

# Content

---

**Preface** | 9

**Introduction: A Sociology of Lived Nationhood  
in Montreal and Brussels** | 13

## **SECTION 1 FIVE WORK TASKS AND THREE MODES OF OPERATING NATIONHOOD**

**Chapter 1. Building Nations as a Profession:  
The Work Task Dynamic Operating upon Nationhood** | 37

- 1.1. Cultivating Nationhood:
  - Writing and Publishing for the Nation | 39
  - Vignette 1: The Katholieke Universiteit Leuven Split | 41
  - Vignette 2: Philip's Counterfactual Exercise | 43
  - 1.1.1 On the Making of Knowledge and Cultural Productions | 53
    - 1.1.1.1 Philip's Life Story | 53
    - 1.1.1.2 Philip's Niche in the Field of Cultural Production:  
Offering English-language Books about Quebec | 61
  - 1.1.2 Navigating through Bi-Ethnicity with a Cause for Quebec  
and its Sovereignty: Knowledge and Cultural Production Beyond  
Two Solitudes | 67
- 1.2 A Nationalist Dynamic:
  - When the Work of a Lifetime Operates upon Nationhood | 72
- 1.3 Epilogue: Working for a Popular Soap Opera:
  - Cultivating Nationhood without an Identifiable Nationalist Motive | 75

**Chapter 2. Elaborating National Constructs as Strategies:  
The Work Task Dynamic Operating with Nationhood** | 81

- 2.1 Nationhood as Context for Staging Public Figures:
  - Sharing Knowledge as a Teacher and Communicating Information  
as a Journalist | 82

- 2.1.1 The Bias Towards Nationhood-Related Topics:  
Education, Journalism, and Methodological Nationalism | 89
- 2.1.2 Properly Fulfilling Tasks:  
Elaborating National Contexts | 91
- 2.2 Doing Business with Nationhood:  
A Representative, a Manager, a Seller, and a Technician  
in National Markets | 94
  - 2.2.1 Nationhood as Knowledge for Promoting and Selling... | 95
  - Vignette 3: The Québécois Cola | 105
  - 2.2.2 ... And Promoting and Selling with Nationhood | 108
  - 2.2.3 National Products and Services:  
The Bias of National Markets | 115
  - 2.2.4 The Elaboration of Business Plans:  
Nationhood-Related Knowledge and References as Levers | 116
- 2.3 An Acknowledged Dynamic:  
Operating with Nationhood for the Sake of Convenience | 119

### **Chapter 3. The Power of States and Routines:**

#### **The Work Task Dynamic Operated by Nationhood | 125**

- 3.1 Mapping Land with Nationhood:  
Routine Practices of a Veterinarian and an Environmental  
Technician | 126
  - 3.1.1 Reifying Space as National:  
Power, Landscapes, and Routine Practices | 137
  - 3.1.2 From Territorial Matters to Linguistic Issues | 140
- 3.2 Compliance with Languages: A Nurse's and  
a Human Resources Employee's Practices of Accommodating  
Bilingualism | 141
  - 3.2.1 Workplaces and Linguistic Practices | 156
    - 3.2.1.1 Linguistic Legislation and Bilingualism:  
Employees Addressing Impositions on the Work Floor | 157
    - 3.2.1.2 Hierarchy and Provider-Customer Relations:  
Employees Addressing Work-Related Positions | 160
  - 3.2.2 From Complying to Reifying Languages and Linguistic Dualities:  
Resisting Prescriptions and Accommodating Practices | 161
- 3.3 A Concealed Dynamic:  
Work Tasks Operated by Nationhood through Routines | 163

## **SECTION 2**

# **THE UNQUESTIONABILITY OF A WORLD DIVIDED INTO NATIONS**

### **Chapter 4. Doing Nationhood and Making Nations: The Everyday Significance of Living in a World of Nations | 169**

- 4.1 Lived Nationhood:
  - Back to the Research Design | 169
  - 4.1.1 Nationhood as Part of Activities:
    - Moving beyond the Category Nation | 172
  - 4.1.2 Investigating Lived Nationhood in a Defined Environment:
    - Constructing a Cohesive Frame of Reference | 177
- 4.2 Three Work Task Dynamics:
  - Three Modes of Operating Nationhood | 180
  - 4.2.1 Doing Nationhood:
    - An Implicit Way of Acting | 185
  - 4.2.2 Making Nations:
    - Legitimizing Elements as National | 190

### **Chapter 5. Lived Nationhood in Montreal and Brussels: A Model Particular to Bi-Ethnonational Milieus | 199**

- 5.1 The Banality of Bi-Ethnicity:
  - Acknowledgements, Confrontations, Collaborations,  
and Negotiations | 201
- 5.2 The Hegemony of Bi-Ethnicity in Montreal and Brussels:
  - A Shared Experience of Nationhood | 209

### **Conclusion | 215**

### **Bibliography | 221**

