

# NEAREAST 490.002

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## DIASPORA AND ETHNICITY

Are diasporas extensions of ethnic communities, who live outside their original homelands, or are they cultural constructs developing in the age of globalization and transnationalism? How do diasporic identities develop? Are they socially constructed and transmitted through generations or individually negotiated? What role do various individuals, organizations and institutions have in diaspora formation? How do people develop a sense of belonging to diasporas? How are diasporic identities different from ethnic identities? These are some of the questions we will address throughout the class by reading variety of texts and studies on Jewish and Armenian diasporas, both historical and modern.

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2-5pm

