



## *Syllabus*

# *Nation and Nationalism in Contemporary Europe - 54829*

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*HU Credits: 2*

*Responsible Department: cont. german studies:politics, soc.&cult*

*Academic year: 0*

*Semester: 1st Semester*

*Teaching Languages: English*

*Campus: Mt. Scopus*

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*Coordinator Office Hours: by prior arrangement*

*Teaching Staff:*

*Dr. Stephan Grigat*

*Course/Module description:*

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*A radical critique of Germany has been flitting through federal political discussions for at least 25 years. The story of the so called "anti-Germans" begins in the late 1980s when members of the radical Left in Germany remembered Jean Améry, who since the Six-Day War in 1967 had continually stressed that the Left had to redefine itself in its fight against anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism. Since then, an independent stream of sociocritical thinking has developed that offered a particular critique of the nation-state, Germany and its international allies, of Islamism and anti-Zionism, and a unique understanding of nationalism in general and Zionism in particular. Against that background central aspects of the radical critique of Germany and its consequences will be analysed.*

*Course/Module aims:*

*A general, short and pithy statement which informs a student about the subject matter, approach, breadth, and applicability of the course. A detailed list of subjects is not required in this section (2-4 sentences).*

*Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:*

- orient themselves within the discussions on nation and nationalism in the German speaking context*
- compare traditional and new approaches to the critique of antisemitism and racism in Germany and Europe*
- evaluate political statements on Israel, Zionism and the USA in German society*
- gain insight into the debate on Islam and Islamism in Germany*

*Attendance requirements(%):*

*80%*

*Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Text discussions, presentations, group work, lectures*

*Course/Module Content:*

*Introduction*

*Types of nationalism and categorical imperatives*

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*Laying the ground for today's critique: The Critical Theory of the Frankfurt School*

*History of the radical critique of Germany and of nationalism*

*„Philozionism“ against nationalism? Anti-German & pro-Israel-positions*

*Anti-Americanism in Europe & Germany*

*What is new in the „new nationalism“: Racism, antisemitism, „Islamophobia“ and „post-nationalism“*

*Nationalistic government, fascist opposition: the example of Hungary*

*Cultural relativism: European identity, anti-Zionism & Islamism*

*Delegitimizing Israel and supporting the Ayatollahs in „post-nationalism“ and post-Nazism*

*Today's consequences of the critique of Germany & nationalism: From critique to Realpolitik?*

*Current developments in Europe and Germany*

**Required Reading:**

*A detailed reading list and all texts will be provided on Moodle.*

**Additional Reading Material:**

*Recommended reading.*

**Course/Module evaluation:**

*End of year written/oral examination 20 %*

*Presentation 60 %*

*Participation in Tutorials 0 %*

*Project work 0 %*

*Assignments 20 %*

*Reports 0 %*

*Research project 0 %*

*Quizzes 0 %*

*Other 0 %*

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*Additional information:*