SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES

Focused on the period from the fifties to the present, this course analyzes the domestic and foreign policies of Poland, Germany, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Romania, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Kosovo.

Following the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, Eastern Europe has undergone significant economic and political reforms. Their objective was the introduction of market economy and democracy. Some reforms have been successful, others have failed. The course seeks to provide you with the necessary tools for discerning and understanding both the successes and the failures.

Since the collapse of Communism, Eastern Europeans have been able to live, think, and act as free human beings. All but the Ukrainians have regained their sovereignty, most have become members of NATO and the European Union. These are historic achievements. At the same time, the region has been confronted with a long list of new challenges: the privatization of centrally-planned economies provided countless opportunities for theft of public wealth; international organized crime has spread throughout the area; corruption has infected post-communist law-enforcement organizations and government ministries to a degree that would have been unimaginable under the old Communist regimes; intellectual shallowness has invaded the media, and trashy entertainment has choked off many sources of genuine culture. The course studies the nature of these positive and negative processes and places them within the context of each nation’s political and historical evolution.

IMPORTANT DATES

6 September 2016  First day of class
19 September 2016  Last day to add a course
12 October 2016   Last day to drop a class without a W
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OFFICE HOURS

My office is at 154 Bay State Road, room 101. I am available for consultations every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Of course, you can always talk to me before and after each lecture. If you are unable to see me during my office hours, send me an email and I will be happy to make a prompt arrangement for us to meet shortly.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

There will be a take-home midterm and a take-home final examination. Both involve a five-page analytical essay on a theme you will choose from a list of three or more topics. The topics are selected to provide you with an opportunity to demonstrate your command of the material covered in the assigned texts and discussed in class. Your essay has to demonstrate that you have developed a critical understanding of the assigned texts and are familiar with the points made during class lectures and discussions. You should be able to engage the texts and lecture themes and also, when appropriate, to develop and present your own point of view.

You are also asked to select one of the lecture dates and start the class with a short (10 min) summary of the most current events that pertain either to Eastern Europe as a region or to one of the specific countries covered in this course. A sheet with available dates will be circulated; please sign up early.

Finally, there will be several short reading quizzes before some lectures. Their purpose is to test your familiarity with the assigned texts.

Attendance and active participation are required. I start each lecture with a review of the material covered so far. Please come prepared to be challenged.

GRADING

Midterm: 30 percent
Final: 40 percent
Reading quizzes: 20 percent
Current events presentation: 10 percent.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Please come to see me (154 BSR) as soon as possible at the beginning of the semester to discuss how you can best profit from taking this course. I will be happy to try and match your scholarly interests and professional plans for the future with the requirements of this course.
REQUIRED READINGS


ADDITIONAL READINGS


ACADEMIC CONDUCT CODE

It is your responsibility to know and understand the provisions of the Academic Conduct Code; a copy can be obtained on the website of the CAS Dean’s Office. All cases of suspected academic misconduct will be referred to the Dean. Please observe the no eating or drinking in the classroom rule. If you wear a baseball hat, take it off for the duration of the class. And please turn off your cell-phones. Your laptop is for taking notes only. Do not under any circumstances check your email and turn off all your browsers. Please consult the following website: [http://www.bu.edu/academics/policies/academic-conduct-code/](http://www.bu.edu/academics/policies/academic-conduct-code/)

POLICY ON INCOMPLETES
No incomplete grades will be reported unless the student has presented a plausible explanation why the coursework could not be finished on time.
COURSE OUTLINE

CAS IR 543

THE CHANGING FACE OF EASTERN EUROPE

Fall 2016

1. 6 September   Introduction
2. 8 September   Cold War Ends: Outside Factors v. Local Actors
3. 13 September  Stability Above All: The Case of Colonel Kukliński
4. 15 September  1989: The Miracle Year and Its Mysteries
5. 20 September  After the Jubilation: The Reality of Today
6. 22 September  Economic Reform: Challenges and Solutions
7. 27 September  Restitutions, Dutch Auctions & Vouchers
8. 29 September  What to Do With an Ugly Past?
9. 4 October     Transitional Justice: the Lustrace Law
10. 6 October    Eastern Europe in NATO and the European Union
11. 13 October   Ukraine
12. 18 October   Poland, 1945-1970
14. 25 October   Poland: From Defeat to Victory
15. 27 October   Czechoslovakia: From 1945 to “Normalization”
16. 1 November   Czechs and Slovaks: the Velvet Divorce
17. 3 November   Germany, East and West
18. 8 November   The Stasiland: German Democratic Republic
19. 10 November  Hungary, 1945-1989
20. 15 November  Hungary: An Uneven Recovery
21. 17 November  Bulgaria
22. 22 November  Romania
23. 29 November  The Baltic Countries
24. 1 December   Yugoslavia: 1945-1989
25. 6 December   Slovenia, Croatia, BiH, Serbia, Montenegro
26. 8 December   Kosovo
Lecture 1
6 September
Introduction

Course requirements, attendance, participation, readings, policy on incompletes, and grading.

Lecture 2
8 September
Cold War Ends: Outside Factors v. Local Actors

Wolchik and Curry, *Central & East European Politics*, 3-32.

Lukes: “The End of the Cold War: The Night the Masks Fell.”

Lecture 3
13 September
Stability Above All: The Case of Colonel Kukliński


Lecture 4
15 September
1989: The Miracle Year and Its Mysteries


Lectures 5
20 September
After the Jubilation: The Reality of Today
Wolchik and Curry, *Central & East European Politics*, 515-525.


**Lecture 6-7**  
22-27 September  
**Economic Reform: Restitutions, Dutch Auctions and Vouchers**


**Lectures 8-9**  
29 September-4 October  
**Dealing With an Ugly Past and the Lustration Law**

Maddrell, “The Opening of the State Security Archives of Central and Eastern Europe.”


**Lecture 10**  
6 October  
**Eastern Europe in NATO and EU**


Lukes, “NATO Expands into Central Europe: The Continuing Search for a More Perfect Habsburg Empire.”


**Lecture 11**
13 October
Ukraine

Wolchik and Curry, *Central & East European Politics*, 481-509.

Snyder, “The Battle in Ukraine Means Everything.”

*The Wall Street Journal*, “Ukraine and the Shame of Europe.”
Lectures 12-14
18-25 October
Poland

Wolchik and Curry, *Central & East European Politics*, 235-262.


Benjamin Fischer, “Solidarity, the CIA, and Western Technology.”


Lectures 15-16
27 October- 1 November
Czechoslovakia


Lectures 17-18
3-8 November
Germany


Benjamin Fischer, “The CIA and Germany”

Lectures 19-20
10-15 November
Hungary

Wolchik and Curry, *Central & East European Politics*, 293-311.


Lecture 21
17 November
*Bulgaria*

Wolchik and Curry, *Central & East European Politics*, 341-367.


Lecture 22
22 November
*Romania*

Wolchik and Curry, *Central & East European Politics*, 373-400.


Lecture 23
29 November
*The Baltic Countries*


Lectures 24-25
1-6 December
*Yugoslavia and its Collapse*

Wolchik and Curry, *Central & East European Politics*, 433-468.


Lecture 26
8 December
Kosovo, the War of 1999 and Its Consequences