

## **Ata 655 Politics and Society in Eastern Europe**

### **Course description:**

Analysis of the history and politics of Eastern Europe. The goal of the course is to make the participants familiar with the histories and current problems of East European societies. The course will concentrate its focus on the post-Cold War period with special emphasis on the subjects such as Revolutions in Eastern Europe; Political Culture, Political Parties and Elections in Post-Communist Eastern Europe; Civil Society and Democratization in Eastern Europe; Religion in Post-Communist Society; Minorities, Ethnicity and Nationalism in Eastern Europe; Gender Politics in Eastern Europe; Society and Culture in Eastern Europe; Europeanization of Eastern Europe.

### **The basic requirements:**

- 1)required readings in this syllabus,
- 2) regular attendance and participation in class discussions,
- 3) The students will write a research paper (10-15 single spaced pages) on a related topic.

### **Evaluation:**

Grades will be weighted as follows:

Presentation or presentations	40 %
Research paper	60 %

## **1) Historical Background**

R.J. Crampton, *Eastern Europe in the Twentieth Century –and After* (London, New York: Routledge, 1997), pp. 1-27.

Robert Brenner, “Economic Backwardness in Eastern Europe in Light of Developments in the West,” in: Daniel Chirot (ed.), *The Origins of Backwardness in Eastern Europe. Economics and Politics from the Middle Ages until the Early Twentieth Century* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1989), pp. 15-52.

John R. Lampe, “Imperial Borderlands or Capitalist Periphery ? Redefining Balkan Backwardness, 1520-1914,” in: Daniel Chirot (ed.), *The Origins of Backwardness in Eastern Europe. Economics and Politics from the Middle Ages until the Early Twentieth Century* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1989), pp. 177-209.

## **2) Eastern Europe in the Inter-War Period**

Robert Bideleux, Ian Jeffries (eds.), *A History of Eastern Europe. Crisis and Change* (London: Routledge, 1998), pp. 405-516.

## **3) Eastern Europe and Cold War**

Jan Gross, “War as Revolution,” in Norman Naimark, Leonid Gibianskii (eds.), *The Establishment of Communist Regimes in Eastern Europe* (Boulder: Westview Press, 1997), pp 17-35.

Ivan T. Berend, *Central and Eastern Europe 1944-1993. Detour from the Periphery to the Periphery* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1996), pp. 182-253.

## **4) Revolutions in Eastern Europe**

Ivan T. Berend, *Central and Eastern Europe 1944-1993. Detour from the Periphery to the Periphery* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1996), pp. 254-299.

Attila Agh, *Emerging Democracies in East Central Europe and the Balkans* (Cheltenham: Studies of Communism in Transition, 1998), pp 113-140; 165-186.

## **5) Consumption and Daily Life in Cold War Eastern Europe**

Pauline Bren, “Tuzex and the Hustler. Living it Up in Czechoslovakia,” in Paulina Bren, Mary Neuburger(eds.), *Communism Unwrapped* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012), pp. 29-48.

Mary Neuburger, “The Taste of Smoke. Bulgartabak and the Manufacturing of Cigarettes and Satisfaction,” in Paulina Bren, Mary Neuburger (eds.), *Communism Unwrapped* (New York: Oxford University Press), pp. 91-115.

Patrick Hyder Patterson, *RiskyBusiness. What was Really Being Sold in the Department Stores of Socialist Eastern Europe?* in Paulina Bren, Mary Neuburger (eds.), *Communism Unwrapped* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012), pp. 116-139.

Jill Massino, *From Black Caviar to Blackouts. Gender, Consumption, and Lifestyle in Ceaușescu's Romania*, in Paulina Bren, Mary Neuburger (eds.), *Communism Unwrapped* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012), pp. 226-249.

Tamas Dombos and Lena Pellandini-Simanyi, "Kids, Cars, or Cashews ? Debating and Remembering Consumption in Socialist Hungary," in Paulina Bren, Mary Neuburger (eds.), *Communism Unwrapped* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012), pp. 325-350.

Brigitte Le Normand, "The House that Socialism Built. Reform, Consumption, and Inequality in Postwar Yugoslavia," in Paulina Bren, Mary Neuburger (eds.), *Communism Unwrapped* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012), pp. 351-373.

## **6) Gender Politics in Eastern Europe**

Sharon L. Wolchik, "Women and the Politics of Gender in Communist and Post-Communist Central and Eastern Europe," in: Sabrina P. Ramet (ed.), *Eastern Europe. Politics, Culture, and Society since 1939* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1998), pp. 285-301.

Richard E. Matland; Kathleen A. Montgomery, *Women's Access to Political Power in Post-Communist Europe* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2003), pp. 321-341.

Carol S Lilly and Jill A. Irvine, "Negotiating Interests: Women and Nationalism in Serbia and Croatia, 1990-1997," in Irena Grudzinska-Gross/ Andrej Tymowski (eds.), *Eastern Europe: Woman in Transition* (Frankfurt: Peter Lang, 2013), pp. 205-234.

Ulf Brunnbauer, "The Most Natural Function of Woman": Ambiguous Party Policies and Female Experiences in Socialist Bulgaria," in Shana Penn, Jill Massino (eds.), *Gender Politics and Everyday Life in State Socialist Eastern and Central Europe* (New York: Palgrave McMillan, 2009), pp. 77-96.

Isabel Marcus, "Wife Beating: Ideology and Practice under State Socialism in Hungary, Poland and Romania," in Shana Penn, Jill Massino (eds.), *Gender Politics and Everyday Life in State Socialist Eastern and Central Europe* (New York: Palgrave McMillan, 2009), pp. 115-132.

Ewa Kopenczynska, Katarzyna Zielinska, *Feeding the Body, Feeding the Gender: Dietary Choices of Men and Woman in Poland, East European Politics and Societies and Cultures*, Vol. 30, No.1, (2016), pp-147-168.

## **7) Political Culture, Political Parties and Elections in Post-Communist Eastern Europe**

George Schöpflin, *Politics in Eastern Europe 1945-1992* (Oxford: Blackwell, 1993), pp. 5-37.

Frances Millard, *Elections, Parties, and Representation in Post-Communist Europe* (New York: Palgrave, 2004), pp. 18-46.

Reinhard Heinisch, "Returning to Europe and the Rise of Europragmatism: Party politics and the European Union since 1989," in: Irina Livezeanu, Arpad von Klimó (eds.), *The Routledge History of East Central Europe since 1700* (New York: Routledge, 2017), pp. 415-456.

## **8) Civil Society and Democratization in Eastern Europe**

Grzegorz Ekiert, Daniel Ziblatt, "Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe One Hundred Years On, East European politics and Societies and Cultures," Vol. 27, 1 (2013), pp. 90-107.

Marc Morje Howard, *The Weakness of Civil Society in Post-Communist Europe* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003), pp. 31-56; 121-145.

Ina Merdjanova, *Religion, Nationalism, and Civil Society in Eastern Europe-The Postcommunist Palimpsest* (New York: The Edwin Mellen Press, 2002), pp. 107-152.

Cas Mudde, 'Civil Society,' in Stephen White, Judy Batt, Paul G. Lewis (eds.), *Developments in Central and East European Politics* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007), pp. 213-228.

Caire Wallace, Florian Pichler, Christian Haerpfer, "Changing Patterns of Civil Society in Europe and America 1995-2005," *East European Politics and Societies*, Vol. 26, 1 (2012), pp. 3-19.

## **9) Religion in Post-Communist Society**

Paula Franklin Lytle, "Religion and Politics in Eastern Europe," in: Sabrina P. Ramet (ed.), *Eastern Europe. Politics, Culture, and Society since 1939* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1998), pp. 304-324.

Sabrina Petra Ramet, *Social Currents in Eastern Europe. The Sources and Consequences of the Great Transformation* (Durham: Duke University Press, 1995), pp. 155-177.

Gyorgy Lederer, "Islam in East Europe," *Central Asian Survey* 1 (2001), pp. 5-32.

Anna Grzymala-Busse, "Thy will be done? Religious Nationalism and Its Effects in East Central Europe," *East European Politics and Societies and Cultures*, Vol. 29, 2 (2015), pp. 338-351.

## **10) Minorities, Ethnicity and Nationalism in Eastern Europe**

Tom Gallagher, "Conflicts between East European States and Minorities in an Age of Democracy," *Democratization*, Vol. 5, 3 (1998), pp. 200-223.

Aydın Babuna, "Bosnian Muslims during the Cold War," in Philip E. Muehlenbeck (ed.), *Religion and the Cold War. A Global Perspective* (Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press, 2012), pp. 182-205.

Jenny Engström, "The Power of Perception: The Impact of the Macedonian Question on Inter-ethnic Relations in the Republic of Macedonia," *The Global Review of Ethnopolitics*, Vol. 1, 3 (2002), pp. 3-17.

Peter Vermeersch, Melanie H. Ram, *The Roma*, in Bernd Rechel (ed.), *Minority Rights in Central and Eastern Europe* (New York: Routledge, 2009), pp.61-71.

Pieter Troch, "From "And" to " Either/or": Nationhood in Montenegro during the Yugoslav Twentieth Century," *East European Politics and Societies and Cultures*, Vol. 28, 1(2014), pp. 25-48.

## **11) Memory and Culture in Eastern Europe**

Malgorzata Fidelis, Irina Gigova, "Communism and its Legacy," in: Irina Livezeanu, Arpad von Klimó (eds.), *The Routledge History of East Central Europe since 1700* (New York: Routledge, 2017), pp. 365-399.

Herbert J. Eagle, "Eastern European Cinema," in: Sabrina P. Ramet (ed.), *Eastern Europe. Politics, Culture, and Society since 1939* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1998), pp. 330-351.

Sabrina Petra Ramet, *Social Currents in Eastern Europe. The Sources and Consequences of the Great Transformation* (Durham: Duke University Press, 1995), pp. 234-276.

## **12) Europeanization of Eastern Europe**

Ulrich Sedelmeier, " The EU and Democratization in Central and Southeastern Europe since 1989," in Sabrina P. Ramet (ed.) *Central and Southeast European Politics since 1989* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), pp. 519-532.

Aydın Babuna, "European Integration, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Stability in the Western Balkans: a New Strategy," *Perceptions*, Vol XIX, 2 (2014), pp. 1-32.

Milada Anna Vachudova, *External Actors and Regime Change: How Post-Communism Transformed Comparative Politics*, *East European Politics and Societies*, Vol. 29, No. 2, (2015), pp. 519-530.

Andrea L.P.Pirro, "The Ideology of the Populist Radical Right in Bulgaria, Hungary, and Slovakia," in: Andrea L.P. Pirro (ed.), *The Populist Radical Right in Central and Eastern Europe* ( New York: Routledge, 2016), pp. 53-107.