Course: INTL I203 Nations, States and Boundaries

The course provides an introduction to the development of modern nations and states and their mutual relations. Particular emphasis will be placed on the historical processes that led to the formation of nations and states as we know them today and to the dynamic interactions between individual, ethnic, and national identities. Among the topics to be covered are the effects of decolonization, transnationalism, and globalization on the contemporary configuration of group identities and national boundaries; how differences in identity affect the development of civic culture and concepts of citizenship; and the challenges that face current states.

Bio

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