Altering the Subaltern: Racial Formation Leading Up to Post-Orientalism
1. Racial Formation Theory – Michael Omi and Howard Winant
2. Orientalism – Edward Said
3. The Question of Palestine – Edward Said
5. The Clash of Civilizations – Samuel Huntington
6. The End of History – Francis Fukuyama
7. Post-Orientalism – Hamid Dabashi
» Projects
  > Human Bodies and Social Structures –
  > Represented / Identified

» Hegemony
  > Gramsci: Creation of “Common Sense” by Ruling Group

» Racial Project
  > Effort to Reorganize and Redistribute Resources Along Particular Racial Lines
Themes of Orientalism:

- Determinism
- Reductionism
- Generalization
- Scriptualism

Racial Formation Theory Context

- Racial Project: Colonialism
- Race-making:
  - Rational, Christian, European Us vs.
  - Irrantional, Muslim Other
» Israel:
  » Best in Western and Biblical Traditions
  » Citizens are soldiers, farmers, scientists, and artists
  » Transformed Arid and Empty Land
  » Searching for Peace

» VS.

» Palestinians:
  » Anonymous Creatures that could disrupt Idyllic Narrative
  » Bloodthirsty and Warlike
  » Prey to Irrational Violence Forever

The Question of Palestine — Said
» Orientalists
   > Mainly in US, UK, Israel
   > Insist Islam Regulates Societies from Top to Bottom

» Racial Formation Theory Context
   > Racial Project: Israel
      Criticism for Removal of Palestinians from land
   > Challenge to Race-Making of Orientalism:
      - “Common Sense” of West Breaking Down
      - Orientalists Put on Notice
      - US Hegemony under Attack

Covering Islam – Said
» The West vs. the “Rest”

» Image of Islam: “Islam’s borders are bloody, and so are its innards (Huntington, 1996: 257-258).”

Clash of Civilizations – Huntington
» Islam and Muslims
   > Cannot Modernize
   > Cannot Liberal Ideas

» West is Philosophically, Economically, and Militarily Superior

» Racial Formation Theory Context
   > Racial Project: Liberal, Democratic Capitalism is Highest End
   > Race-making: Others have only Self to Blame for Falling Behind
» Orientalism
  > Responsible for Creation of West and the Rest
  > Many Values are Universal – not Western

» American Hegemony Near End
  > Proportionately Less European
  > Economically Challenged by Foreign Policy

» Racial Formation Theory Context
  > Challenge to Racial Project: Orientalism’s Dichotomies Never Existed
  > Pointless to Talk to Other Side – Wants Some Version of Orientalism

Post-Orientalism – Dabashi
Do you have any questions?