

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)Participants will be expected to make a presentation or short presentations and write weekly (1-2 single spaced pages) position papers on the readings in the syllabus. Position papers will be checked but not graded. However, failure to complete all position papers will negatively affect the final grade. There is no final examination. 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 %

Attendance; the quality of the position papers and the high quality involvement in the class discussions will affect the grades.

1) Historical Background

Robin Okey, *Eastern Europe 1740-1985. Feudalism to Communism* (London: Hutchinson, 1986), pp 110-156.

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) 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.

Paul G. Lewis, *Political Parties in Post-Communist Eastern Europe* (London: Routledge, 2000), pp. 25-59.

6) Civil Society and Democratization in Eastern Europe

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.

7) Religion in Post-Communist Society

Ina Merdjanova, *Religion, Nationalism, and Civil Society in Eastern Europe-The Postcommunist Palimpsest* (New York: The Edwin Mellen Press, 2002), pp. 5-67.

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.

8) Minorities, Ethnicity and Nationalism in Eastern Europe

George Schöpflin, *The New Politics of Power. Nations, Identity, Power* (London: Hurst & Company, 2002), pp. 231-323.

9) 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.

Andrei Simic, "Machismo and Cryptomatriarchy: Power, Affect, and Authority in the Traditional Yugoslav Family," in: Sabrina P. Ramet (ed.), *Gender Politics in the Western Balkans* (Pennsylvania: Pennsylvania University Press, 1999), pp 11-29.

Sabrina Petra Ramet, *Social Currents in Eastern Europe. The Sources and Consequences of the Great Transformation* (Durham: Duke University Press, 1995), pp. 219-233.

Julie Mertus, "Women in Kosovo: Contested Terrains," in: Sabrina P. Ramet (ed.), *Gender Politics in the Western Balkans* (Pennsylvania: Pennsylvania University Press, 1999), pp. 171-186.

Obrad Kesic, "Women and Gender Imagery in Bosnia: Amazons, Sluts, Victims, Witches, and Wombs," in: Sabrina P. Ramet (ed.), *Gender Politics in the Western Balkans* (Pennsylvania: Pennsylvania University Press, 1999), pp. 187-202.

Cynthia Cockburn, *The Space Between Us. Negotiating Gender and National Identities in Conflict* (London: Zed Books, 1998), pp. 174-210.

10) Society and Culture in Eastern Europe

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.

Cas Mudde, "Racist Extremism in Central and Eastern Europe," *East European Politics and Societies* 2 (2002), pp. 161-184.

11) Europeanization of Eastern Europe

Milada Anna Vachudova, *Europe Undivided. Democracy, Leverage and Integration After Communism* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005), pp. 181-255.

Gerald Knaus; Marcus Cox, "Building Democracy after Conflict. The Helsinki Moment in Southeastern Europe," *Journal of Democracy* 1 (2005), pp. 39-53.

Kinga Gal, "Legal and Political Aspects of Protecting Minorities in Southeastern Europe in the Context of European Enlargement," in: Wim van Meurs (ed.), *Beyond EU Enlargement, Vol. 2, The Agenda of Stabilisation for Southeastern Europe* (Gütersloh: Bertelsmann Foundation Publishers, 2001), pp. 155-176.