TERRITORY AND GEOPOLITICS

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This course investigates the notion of territory and particularly focuses on its political aspects. The first part of the course is historical, investigating the way in which political configurations of rule - from the Greek polis, the Roman city and empire, and the overlapping sovereignties of feudal times to the emergence of the modern state - have intersected with geographical issues. It also discusses the way in which European structures became the focus for the rest of the world through colonialism. The second part of the course is thematic, looking at various issues including boundaries, frontiers, various forms of geopolitics, and the relation between territory and issues such as globalisation and terrorism.

Aims

- To enable students to learn about the relationship between territory and geopolitics in a variety of contexts.
- To provide historical and theoretical background to the understanding of territorial issues and contemporary geopolitics.
- To provide students with an understanding of contemporary disputes and agreements concerning territory, borders and geopolitics.

Learning outcomes

Subject Knowledge

- Demonstrate an understanding of the notion of territory and contemporary geopolitics
- Demonstrate knowledge of a range of territorial issues, their representation, and their influence on politics
- Use case study material effectively in relation to learning outcomes 1 and 2

Subject Skills

- Critically assess and debate a number of current perspectives within political geography and geopolitics
Key Skills

- To show an understanding of the history of the concept of territory
- To critically appraise the development of ideas of geopolitics
- To relate these to conceptual debates in Geography
- Demonstrate a range of communication skills, including planning an effective and well argued essay, and developing ideas in written work

Lectures and Seminars

For the seminar parts of the sessions you will be split into A and B groups, who meet in alternate weeks. The aim of this is to allow smaller group discussions. In the seminars we will be joined by Dr John Donaldson (JWD) or Dr Andrew Burridge (AB) who are both research associates in the International Boundaries Research Unit in the department.

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**Formative Assessment**

Formative - due 28th November 2011 (to be confirmed)

Provide a critical analysis of a contemporary geopolitical issue. Examples would include some aspect of the war in Libya, the Arab spring; Palestine’s bid for recognition at the United Nations; resource conflicts or agreements; the impact of climate change on territorial issues. With many of these you will need to focus on a specific aspect of a wider issue. Discuss with Stuart Elden if in any doubt.

Three sides A4, with references.

**Reading List**

Despite its length, this list is not meant to be exhaustive, but to give a range of possible readings. This is partly to ease demand on material. You should look to read the relevant chapters of the core texts and supplement them with a few others from the list. You are not expected to read everything. There will be other texts which may be useful, and a range of articles appearing all the time in relevant journals. If you find anything particularly useful please let me know.

Shelfmarks are given for all books currently in the library, and were checked in September 2011, but the library does have an ongoing re-cataloguing programme, so if any are missing or incorrect please let me know. If books are not on the shelf it may be worth checking the on-line catalogue to see if there is an e-book; or whether one of the colleges, the Queen’s campus or Short Loan has it.

**Core Texts**

Though there is not one book that covers the whole course, the following are useful for a number of lectures and you should seriously consider purchasing at least one or preferably more of them. You could also buy one text each in a small group and then share so you have access to all of them.


**Background Texts**

The next few texts are also useful for parts of the course. Depending on your interest and wealth you might consider purchasing these; you should at least try to look at most over the course:


**General Reading**


Dipankar Gupta, *Culture, Space and the Nation-State: From Sentiment to Structure*, Sage, 2001. 320.15 GUP


J. B. Harley & D. Woodward (eds.), *The History of Cartography*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1987-92. 526.09 HIS (v. 1; v. 2 bk 1-3; v. 3 bk. 1-2)


Philosophical/Theoretical Background

(Generally more challenging, and less directly relevant, but might provide some interesting perspectives)


Robin A. Butlin, Historical Geography: Through the Gates of Space and Time, London: Edward Arnold, 1993. 911 BUT

Edward S. Casey, The Fate of Place: A Philosophical History, Berkeley: University Presses of California, 1997. 114CAS

Edward S. Casey, Representing Place: Landscape, Painting and Maps, Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2002. 758.1 CAS


Stuart Elden, Understanding Henri Lefebvre: Theory and the Possible, London: Continuum, 2004. 194.9 LEF/ELD, Chs. 5 and 6


Derek Gregory, Geographical Imaginations, Oxford: Blackwell, 1994. 910.01GRE

David Harvey, Spaces of Capital: Towards a Critical Geography, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2001. 910.01HAR


Henri Lefebvre, Key Writings, London: Continuum, 2003. 300.1LEF


Allen Stokes (ed.), *Territory*, Stroudsberg: Dowden, 1974. 591.55STO


**Greece**

Aristotle, *Politics*, various editions. 320.011 ARI and 888.5ARI


J. Graham, *Colony and Mother City in Ancient Greece*, New York: Barnes & Noble, 1964. 938GRA


Plato, *The Laws*, various editions. 321.07 PLA and 888.4PLA


Sophocles, *Antigone*, various editions. 882.2SOP


**Rome**

Anderson Chapter 1; Jönsson et. al. Chapter 3


Augustine, *City of God Against the Pagans*, various editions. 281.4AUG


Edward Gibbon, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, London: Dent, 1910, 6 Vols. 937.06GIB. Other editions and abridged version also at this shelfmark.
D.C.A. Shotter, *The Roman Frontier in Britain*, Preston: Carnegie, 1996. 942.01SHO
C.R. Whittaker, *Frontiers of the Roman Empire*, Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1994. 937.06WHI
Derek Williams, *The Reach of Rome*, New York: St Martin’s Press, 1996. 937WIL
D.R. Wilson, *Roman Frontiers of Britain*, London: Heinemann, 1967. 936.104 WIL

**The Middle Ages**

Anderson Chapter 1; Jönsson et. al. Chapter 3


George Kimble, *Geography in the Middle Ages*, London: Methuen, 1938. 910.9KIM


**Renaissance and Early Modern**

Anderson Chapter 1; Jönsson et. al. Chapters 3 and 4


Thomas Hobbes, *Leviathan*, various editions. 320.94206HOB


**Birth of Nation-State**

Anderson Chapter 2; Jönsson et. al. Chapters 4 and 5; Heffernan, *The Meaning of Europe*, Ch. 1


**Colonialism**

Anderson Chapter 3


N. Etherington, *Theories of Imperialism*, London: Croom Helm, 1984. 321.03 ETH


**Borders, Frontiers and the Politics of Map-Making**

Anderson Chapter 5


& E-book available


Much of the general reading is also relevant for this week.

**Imperial Geopolitics**

For this and following lectures also search within the journals *Geopolitics* and *Political Geography*.


John Breuilly, *Nationalism and the State*, Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1993. 320.54 BRE


N. Etherington, *Theories of Imperialism*, London: Croom Helm, 1984. 321.03 ETH


**German Geopolitics**

Anderson Chapter 2, 5, 6; Storey Chapter 3; Jönsson et. al.; Ó Tuathail, Dalby, and Routledge *The Geopolitics Reader* - pieces by Haushofer and Hitler.


Stuart Elden, “Reading Schmitt Geopolitically”, *Radical Philosophy*, 161, 2010, 18-26; also in the Legg collection.


H. Heske, “Karl Haushofer: his role in German geopolitics and in Nazi politics”, *Political Geography Quarterly* 6(2), 1987, 135–144.

**Cold War Geopolitics**


Simon Dalby, *Creating the Second Cold War*, London: Pinter, 1990. 327.7392 DAL


Odd Arne Westad, *The global Cold War: Third World interventions and the making of our times*, Cambridge University Press, 909.825 WES

**Global Geopolitics**

Anderson Conclusion; Jönsson et. al. Chapters 5 and 10; Ó Tuathail, Dalby, and Routledge *The Geopolitics Reader*. 320.12GEO & e-book available – section on New World Order Geopolitics


Klaus Dodds, Geopolitics in Antarctica, Chichester: Wiley, 1997. 327.989 DOD

Klaus Dodds, Global Geopolitics, Harlow: Pearson Prentice Hall, 2005. 327.101 DOD


T. Kuehls, Beyond Sovereign Territory: The Space of Ecopolitics, University of Minnesota Press, 1996. 363.7 KUE


J. G. Ruggie, “Territoriality and Beyond: Problematising Modernity in International Relations”, International organization, Vol 47, No 1, 1993; also reprinted as Ch. 7 in J. G. Ruggie, Constructing the world polity, London: Routledge, 1998. 327.0904 RUG


**Security**


P. Cheah & B. Robbins (eds.), *Cosmopolitics: Thinking and Feeling Beyond the Nation*, University of Minnesota Press, 1998. 321.041COS


Michael Dillon and Andrew W. Neal (eds.) *Foucault on politics, security and war*, Palgrave, 2008. 320.092 FOU


(also a debate on “The Clash of Civilizations” thesis at 327.0904HUN)


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**The War on Terror**

Elden, *Terror and Territory* 320.15 ELD


François Debrix *Tabloid Terror: War, Culture and Geopolitics*, London: Routledge, 2007, 973.931 DEB
Stuart Elden, “Territorial Integrity and the War on Terror”, *Environment and Planning A*, 37, 2083-2104, 2005 (available as electronic resource)
Alan Ingram and Klaus Dodds, *Spaces of Security and Insecurity*, Aldershot: Ashgate, 2009. on order

This is obviously a fast moving area, and work on this topic is being published all the time. You should also keep on top of contemporary events through newspapers and websites.
Revision and Exam Practice

There is no specific reading for the revision and exam practice session, but you should take the chance to look back over previously covered material. Please come with questions and issues you would like to discuss.

The International Boundaries Research Unit

IBRU is based in the department and has some useful online resources at http://www.dur.ac.uk/ibru/

It is well worth browsing the site to find out what they have on-line. The following part of the site may be particularly useful.

http://www.dur.ac.uk/ibru/resources/