

## **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:

Presentations	50 %
Research paper	50 %

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

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 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 Gibianskiıı (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), 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 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.

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 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.

Sabrina P. Ramet, "Post-socialist Models of Rule in Central and Southeastern Europe," In Sabrina P. Ramet (ed.), *Central and Southeast European Politics since 1989* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), pp. 9-32.

Paul G. Lewis, "Changes in the party politics of the new EU member states in Central Europe: patterns of Europeanization and Democratization," *Journal of Southern Europe and the Balkans*, 2 (2008), pp.151-165.

## **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.

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

Leah Gilbert, Payam Mohseni, "NGO Laws after the Colour Revolutions and the Arab Spring: Nondemocratic Regime Strategies in Eastern Europe and the Middle East," *Mediterranean Politics*, (2018), pp.1-26.

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.

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**

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.

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.

Silvia Marcu, "Mobility as a Learning Tool: Educational Experiences among Eastern European Roma Undergraduates in the European Union," *Race Ethnicity and Education*, 2019, pp.1-15.

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**

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.

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) Current Trends in Eastern Europe and Balkans**

Heribert Kohl, “Convergence and Divergence-Ten years since EU Enlargement,” *etui.*, Vol. 21, No.3, 2015, pp. 285-311.

Zoltan Csefalvay, “Robotization in Central and Eastern Europe: Catching up or Dependence,” *European Planning Studies*, 2019, pp. 1-17.

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.

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

Marko Kmezić, “Rule of Law and Democracy in the Western Balkans: addressing the Gap between Policies and Practice.” *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, 2019, pp.1-14.