Why was it so important for Barack Obama to wear a flag lapel pin during the election campaign? Why are Muslim school girls banned from wearing scarves in France? What does it mean to be American, or French, or Iraqi or Indian? How do we—and others—imagine ourselves as a national community? How is globalization changing our sense of both national and ethnic identity? Thrash out the history and emotions, the logic and the illogic, of nationalism and ethnicity through discussion and debate in this seminar-type course.