SOCI 230: SOCIOLOGY OF ETHNIC RELATIONS

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 1:35-2:25 p.m. - Otto Maass Chemistry Building (MAASS-10)

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A course reader must be purchased from the McGill Bookstore. In addition you will need to purchase the following book, available at the Word Bookstore, located near McGill on Milton. Note too that the book and a copy of the reader are on reserve in the Library.


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Assessment will be based on four components:

Assignments (total 20% of the grade): Assignment questions will be posted a week before the due-date. The assignments are not to exceed the 350 word-limit.

Movie Responses (total 15% of the grade): Movie response questions will be posted on the day of the viewing and are due the following Monday. The responses are not to exceed the 250 word-limit.

Mid-term Examination (25% of the grade): Will cover Part-I of the course.

Final Examination (40% of the grade): Will cover Part-II and Part-III of the course.

PART-I: CONCEPTS, DEFINITIONS, AND CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

WEEK ONE: Conceptions of Race and Ethnicity
January 6, 8, & 10:

Satzewich & Liodakis. Chapter-1 and Chapter-2

WEEK TWO: Stratification and Segregation
Jan 13, 15, & 17:

Satzewich & Liodakis. Chapter-5.

WEEK THREE: Discrimination, Racism, and Privilege
January 20 & 22:


January-24, MOVIE: Race, Power of an Illusion (Part-1)
(Assignment-1 due)

WEEK FOUR: Immigration
January 27 & 29:

Satzewich & Liodakis. Chapter-3 and Chapter-4

January-31, Conference #1

WEEK FIVE: Diversity, Multiculturalism, and Inter-culturalism
February 3 & 5:

Satzewich & Liodakis. Chapter-6

February-7, Conference #2

MIDTERM-EXAM: February-10th

PART-II: ORIGINS OF ETHNICITY AND DYNAMICS

WEEK SIX: Identity and Boundary-Making
February 12 & 14:

Satzewich & Liodakis. Chapter-8

WEEK SEVEN: Nationalism and National Identity
February 17 & 19:


February-21, Conference #3
(Assignment-2 due)

WEEK EIGHT: Education
February 24 & 26:

February-28, MOVIE: The Battle of Algiers

WEEK NINE: March 3 to 7– Reading Week, NO CLASSES

WEEK TEN: Colonialism and Imperialism
March 10 & 12:

PART-III: CONFLICT AND RESOLUTION

WEEK ELEVEN: Ethnic Violence
March 17 & 19:

March-21, Conference #4
(Assignment-3 due)

WEEK TWELVE: Ethnic Cleansing
March 24 & 26:

March-28, MOVIE: Beyond the Gates

WEEK THIRTEEN: Political Systems and Ethnicity
March 31 & April 2:

regulation of ethnic conflict” in their (eds.) The politics of ethnic conflict regulation: case
in his From Voting to Violence: Democratization and Nationalist Conflict. New York:

April-5, Conference #5
(assignment-4 due)

WEEK FOURTEEN: Conclusions and Revision
April 7 & 9:

Practice: Do We Need a ‘State-Nation’ Model as Well as a ‘Nation-State’ Model?” in their Crafting
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