HIST 420A
Imagining the Nation: Canada 19th and 20th centuries (W-2010)

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Course Description
This course examines the evolution of the concept of nation in Canada, the different forms of nationalism it has inspired from the middle of the nineteenth-century in French and English Canada to the patriation of the Canadian Constitution in 1982 and beyond. It examines the tensions inherent to Canadian nation-building process.

Books
Students will need two books (available at the UBC Bookstore):

Other weekly readings will be accessible in January on Vista (WebCT)

For students with no background in Canadian history, these short surveys could be useful (available in the library OR on amazon.ca):

Evaluation
Participation: 15 %
Book Review: 20 % (*due date: March 4, 2010*)
Research Essay (10-12 pages): 30 % (*due date: April 15, 2010*)
Final Exam: 35 % (*TBA*)
***Late papers will be penalized 5% per day beginning with the end of class on the due date.***

Plagiarism
University of British Columbia values academic integrity. Therefore all students must understand the meaning and consequences of cheating, plagiarism and other academic offences. For more information, see these two websites:
www.arts.ubc.ca/Plagiarism_Avoided.373.0.html
http://www.library.ubc.ca/home/plagiarism/
**Book Review:** Due March 4, 2010

**Research Essay:** Due April 15, 2010.
Students will have to write an essay (10-12 pages) on a subject of their choice related to the nation question in Canada. Students are free to choose any topic between 1840 (emergence of French Canadian Nationalism) and 1982 (patriation of the Constitution). They must seek the instructor’s approval before March 1st. The paper must follow a history format and include a table of contents, notes, and a full bibliography (see Jeffrey W. Alexander and Joy Dixon, *Thomson Nelson Guide to Writing in History*, Toronto: Thomson Nelson, 2006.)

**Final Exam:** TBA
The final exam will be held during the examination period. The exam will be divided between short answer questions and essay questions.

**Schedule**

**Week 1: What is a Nation?**
January 5: Introduction: The National Question in Canada
January 7: What is a nation?
   Suggested Readings
   - Ernest Renan, “What is a Nation?” (“Qu’est-ce qu’une nation”) (1882)
     Link: [http://www.nationalismproject.org/what/renan.htm](http://www.nationalismproject.org/what/renan.htm)
   - Johann Gottlieb Fichte, *Addresses to the German Nation* (1806-1807)
     Link: [http://library.flawlesslogic.com/fichte.htm](http://library.flawlesslogic.com/fichte.htm)

**Week 2: What is Nationalism?**
January 12: What is nationalism? Nations in Western World History (19th-20th centuries)
January 14: Canada before 1840
   Suggested Readings:
   Link for all these texts: [http://www.nationalismproject.org/what.htm](http://www.nationalismproject.org/what.htm)
Week 3: From Patriotism to French Canadian nationalism
January 19: The Emergence of French Canadian Nationalism
January 21: The Acadian Renaissance

Suggested Readings:
- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Evangeline: A Tale of Acadia (1847)
  Link: http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/library/digitalcollection/home.stm

Week 4: The Emergence of a Canadian nation
January 26: The Emergence of English Canadian National Identity
January 28: Canada as a nation

Suggested Readings:
  Link: http://books.google.ca
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Week 5: Canada: Nation, Dominion or Empire?
February 2: Canada as an Empire: Canada and the Aboriginal Peoples
February 4: Louis Riel and the Métis Rebellion, 1885

Readings:
  Link: http://web.ebscohost.com/ehost
- CBC Archives: Rethinking Riel (optional)
  Clip 1: Rebellion on the Red River (10:13 minutes)
  Clip 8: Founder of Manitoba (3:28 minutes)
  Clip 15: Is Riel a Father of Confederation? (5:04 minutes)
  Link: http://archives.cbc.ca/society/native_issues/topics/1482/

Week 6: The Meaning of Canada
February 9: The Meaning of Confederation: Compact Theories
February 11: The Meaning of Confederation: Public Memory

Readings:

**February 16-25: BREAK**

**Week 7: The Emergence of Canadian Nationalism**  
March 2: Nationalism, Imperialism and the Great War  
March 4: Memory of the First World War  
Readings:  

**Week 8: Race, Ethnicity and Immigration**  
March 9: Racism and Nationalism  
March 11: Antisemitism  
Readings:  

**Week 9: Evolving English Canadian Identity (1945-1970)**  
March 16: Transformations of the English Canadian Identity  
March 18: Conservatism and the Advent of a New Canadian Nationalism  
Readings:  

**Week 10: Quebec Nationalism**  
March 23: From French Canadian to Québécois  
March 25: Competing visions of the Nation  
Readings:  
• FLQ Manifesto (October 1970)  
**Week 11: Constitutional Crisis**

March 30: A New Canadian Nation

April 1: Canadian Identity under Attack

**Readings:**


**Week 12: Promoting Nationalism**

April 6: Arts and Nationalism

April 8: Marketing and Nationalism

**Readings:**


**Week 13: Nation or Nations?**

April 13: First Nations in Canada

April 15: History of the Nation or National history

**Readings:**

Selected Bibliography

Nations and Nationalism


**Nation and Nationalism in Canada**


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Cameron, David R. *Nationalism, Self-Determination and the Quebec Question.* Toronto: Macmillan of Canada, 1974.


Foster, William Alexander. *Canada First, or, Our New Nationality an Address*. Toronto: [s.n.], 1888.


