

Geographies of Home, Homeland, Community and Identity

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In this era of CoVid-19, nationalist governments, mass protests, and increasing economic instability and future political uncertainty, many of us have begun to question and challenge some of our most basic assumptions about home, the country we live in, notions of society and community, and how we can affect/will be affected by these events. This course takes the present moment to analyze historical and changing understandings and experiences of **Home** (broadly defined), who is represented/excluded in constructions of **Homeland** and **Nation**, and the ways we conceptualize **community** and **collective spaces**. **Identity** is a concept that runs through each of these topics, with focus on gender, race, class and nationality (among others) as factors that influence the uneven ways people experience Home, Homeland and Community. Although some readings will include theoretical discussion of each concept, emphasis will be on case studies and current events. Students will be asked to develop a project that focuses on a case study/current event that examines how one or more of these concepts is experienced/understood/challenged by a particular group or in a particular space or context. Weekly summaries of the readings are also required. If you have further questions, feel free to contact me: imunoz@utk.edu.

This course is open to undergraduate and graduate students

