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What is the impact of ethnic nationalism on European politics and the rise of the radical right? This course offers answers from nationalism studies and empirical political science. The first part of the course explains key concepts and theories about the emergence and history of nationalism. The second part highlights the ethnic components of nationalism and their contribution to radical right attitudes, such as hostility to immigration or minority groups. The third part considers contemporary expressions of ethnic nationalism and the emergence of radical right parties, as well as their interaction with other political forces such as conservative and centre-left parties.

- Become familiar with the main theories and debates in the study of nationalism and the radical right. Relate them to other topics in political science.
- Learn to apply the theoretical lenses to case studies drawn from Western Europe, the Balkans, and the former USSR.
- Be able to navigate empirical political science, including new research in thematic sub-field journals on nation and ethnicity.



: Learning to synthesize and evaluate readings independently is a fundamental goal of this course. Students may not copy or paraphrase directly from any generative artificial intelligence applications, including ChatGPT and other AI writing and coding assistants, for the purpose of completing assignments in this course.

As the instructor of this course I endeavor to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me and the [Office for Students with Disabilities](#), 514-398-6009.

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: McGill University is on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples, including the Haudenosaunee and Anishinabeg nations. We acknowledge and thank the diverse Indigenous people whose footsteps have marked this territory on which peoples of the world now gather.

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