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 Eastern 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 %

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1) Historical Background


2) Eastern Europe in the Inter-War Period


3) Eastern Europe and Cold War


4) Revolutions in Eastern Europe


5) Consumption and Daily Life in Cold War Eastern Europe


6) Gender Politics in Eastern Europe


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


8) Civil Society and Democratization in Eastern Europe


9) Religion in Post-Communist Society

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


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


12) **Europeanization of Eastern Europe**


