

Undergraduate Program in Central European Studies

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Course Title:

In Love with Power: Non-Democratic Regimes in Central and Eastern Europe After 1945

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In the first two weeks of the course, we will focus on most influential theories of nondemocratic regimes, which will be the basis for our following political science analysis of concrete countries. During this period, students will have time to choose the concrete regime from the list of topics (Week 3.-Week 12.) and make a short oral presentation(about 20 minutes) about the chosen subject at the beginning of each lesson.

GRADING POLICY:

The classes will combine seminar and lecture format, and an active student role is expected(presentations, participation in discussions). Students, who actively take part in the classes by having the oral presentation, would have to write a shorter essay (term paper)- 10 pages about the subject they presented.. Students who decide not to have the oral presentation would have to write a longer essay (15 pages): they will choose the subject of these essays after the consultations with the instructor. **Attendance: minimum 75%. The final grade will be the result of Midterm Exam (30%)- Attendance and active participation (20%) Final Paper (50%)**

TOPICS:

1. Introduction: Theory of non-democratic regimes

Week 1: Totalitarian regimes. Authoritarian regimes. Sultanism (Juan J. Linz)

Week 2: Competitive authoritarianism (Levitsky and Way, Schedler), hybrid regimes (O'Donnell)

2. Central and Eastern Europe under communism. A Short History

Week 3: Soviet Union and totalitarian regime

Week 4: Totalitarianism? The case of Czechoslovakia

Week 5: Specific paths: Yugoslavia under Tito

Week 6: Specific paths: Romania under Ceausescu

Practical part:

Expedition to the Museum of Communism in Prague

3. Central and Eastern Europe after 1989

Week 7: Czech Republic: The case study of successful transition to democracy

Week 8: Slovakia under Mečiar

Week 9: Serbia under Milošević

Week 10: Croatia under Tuđman

Week 11: Belarus under Lukashenko

Week 12: Ukraine under Kuchma

Required readings:

LEVITSKY, S.-WAY, L. **The Rise of Competitive Authoritarianism**. Journal of democracy, Vol. 13, No. 2, 2002, pp. 51-65

LINZ, J.J.-STEPAN, A. **Problems of Democratic Transition and Consolidation: Southern Europe, South America and Post-Communist Europe**. New York: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1996

LINZ, Juan J.-CHEHABI, H.E.(edited by) **Sultanistic Regimes**, Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore and London 1998

STOKES, Gale (ed.): **From Stalinism to Pluralism: A Documentary History of Eastern Europe since 1945**, Oxford University Press 1996

Recommended readings:

Totalitarian ideology

LENIN, V.I. **The State and Revolution**, Martino Fine Books 2009

MARX, K., ENGELS F. **The Communist Manifesto**, Signet Classics 1998

HITLER, A. **Mein Kampf**, Imperial Collegiate Publishing 2010

Additional political science theory:

HUNTINGTON, Samuel P.**The Third Wave: Democratization in the Late Twentieth Century**, University of Oklahoma Press 1993

O'DONNELL, G.-SCHMITTER, P. (1986). **Transition from Authoritarian Rule. Tentative Conclusions about Uncertain Democracies**. Baltimore and London, John Hopkins University Press, 1986

PERLMUTTER, A. **Modern Authoritarianism. A Comparative International Analysis**. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1981

Basic readings about countries and regimes:

BEHR, Edward **Kiss The Hand You Cannot Bite: The Rise and Fall of the Ceausescu** Villard 1991

EKE, Steven M. and KUZIO, Taras **Sultanism in Eastern Europe: The Socio-Political Roots of Authoritarian Populism in Belarus** *Europe-Asia Studies*, Vol. 52, No. 3, (May, 2000), pp. 523-547

FISHER, Sharon **Political Change in Post-Communist Slovakia and Croatia: From Nationalist to Europeanist**, Palgrave Macmillan 2006

FLEISHER, Frank-HORNSHIELD, Kurt-VINTROVA, Růžena-ZEMAN, Karel **Successful transformations: The Creation of Market Economies in Eastern Germany and the Czech Republic**, Edward Edgar Publishing 1997

KUZIO, Taras **Ukraine Under Kuchma: Political Reform, Economic Transformation and Security Policy in Independent Ukraine**, Palgrave Macmillan 1997

MAGAŠ, Branka **Croatia Through History**, Saqi Books 2008

MALIA, Martin **Soviet Tragedy: History of Socialism in Russia**, Free Press 1995

RIDLEY, Jaspin Goodwin **Tito**, Constable 1994

THOMAS, Robert **Serbia Under Milosevic: Politics in the 1990s** Hurst & Co. 1998