourteen Points Speech, 8 gennaio 1918,
https://wwi.lib.byu.edu/index.php/President_Wilson's_Fourteen_Points;

2. Plus one of the following options:

2a

2b

2c

2d
VII. Socialism, Nationalism, and Their Combinations: Building, Unbuilding, and Destroying Peoples, 1918-1948
(April 26, 2023: 9-11 am)

Main Topics:


2. India’s Nations, Religions, “Ethnic” Nationalities, Tribes, and Castes towards Self-Government and Self-Determination

3. Atatürk’s Turkey

4. Soviet Unbuilding, The Case of Ukraine

5. The Intellectual Reaction:
   - Totalitarianism
   - The Discovery of Genocide

6. Lemkin as Radical Critic of Group Destruction

Readings:

1. Mandatory for everybody


or


2. Plus one of the following options:

2a


2b


2c
VIII. Decolonization and its Impact: The Re-emergence of Race/Color
(May 2, 2023: 15-17 pm)

Main Topics:

1. The National and Social Revolution Conquers the World: Herder Triumphant, 1945-1975
   - Decolonization and Cold War
   - Nationalisms, Socialisms and “Self-determination” - The “Peoples” ‘Triumph?
   - The Left between Marx and Herder
   - Maos’ China and the War of Races
   - Race in America
   - In the Socialist Bloc
   - L’Africa che svela il problema e sposta il discorso

   - The Big Bang, 1978-1991
   - Historians Rediscovering the Obvious
   - Primitive Nationalism and the Default Answer to the Crisis of the “Social”
   - 1990s: Mass Categorical Violence and the Boom of Genocide Studies
   - Globalization, Demography, Migrations
   - The Search for Solution: Ethnofederalism, Collective Rights and their Problems (Hegel and Mill)

3. The Crisis of the Modern

Readings:

1. Mandatory for everybody


or


or


2. Plus one of the following options:

2a.
F. Fanon, *I dannati della terra* (1961), Cap. IV. “Sulla cultura nazionale”: 171-197,
https://laboratorioodradek.files.wordpress.com/2013/05/fanon-i-dannati-della-terra.pdf;
“Race as Class”: 168-195.

2c.

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