

<b>COURSE TITLE:</b>
<b>Political and Social History of CEE in 20th Century</b>
<b>Course Code:</b> MK_09
<b>Language of Instruction:</b> English
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<b>Course description</b> The aim of the course is to present and evaluate the history of Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) in the 20th century. The course will focus on the changing political geography in the region: the creation of new states and disappearance of the old. The changing map of CEE will be one of the most important tools during the course. All historical changes will be looked at from social, ethnic and economic points of view.
<b>Type of course</b> Mandatory/elective. Additional course for EU Studies specialisation; Key course for CEE Studies specialisation and the Studies in Holocaust and Totalitarian Systems specialty.
<b>Year of Studies:</b> 1 or 2
<b>Number of ECTS points</b> 9 ECTS
<b>Prerequisites (if applicable)</b> None
<b>Intended Learning Outcomes</b> Understanding of the political, economic and social changes in Central Europe in the 20th century. In particular learning about the processes of forming of new states after WW I, evaluating the Versailles Peace Conference and the Versailles system. Students should learn basic facts about the causes and course of WW II. Finally the last part of the course will devoted to Communist rule in Central Eastern Europe. Students should be able to tell the theoretical background of the system, but also its practical implications.  Student: EK1: has ordered and extended knowledge of terminology used in the humanities and social sciences (K_W03+) EK2: has ordered and deepened knowledge about contemporary history of international relations as well as contemporary political history of Poland and Europe (K_W08+++) EK3: has deepened knowledge about the terminology used when speaking of democratic and non-democratic governments, as well as knowledge about the process of development of political systems in Europe and their contemporary models (K_W10++) EK4: has the ability to prepare written or oral presentations which comply with all academic rules and regulations (especially Intellectual Property Law) (K_U12+++) EK5: is aware of the level of his or her own knowledge and skills, understands the need for long-life learning in terms of professional and personal development, can determine the directions of his or her own professional and personal development (K_K01++)
<b>Course communication</b> E-mail: <a href="mailto:basista@chello.pl">basista@chello.pl</a> Web page: <a href="http://members.upcpoczta.pl/basista">http://members.upcpoczta.pl/basista</a>
<b>Notices and announcements</b> All announcements and course updates will be posted by CES in the online calendar as well as through email.
<b>COURSE ORGANIZATION</b> <b>Autumn semester</b> <b>Time and Place:</b> will be posted by CES in the online calendar.

**Course type:**

The course will constitute 60 teaching hours. It will be taught mainly as a lecture course, although discussions and questions are welcome. The course will be supplemented by student presentations and all participants will be required to prepare one in-class paper during the semester.

The list of the suggested reference books is attached to this syllabus and students will be required to prepare appropriate chapters without further notice. This is an MA course and students are expected to engage in reading seriously, even if no precise page numbers are quoted. In order to participate in discussions, listeners may have additional reading assigned from the enclosed list or other sources. The selection of these will depend on the interest of students.

For most of the in-class meetings relevant handouts will be available on the web page, along with a list of recommended maps, diagrams and charts to be consulted in available reference books. Links to documents will be placed on the web page as well.

**Contact hour:**

60 hours of lecture

**Balance of ECTS credits:**

Participation in classes - 60 hours

Preparation of the first essay – 30 hours

Preparation and writing of mid-term exam – 45 hours

Preparation for the final written exam – 90 hours

**Didactic methods used**

Lecture; tutorials when needed and linked with essays. Presentation

**Mode and criteria of assessment of learning outcomes**

The final mark will be calculated using the following elements:

1. Participation – 10%.
2. A 1000 word essay on a historical figure – 20%.
3. A mid-term take home exam - 20%
4. Final written exam – 50%.

Ad 1. Participation means meeting all deadlines and preparing the presentation.

Ad 2. Any historical person having some importance for CEE history in the 20th century will be described in a brief, encyclopedia-like entry. The essay should be about 1500 words, academic quality, with a reading list, but without footnotes. A PLAGIARISED essay may result in failing the course. The instructor must approve the person, whose biography will be written.

Ad 3. Students will receive 8-10 questions and will be asked to answer two of them in writing. Two 1000 word essays will be due within ten days.

Ad. 4. Final written exam will consist of 12 questions divided into three sections. Each student will be obliged to answer three questions in the form of an essay (at least one question from each section). The exact time of the exam, which will last two clock hours, will be announced later.

EK 1-3: will be tested through mid-term exam and the final exam;

EK 4: will be tested through essay writing

EK5: will be verified through essays and - whenever needed – tutorials

**LITERATURE****TEXTBOOKS (in bold are the essential reading materials):**

Aldcroft Derek H., Steven Morewood, *Economic Change in Eastern Europe Since 1918*, Edward Elgar Pub (April 1996)

Briggs Asa, Clavin Patricia, *Modern Europe 1789-1989*, London 1997.

Crampton R.J., *Eastern Europe in the Twentieth Century*, Routledge 1994.

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Davies Norman, *Europe*, Oxford 1996.

Di Scala, Spencer M., *Twentieth Century Europe, Politics, Society, Culture*, McGraw Hill 2004.

Held Joseph, ed. *The Columbia History of EE in the Twentieth Century*, New York 1992.  
 Lewis Paul G., *Central Europe since 1945*, London 1994.  
 Okey Robin, *Eastern Europe 1740-1980*, Minneapolis 1982.  
 Prażmowska A., *Eastern Europe and the Origins of the Second World War*, MacMillan Press 2000.  
 Rothschild Joseph, *East Central Europe between the Two World Wars*, Washington 1974.  
 Rothschild Joseph, *Return to Diversity*, Oxford 1989.  
 Steiner Zara S., *The Lights that Failed: European International History 1919-1933* (Oxford History of Modern Europe, Oxford University Press, USA (September 27, 2007)  
 Steiner Zara S., *The Triumph of the Dark: European International History, 1933-1939* (Oxford History of Modern Europe) Oxford University Press, USA (September 1, 2010)  
 Walters G., *The Other Europe*,  
 Wandycz P., *The Price of Freedom*, London – New York 1993.  
 Webb Adrian, *The Routledge Companion to Central and Eastern Europe since 1919* (Routledge Companions to History) Routledge; (May 28, 2008)

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 Berend I., *Central East Europe 1943-1993*.  
 Berend I., *Decades of Crisis. Central Eastern Europe before World War II*.  
 Berend I., *From the Soviet Block to the European Union*, CUP 2009.  
 Edited by CSABA BÉKÉS, JÁNOS RAINER, MALCOLM BYRNE, 2002,  
 FROM SOLIDARITY TO MARTIAL LAW, THE POLISH CRISIS OF 1980–1981, Edited by  
 ANDRZEJ PACZKOWSKI, MALCOLM BYRNE, 2007  
 Gibianski N., *The Establishing of Communist Regimes in East Europe 1944-49*.  
 Griffin A., *The Nature of Fascism*, 1991.  
 Heineman, John L., *Readings in European History 1789 to the Present*, Kendall/Hunt 1994.  
 Held Joseph, *Dictionary of East European History since 1945*, Westport 1994.  
 Janos A., *East Central Europe in the Modern World*.  
 Leitz Ch., *The Third Reich*, Blackwell 1999.  
 Magocsi Paul, *Historical Atlas of East Central Europe*, Seattle-London 1993.  
 Miller M., *The Russian Revolution*, Blackwell 2001.  
 Noakes J., Pridham G., *Nazism, 1919-1945: A Documentary Reader*, Exeter 1984.  
 Paczkowski A., *The Spring Will Be Ours*, The Pennsylvania State University Press 2003.  
 Schopflin G., *Politics in Eastern Europe (1948-1992)*  
 Stokes G., *The Walls came tumbling down; The Collapse of Communism in East Europe*.  
 Stokes Gale, ed., *From Stalinism to Pluralism*, Oxford 1996.  
 THE 1956 HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION, A HISTORY IN DOCUMENTS THE PRAGUE SPRING, 1968,  
 Compiled and edited by JAROMÍR NAVRÁTIL, ANTONÍN BENCÍK , VÁCLAV KURAL, MARIE  
 MICHÁLKOVÁ, JITKA VONDROVÁ, 1998,

#### **STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE**

*Please note, that materials for each meeting will be available on the web page as we move along. There will be a handout with facts, dates and comments, as well as links to relevant web pages and documents. Handouts may be downloaded or printed depending on preference.*

##### **Session 1.**

Course discussion – requirements.

CEE (political and social situation) at the turn of 19th and 20th centuries. The First World War: causes, pre-war political situation, and main actors in the war.

##### **Session 2.**

The First World War: eastern front. The emergence of a new CEE after the war: the development of new national states in CEE.

##### **Session 3.**

Peace settlements after the First World War – the Versailles system. CEE in Europe in the years 1918-1938 in a statistical mirror.

**Session 4.**

Domestic economic and political problems of CEE countries 1918-1939. Part I. Poland.

**Session 5.**

Domestic economic and political problems of CEE countries 1918-1939. Part II. Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

**Session 6.**

The international situation in Europe at the brink of the Second World War. Hitler's Germany; policy of appeasement; Anschluss, Munich and Polish September 1939.

**Session 7.**

The Second World War – Poland. Part I – domestic problems.

**Session 8.**

The Second World War – Poland. Part II – international political developments. CEE in the Second World War. The international dimension of CEE – meetings in Teheran, Yalta, Potsdam and their impact on CEE.

**Session 9.**

The Second World War – Czechoslovakia, Hungary. The differences between the various CE countries.

**Session 10.**

The establishment of Communist regimes in CEE 1944-1948.

**Session 11.**

The outbreak of the Cold War. The Marshall Plan; the two camp policy, the Berlin Blockade, NATO, Warsaw Pact, the forming of FRG and GDR.

**Session 12.**

Stalinism and the age of terror 1948-1956.

**Session 13.**

Personality cult and Stalinist propaganda.

**Session 14.**

The "Thaw" of 1956. XX Congress of the CPSU. Polish October, Hungarian October.

**Session 15.**

Normalization?: Kadar's Hungary, Gomułka's Poland.

**Session 16.**

Dubček's Czechoslovakia and the Prague Spring.

**Session 17.**

Gierek's Poland. The emergence of democratic opposition in Central Europe. Role of the Church.

**Session 18.**

Solidarity Revolution of 1980/81.

**Session 19.**

The Martial Law in Poland. Central Europe after 13 December 1981. Peoples' democracies in the 1980s. Crisis of the Communist system.

**Session 20.**

Central Europe in Europe and the world. COMECON, Warsaw Pact.

**Session 21.**

The 'Velvet' Revolution of 1989/1990

**Session 22.**

CE today 1.

**Session 23.**

CE today 2.

