Nationalism and Ethnic Politics

Featured Course:

◎ Name of Course: Nationalism and Ethnic Politics
◎ Course Number: IREL-325A

Key Course Objectives:
This course will examine the history of nationalism from the French Revolution to the present, and how nationalism has forged the creation of sovereign nation states.
The course will also explain the impact of nationalism as an ideology and examine how nationalism has fostered political movements.

Key Subjects Covered:
Definition of nationalism, the emergence of the nation state, nationalism as an ideology, the concept of national interest and world politics, the types of nationalism in contemporary European history, and the internationalization and future of nationalism.

Benefit to Students:
Current events throughout the world have highlighted the rise of nationalism. This has an impact on geopolitical events, strategic alliances between countries and the development of significant economic policies which have challenged traditionally-held beliefs and institutions.
Students who have aspirations to pursue a career in government or with an international company or organization will benefit by developing an understanding of the impact of nationalism on international relations and ethnic conflict.

Why the University of Nicosia (UNIC)
UNIC has deep expertise in international relations issues, including Nationalism and Ethnic Politics as well as Peace and Conflict Studies.
Since 2005, UNIC has held the first UNESCO Chair in Cyprus. The Chair was founded with the theme "Cultural Diversity and Intercultural Dialogue for a Culture of Peace". The Chair, through a variety of educational and research activities, aims to promote cultural diversity, the encouragement of intercultural dialogue and the promotion of a culture of peace.
Students will attend Virtual Special Guest Lectures from NGOs, Diplomats and other senior international officials.