

Reading Questions for December 7

These questions cover an article by Amartya Sen called “The fog of identity.” The answers do not have to be turned in. You will probably have to read more than once to get the answers.

*Background:*

We’re continuing discussing the question: what makes up my identity? Today we’re looking at the relationship between personal identity and social identity. In particular, the article we’re reading is part of an exchange; first Bhikhu Parekh wrote an article, then Amartya Sen wrote a response and then Parekh wrote a response to the response. We’re reading the second article, i.e the one by Sen. I’ve posted the two articles by Parekh, just in case you’re curious. But I think Sen’s article is relatively self-contained, so it is totally fine just to read it. As noted before, for this section of the course, you all are practicing the skill of identifying questions to focus on while reading.

*Questions:*

1. If you were preparing reading questions for this text, what are the questions you would ask?
2. What are the answers to your reading questions?