

SOC182: ELEMENTARY FORMS OF RACIAL DOMINATION

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The primordial task of a capable professor is to teach his students to recognize that there are uncomfortable facts, by which I mean facts that are unpleasant to the personal opinion of an individual. Indeed, there are facts that are extremely unpleasant for every opinion, including mine.

Max Weber, 1918

This course is a comparative sociohistorical inquiry into the bases and mechanisms of racial domination as a “denegated form of ethnicity” anchored in culturally salient (putative) physical differences. It is organized in three parts.

First, we examine the epistemological obstacles that stand in the way of an adequate understanding of “race” as a principle of social vision and division (including the confusion and conflation of folk with analytical notions, the uncontrolled universalization U.S. national experience, and the hold of the logic of the trial) and review fundamental concepts put forth by the main contending theoretical traditions.

Second, we probe the peculiar social (il)logic and implications of “race” as a form of classification — a manner of dividing and ranking human beings and groups with (overt or covert) reference to their biological makeup. We contrast and compare the bases, structure, and implications of the racial taxonomies evolved by different societies with an eye towards understanding how these both reflect and predetermine patterns of group relations and regimes of domination.

Third, we consider the conversation of classification into stratification, that, is, how various societies have drawn, enforced, conjoined or dissolved ethnoracial boundaries, focusing on five elementary forms of racial domination: categorization (prejudice and stigma), discrimination (differential treatment based on imputed group membership), segregation (differential allocation in physical and social space), ghettoization (the forced development of parallel institutions), and exclusionary violence (ranging from interpersonal intimidation and aggression, to lynching and pogroms, and climaxing with racial warfare and extermination).

Readings include a wide range of sociological, historical, and anthropological studies of ethnoracial vision and division, accomodation, and conflict in Latin America, Asia, Western Europe, the United States, and Africa from medieval times to the present. They are geared toward helping us uncover the social mechanisms that lead to the rise, reproduction, and transformation of ethnoracial inequality, wherever and whenever it is found. This course is problem-oriented, not group-oriented; its purpose is neither to celebrate nor to denigrate the experiences of this or that particular category but to explain and understand them in generic sociological terms.

Requirements: This class is designed for sociology majors and others who have had prior exposure to sociology and kindred disciplines (at least two courses, preferably three). It is not an easy class; it demands serious work (reading, thinking, writing): you are to do all of the readings before class and attend every lecture, as each builds and extends onto the others. You need to take extensive notes on both the readings and lectures to assimilate the materials we will cover. (You will be instructed as to reading and note-taking techniques).

Most importantly, you must be prepared to approach the subject matter, readings, lectures, and class discussion with a wide open mind and with the firm intention to learn to think about things that may seem familiar in novel and sometimes startling ways. You must be willing to consider new ideas that may unsettle you, facts that may disturb or offend you, and subject your (pre)conceptions and personal experiences to the disciplined scrutiny of critical reasoning and systematic empirical observation.

Readings: Required books are available from the usual bookstores. All readings are on reserve at the undergraduate library and on line on the course page on bspace.

Grading: your course grade will come in equal proportions from three exercises that are to be done and turned in ON TIME (no makeup or extension of any sort will be allowed):

(1) A 6-page take-home essay based on materials covered in the first month of the course; topics will be handed out in week 5 and due in week 6.

(2) An open-book mid-term provisionally scheduled for week 9, combining in-class exam and take-home essay; it will cover the first 8 weeks of the course.

(3) A final exam taking place on the last day of class, covering the entire course but with special emphasis on weeks 6 through 14.

Required books

1. Cornell, Stephen E. and Douglas Hartmann. 2007. Ethnicity and Race: Making Identities in a Changing World. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press.
2. Burleigh, Michael and Wolfgang Wipperman. 1991. The Racial State: Germany 1933-1945. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
3. Christopher, A. J. 2001. The Atlas of Changing South Africa. New York: Routledge.
4. Davis, F. James. 1991. Who is Black? One Nation's Rule. University Park: Penn State U. Press.
5. Degler, Carl. 1970. Neither Black nor White: Slavery and Race Relations in Brazil and the United States. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press.
6. Frederickson, George. 2002. Racism: A Short History. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
7. Massey, Douglas and Nancy Denton. 1992. American Apartheid. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

I. WALKING THROUGH LAND MINES, FUMBLING FOR CONCEPTS (weeks 1-2) (29 August, 3-5 September)

Frederickson, Racism: A Short History, "The Concept of Racism in Historical Discourse," pp. 151-170, and "Religion and the Invention of Racism," pp. 15-48.

- Bourdieu, Pierre. 1989. "Social Space and Symbolic Power." Sociological Theory 7-1 (Spring 1989): 14-25 (reprinted in In Other Words, Stanford University Press, 1991).
- Bourdieu, Pierre. [1982] 1990. "The Force of Representation: Notes on the Idea of Region," in Language and Symbolic Power, Cambridge, Polity Press, pp. 220-228, 286-288.
- Wacquant, Loïc. 1997. "For an Analytic of Racial Domination." Political Power and Social Theory 11: 221-234.
- Banton, Michael. 1979. "Analytical and Folk Concepts of Race and Ethnicity." Ethnic and Racial Studies 2-2 (April): 127-138.
- Weber, Max. [1918-20] 1978. "Ethnic Groups." Pp. 385-398 in Economy and Society. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Berremán, Gerald D. 1972. "Race, Caste, and Other Invidious Distinctions in Social Stratification." Race 23-4 (reprinted in Norman Yetman, ed., Majority and Minority, Boston, Allyn and Bacon, 1991, pp. 498-511).
- Wagley, Charles. 1965. "On the Concept of Social Race in the Americas." Pp. 531-545 in Contemporary Cultures and Societies in Latin America. Edited by Dwight B. Heath and Richard N. Adams. New York: Random House.
- Miles, Robert. 1993. "The Civilisation and Racialisation of the Interior," Chapter 3 in Racism After "Race Relations". London: Routledge, pp. 80-105.

Recommended

- Rex, John. 1970. Race Relations in Sociological Theory. New York: Schocken, esp. chapter 1: "The Theoretical Problem Stated," pp. 1-31.
- Gould, Stephen Jay. 1984. The Mismeasure of Man. New York: Norton.
- Ivan Hannaford. 1996. Race: The History of an Idea in the West. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press.

II. CATEGORIZATION: THE SOCIAL (IL)LOGIC OF RACIAL CLASSIFICATION (weeks 3-4) (10-19 September)

- Morning, Ann. 2008. "Ethnic Classification in Global Perspective: A Cross-National Survey of the 2000 Census Round." Population Research and Policy Review 27: 239-272.
- Hochschild, Jennifer L. and Vesla. 2007. "Policies of Racial Classification and the Politics of Racial Inequality." Pp. 159-182 in Remaking America: Democracy and Public Policy in an Age of Inequality. Edited by Joe Soss, Jacob Hacker, and Suzanne Mettler. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.
- Davis, F. James. 1991. "Other Places, Other Definitions," chapters 5 in Who is Black? One Nation's Rule. University Park: Penn State U. Press, pp. 81-122.
- Ladányi, János and Iván Szelényi. 2001. "The Social Construction of Roma Ethnicity in Bulgaria, Romania and Hungary During the Market Transition." Review of Sociology 7, no. 2: 79-99.
- Hoetink, Harry. 1985. "'Race' and Color in the Caribbean." Pp. 55-84 in Caribbean Contours. Edited by Sidney Mintz and Sally Price. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press.
- Burleigh, Michael and Wolfgang Wipperman. 1991. "Barbarous Utopias," chapter 2 in The Racial State: Germany 1933-1945. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 23-43.
- Degler, Neither Black nor White, chapters 1-3 and 5, pp. 1-152, 205-264.

- Dikötter, Frank. 1990. "Group Definition and the Idea of 'Race' in Modern China (1793-1949)." Ethnic and racial studies 13: 420-32.
- Lie, John. 2001. "Classify and Signify." Chapter 6 in Multi-Ethnic Japan. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

Recommended

- Hirschfeld, Lawrence. 1996. Race in the Making: Cognition, Culture, and the Child's Construction of Human Kinds. Cambridge: MIT Press.
- Nobles, Melissa. 2000. Shades of Citizenship: Race and the Census in Modern Politics. Stanford: Stanford University Press.
- Fredrickson, George M. 1981. "Race Mixture and the Color Line," chapter 3 in White Supremacy: A Comparative Study in American and South African History. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 94-135.
- Graham, Richard. 1980. The Idea of Race in Latin America, 1870-1940. Austin: University of Texas Press.
- Dominguez, Patricia. 1986. White by Definition. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press.
- Dikötter, Frank (ed.). 1998. The Construction of Racial Identities in China and Japan : Historical and Contemporary Perspectives. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press.

III. PREJUDICE AND STIGMA (weeks 5-6) FIRST EXAM DUE IN CLASS 26 SEPT (24 September-3 October)

- Blumer, Herbert. 1958. "Race Prejudice as a Sense of Group Position." Pacific Sociological Review 1: 3-7.
- Dollard, John. 1937. "Caste Symbolism: Race Prejudice," chapter 23 in Caste and Class in a Southern Town. New York: Doubleday Anchor Books, 3rd edition, 1957, pp. 434-446.
- Bobo, Lawrence D. 1999. "Prejudice as Group Position: Microfoundations of a Sociological Approach to Racism and Race Relations." Journal of Social Issues 55, no. 3: 445-472.
- Montejano, David. 1987. "The Culture of Segregation," chapter 10 in Anglos and Mexicans in the Making of Texas, 1836-1986. Austin: University of Texas Press, pp. 220-234.
- Duus, Fred. 1995. "Defining the Koreans: Images of Domination," chapter 11 of The Abacus and the Sword: The Japanese Penetration of Korea, 1895-1910, Berkeley, University of California Press, pp. 397-423.
- Stoler, Ann. 1992. "Sexual Affront and Racial Frontiers: European Identities and the Cultural Politics of Exclusion in Colonial Southeast Asia." Comparative Studies in Society and History 34-3 (July): 514-551.
- Frederickson, Racism: A Short History, Chapter 2, pp. 49-96.

Recommended

- Brown, Rupert. 1995. Prejudice: Its Social Psychology. Cambridge: Basil Blackwell, chapters 3, 5 and 6.
- Slezkine, Yuri. 1994. Arctic Mirrors: Russia and the Small Peoples of the North. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
- Wright, Winthrop R. 1991. Cafe Con Leche: Race, Class, and National Image in Venezuela. Austin: University of Texas Press.
- Gilman, Sander. 1987. Difference and Pathology: Stereotypes of Sexuality, Race, and Madness. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

Glenn C. Lounry. 2002. The Anatomy of Racial Inequality. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

IV. DISCRIMINATION (weeks 7-8)

(8-17 October)

Pager, Devah. 2008. "The Sociology of Discrimination: Racial Discrimination in Employment, Housing, Credit, and Consumer Markets." Annual Review of Sociology 34: 181-209

Reskin, Barbara . 2012. "The Race Discrimination System." Annual Review of Sociology 38: 17-35.

Hane, Misiko. 1982. "The Outcaste in Japan." Pp. 138-171 in Peasants, Rebels, and Outcastes: The Underside of Modern Japan. New York: Pantheon.

Gheorghe, Nicolae. 1991. "Roma-Gypsy Ethnicity in Eastern Europe." Social Research 58-4 (Winter): 829-844.

McClain, Charles J. 1994. "California's First Anti-Chinese Laws," chapter 1 in In Search of Equality: The Chinese Struggle Against Discrimination in Nineteenth-Century America. Berkeley: University of California Press, pp. 9-42.

Roxane Silberman, Richard Alba, Irène Fournier. 2007. "Segmented Assimilation in France? Discrimination in the Labour Market against the Second Generation." Ethnic and Racial Studies 30-1: 1-27.

Frederickson, Racism: A Short History, Chapter 3, pp. 97-138.

Recommended

De Vos, George and Hiroshi Wagatsuma (eds.). 1966. Japan's Invisible Race: Caste in Culture and Personality. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Skrentny, John David. 1996. The Ironies of Affirmative Action. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.

Ooms, Herman. 1996. "Status and State Racism: From 'Kawata' to 'Eta'," chapter 5 in Tokugawa Village Practice: Class, Status, Power, Law. Berkeley: University of California Press, pp. 243-311.

Cole, Jeffrey. 1997. The New Racism in Europe: A Silician Ethnography. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

MIDTERM EXAM: TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER

V. SEGREGATION (weeks 9, 10)

(22-31 October)

Kuper, Leo. 1968. "Segregation." Pp. 144-150 in International Encyclopaediae of the Social Sciences. Edited by David L. Sills. New York: Macmillan.

Massey and Denton, American Apartheid, pp. 1-147 (preferably entire).

Telles, Edward E. 1995. "Race, Class and Space in Brazilian Cities." International Journal of Urban and Regional Research 19-3 (September): 395-406.

Musterd, Sako. 2005. "Social and Ethnic Segregation in Europe: Levels, Causes, and Effects." Journal of Urban Affairs 27-3: 331-348.

Massey, Douglas and Brooks Bitterman. 1985. "Explaining the Paradox of Puerto Rican Segregation." Social Forces 64-2 (December): 306-33.

Recommended

- Abu-Lughod, Janet. 1980. Rabat: Urban Apartheid in Morocco. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Huttman, Elizabeth H., Wim Blauw and Juliet Saltman (eds.). 1991. Urban Housing Segregation of Minorities in Western Europe and the United States. Durham: Duke University Press.
- Smith, David M. (ed.). 1992. The Apartheid City and Beyond: Urbanization and Social Change in South Africa. New York: Routledge.
- Yinger, John. 1995. Closed Doors, Opportunities Lost. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

VI. SECLUSION: CAMPS, GHETTOS, RESERVATIONS (weeks 11-12)

(5-14 November)

- Wacquant, Loïc. 2010. "Designing Urban Seclusion in the 21st Century." Perspecta: The Yale Architectural Journal 43: 165-178.
- Sennett, Richard. 1994. "Fear of Touching." Chapter 7, pp. 212-251 in Flesh and Stone: The Body and the City in Western Civilization. New York: W.W. Norton.
- Wacquant, Loïc. 1998. "'A Black City Within the White': Revisiting America's Dark Ghetto." Black Renaissance - Renaissance Noire 2-1: 141-151
- Wacquant, Loïc. 2011. "A Janus-Faced Institution of Ethnoracial Closure: A Sociological Specification of the Ghetto." Pp. 1-31 in Ray Hutchison and Bruce Haynes (eds.), The Ghetto: Contemporary Global Issues and Controversies, Boulder, Westview.
- De Vos, George and Deakyun Chung. 1981. "Community Life in a Korean Ghetto," chapter 10 in Changsoo Lee and George De Vos, Koreans in Japan: Ethnic Conflict and Accomodation. Berkeley: University of California Press, pp. 225-251.
- Peach, Ceri. 1996. "Does Britain Have Ghettos?" Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers 21: 216-235.
- Christopher, The Atlas of Changing South Africa, chapters 3-5, pp. 68-157 (preferably entire).

Recommended

- Worden, Nigel. 1994. The Making of Modern South Africa: Conquest, Segregation and Apartheid. Oxford: Blackwell.
- Cornell, Stephen. 1988. The Return of the Native. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Lustick, Ian. 1980. Arabs in the Jewish State: Israel's Control of a National Minority. Austin: University of Texas Press.
- Findlay, John M. 1992. "An Elusive Institution: The Birth of Indian Reservations in Gold Rush California." Pp. 13-37 in State and Reservation: New Perspectives on Federal Indian Policy. Edited by Pierre Castile George and Robert L. Bee. Tucson: University of Arizona Press.
- Taylor, Sandra. 1993. Jewel of the Desert: Japanese American Internment at Topaz. Berkeley: University of California Press.

VII. EXCLUSIONARY VIOLENCE: POGROMS TO EXTERMINATION (weeks 13-14)

(18 November-3 December)

- Brubaker, Rogers and David Laitin. 1998. "Ethnic Violence." Annual Review of Sociology 24: 423-452.
- McMillen, Neil R. 1990. "Judge Lynch's Court," chapter 7 in Dark Journey: Black Mississippians in the Age of Jim Crow. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, pp. 224-253.
- Kuper, Leo. 1981. "Theories of Genocide," chapter 3 in Genocide. New Haven: Yale University Press, pp. 40-56.

Palmer, Alison. 1998. "Colonial and Modern Genocide: Explanations and Categories." Ethnic and Racial Studies 21-1: 89-115.

Burleigh and Wiperman, The Racial State, pp. 44-197, 242-266, 304-307 (preferably entire).

Recommended

Nirenberg, David. 1996. Communities of Violence: Persecution of Minorities in the Middle Ages. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Dower, John W. 1986. War Without Mercy: Race and Power in the Pacific War. New York: Pantheon.

Horowitz, Donald L. 2000. The Deadly Ethnic Riot. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Tambiah, Stanley J. 1996. Leveling Crowds: Ethnonationalist Conflicts and Collective Violence in South Asia. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Kiernan, Ben. 1996. The Pol Pot Regime: Race, Power, and Genocide in Cambodia under the Khmer Rouge, 1975-1979. New Haven: Yale University Press.

Prunier, Gérard. 1997. The Rwanda Crisis: History of a Genocide. New York: Columbia University Press.

To go further

Brubaker, Rogers. 2004. Ethnicity Without Groups. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

Wimmer, Andreas. 2013. Ethnic Boundary-Making. New York: Oxford University Press.

Drake, St. Clair and Horace Cayton. 1945, 1970. Black Metropolis: A Study of Negro Life in a Northern City. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.

Wade, Peter. 1997. Race and Ethnicity in Latin America. London: Pluto Press.

Martin, Terry. 2001. The Affirmative Action Empire: Nations and Nationalism in the Soviet Union, 1923-1939. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

Stoler, Ann Laura. 2002. Carnal Knowledge and Imperial Power: Race and the Intimate in Colonial Rule. Berkeley: University of California Press.