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

### **Course description:**

Analysis of the history and politics of Eastern Europa (including Balkans). The goal of the course is to make the participants familiar with the histories and current problems of East European and Balkan societies. The course will concentrate its focus on the post-Cold War period. It will cover subjects such as Revolutions in Eastern Europe; Consumption, Daily Life and Economy in Eastern Europe and Balkans during and after the Cold War; Political Culture, Political Parties and Elections in Post-Communist Eastern Europe; Civil Society and Democratization; Religion in Post-Communist Society; Minorities, Ethnicity and Nationalism in Eastern Europe and Balkans; Gender Politics in Eastern Europe and Balkans; Memory and Culture; Current Trends in Eastern Europe and Balkans.

### **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:

Attendance and Participation in Class Discussions 15 %

Presentations 40 %

Research paper 45 %

## **1) Historical Background of Eastern Europe and Balkans**

Dieter Segert, "Is There Really Something Like "Eastern Europe"? And If So, Why Do We Need Area Studies of It?" *Journal of Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe*, 23:1(2015), pp. 81-96.

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 and Balkans 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 Balkans during the 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 and Balkans**

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 and Balkans**

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, 2012), 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.

Joanna Zalewska, Marcin Jewdokimow, "The Wall Unit: State policy and the Emergence of Fashion in People's Poland," *Journal of Consumer Culture* (2022), Vol. 22 (4), pp. 1032–1048.

Adriana Mihaela Soaita, "Overcrowding and 'underoccupancy' in Romania: a Case Study of Housing Inequality," *Environment and Planning*, vol.46 (2014), pp. 203–221.

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

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.

Sharon Wolchik and Cristina Chiva, "Women's Representation in Politics," in: Katalin Fábíán, Janet Elise Johnson, and Mara Lazda (eds.) *The Routledge Handbook of Gender in Central-Eastern Europe and Eurasia* (London: Routledge, 2021), pp. 441-450.

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.

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 MacMillan, 2009), pp. 115-132.

Shana Penn, "Women in Poland's Solidarity," In: Katalin Fábíán, Janet Elise Johnson, and Mara Lazda (eds.) *The Routledge Handbook of Gender in Central-Eastern Europe and Eurasia* (London: Routledge, 2021), pp. 133-142.

Andrea Petó, "Far-Right Expectations of Women in Central-Eastern Europe," In: Katalin Fábíán, Janet Elise Johnson, and Mara Lazda (eds.) *The Routledge Handbook of Gender in Central-Eastern Europe and Eurasia* (London: Routledge, 2021), 207-215.

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

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.

Dorota Szelewa, "Recurring ideas: Searching for the Roots of Right-Wing Populism in Eastern Europe," *European Journal of Cultural Studies*, Vol. 23 (6) (2020), pp. 989–997

Anastasiya Astapova, Onoriu Colăcel, Corneliu Pintilescu, and Tamás Scheibner, "Eastern Europe in the Global Traffic of Conspiracy Theories," In: Anastasiya Astapova, Onoriu Colăcel, Corneliu Pintilescu, Tamás Scheibner (eds.) *Conspiracy Theories in Eastern Europe. Tropes and Trends* (London: Routledge, 2022), pp. 1-15.

Jessie Barton Hronešová, "The Uses of Victimhood as a Hegemonic Metanarrative in Eastern Europe," *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, (2022), pp. 1-17.

## **8) Civil Society and Democratization**

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.

Michael Bernhard, "What do We Know About Civil Society and Regime Change Thirty Years After 1989?," *East European Politics*, 36:3 (2020), pp. 341-362

Alla Marchenko, "Civic Activities in Eastern Europe: Links with Democratic Political Culture," *East European Politics*, 32:1 (2016), pp. 12-27.

Terry Cox, "Between East and West: Government–Nonprofit Relations in Welfare Provision in Post-Socialist Central Europe," *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, Vol. 49,6 (2020), pp. 1276–1292

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.

Ina Merdjanova, "Religious Liberty, New Religious Movements and Traditional Christian Churches in Eastern Europe," *Religion, State & Society*, 29:4 (2001), pp. 265-304.

Katarzyna Górak-Sosnowska, "Muslims in Europe: Different Communities, One Discourse? Adding the Central and Eastern European perspective," In: Katarzyna Górak-Sosnowska (ed.) *Muslims in Poland and Eastern Europe. Widening the European Discourse on Islam* (Warsaw: University of Warsaw, 2011), pp. 12-25.

Norbert Pap, Victor Glied, "Hungary's Turn to the East: Jobbik," *Europe-Asia Studies*, Vol.70, No. 7, September 2018, pp. 1036-1054.

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 and Balkans**

John Coakly, "National Identity and the Kohn dichotomy," *Nationalities Papers*, Vol. 46, No. 2, (2018), pp. 252-271.

Aydm 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.

Ognen Vangelov, "The Primordialisation of Ethnic Nationalism in Macedonia," *Europe-Asia Studies*, Vol.71, No. 2, March 2019, pp. 203-224.

Evgenia Ivanova, Islam, State and Society in Bulgaria: New Freedoms, Old Attitudes?" *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*, Vol.19, No.1 (2017), pp. 35-52.

Anna Batta, *The Russian Minorities in the Former Soviet Republics. Secession, Integration, and Homeland* (Routledge: London, 2021), pp. 60-100.

Damian Strycharz, "Dominant Narratives, External Shocks, and the Russian Annexation of Crimea," *Problems of Post-Communism*, 69:2 (2022), pp. 133-144.

### **11) Memory and Culture**

Malgorzata Glowacka-Grajper, "Memory in Post-communist Europe: Controversies over Identity, Conflicts and Nostalgia" *East European Politics and Societies*, Vol.32, No.4, November 2018, pp. 924-935.

Mitja Velikonja, "Lost in Transition. Nostalgia for Socialism in Post-socialist Countries," *East European Politics and Societies*, Vol.23, No.4, Fall 2009, pp. 535-551.

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.

Ewa Mazierska, "The Sight and Sound Poll and Eastern European Cinema," *Studies in Eastern European Cinema*, (2023), pp. 1-4.

Michał Haake, *Pictures and History: Art Exhibitions as a Tool for the Validation of Communist Authority in Poland*. In: Michał Haake, Piotr Juskiewicz (eds.) *Image, History and Memory. Central and Eastern Europe in a Comparative Perspective*-(Routledge: London, 2022), pp. 189-200.

## **12) Current Trends in Eastern Europe and Balkans**

Jan Zielonka & Jacques Rupnik, "From Revolution to Counter-Revolution: Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe 30 Years On, *Europe-Asia Studies*, 2020, vol.72, No.6, pp. 1073-1099.

Dejan Jović, "Post-Yugoslav States Thirty Years after 1991: Unfinished Businesses of a Fivefold Transition," *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*, 24:2 (2022), pp. 193-222.

Liridon Lika, "The Meaning of the Western Balkans Concept for the EU: Genuine Inclusion or Polite Exclusion?" *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies* (2023), pp. 1-16

Paweł Surowiec & Václav Štětko, "Introduction: Media and Illiberal Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe," *East European Politics*, 36:1 (2020), pp. 1-8

Ivan Kalmar, "The East is Just Like the West, Only More So: Islamophobia and Populism in Eastern Germany and the East of the European Union," *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, 2019, pp.1-12.