Do we have obligations to our co-nationals that we do not owe to others? Might our loyalties or obligations to our fellow citizens be based on a commitment to shared political principles and common public life rather than national identity? Do we have basic duties that are owed equally to human beings everywhere, regardless of national or political affiliation? Do our commitments to co-nationals or compatriots conflict with those duties we might owe to others, and if so, to what extent? Is cosmopolitanism based on rationality and patriotism based on passion?

This course will explore these questions from the perspectives of nationalism, republicanism and cosmopolitanism. We will consider historical works from Herder, Rousseau, Kant, Fichte, Mill, Mazzini and Renan; and more contemporary contributions from Berlin, Miller, Canovan, MacIntyre, Viroli, Sandel, Pettit, Habermas, Nussbaum, Appiah and Pogge, among others.

Objectives: students will be able to think analytically and critically about the normative issues involved in nationalist, republican and cosmopolitan thought; compare them with each other and with other modern ideologies, especially liberalism; and understand and participate in current debates within political theory in these areas.

Delivery: the course will be a lecture course. Each class will consist of a lecture followed by questions and discussion, focusing on different aspects of the topic.

Assessment: students will write two papers over the course of the term, take a mid-term exam and be assessed on their contribution to class.

Grade breakdown:
20% Paper (3-4 pages)
30% Mid-Term Exam
35% Final Paper (6-7 pages)
15% Participation

*Please prepare for class and discussion by reading the assigned materials. The average amount of reading per week is 70-80 pages.
*Papers should use one-inch margins, double-spacing and 11- or 12-point font. Papers must be turned in during class on the due date. Late papers will result in a 1/3 lower letter grade for each day late. Papers are due on Feb. 27 and May 6.
*Mid-term exam (in class) will be essay format.
*The readings for class can be found on our class Courseworks page (abbreviated as CW in the syllabus) or through the library’s E-journals and E-books resources.
I. NATIONALISM
Jan. 23, Introduction to class

A. Theories of Nationalism
Jan. 28, No readings
Lecture will reference:

B. Herder, Fichte and early German Nationalism
Jan. 30


Feb. 4

  Johann Fichte, *Addresses to the German Nation*, 1968, Numbers 1, 8 and 13. [CW]

C. Liberal Nationalism in 19th Century Europe
Feb. 6

Feb. 11


Feb. 13

  John Acton, “Nationality” in J. Frears (ed.), *Selected Writings of Lord Acton*, 1985. [CW]
D. Nationalism in Contemporary Thought

1. Liberal Nationalism
Feb. 18
David Miller, *Citizenship and National Identity*, ch. 4, pp. 62-80. [CW]

2. National Self-Determination and Secession
Feb. 20

3. Critics of Nationalism
Feb. 25


II. REPUBLICANISM

**FIRST PAPER DUE**

A. Rousseau and Republican Patriotism
Feb. 27

B. Patriotism and Freedom
March 4

March 6
Isaiah Berlin, ‘Two Concepts of Liberty’ pp. TBA [CW]


C. Democracy and Community
March 11

**MIDTERM**

March 13

D. Patriotic Partiality
March 25


E. “Modern” Patriotism
March 27


April 1


April 3


F. “Constitutional Patriotism”
April 8


April 10

G. Critics of (Republican) Patriotism

April 15


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III. COSMOPOlITANISM

A. Universalism

April 17


B. Global Justice

April 22


Kok-Chor Tan, “The Demands of Justice and National Allegiances” in *The Political Philosophy of Cosmopolitanism*, pp. 164-179. [CW]

April 24


C. Critics of Cosmopolitanism

April 29

David Miller, *Citizenship and National Identities*, ch. 5, pp. 81-96. [CW]


**D. Reconciling Nationalism, Patriotism and Cosmopolitanism?**

May 1


Seyla Benhabib, *Another Cosmopolitanism*, pp. 17-20; 32-36 [CW]

May 6

Concluding remarks and **FINAL PAPER DUE**